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**Creating Solutions for Sustainable  
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## WG4

### The Role of the Task Forces in the Marrakech Process

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### WG4: The Role of the Task Forces... Overview of major issues

#### What do you think of the Marrakech Process?

**A good idea, but we want....**

1. More actions & results -> international agreement(s)?
2. More stakeholders & the "best" experts ... provide entry points
3. More synergies & linkages... clarify about the place in the whole framework
4. More issues, regions, geographic balance
5. More visibility & profile
6. More alternative ways of working...only creating more TFs?
7. Evaluation & monitoring

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### How can we improve the Process?

#### 1. More actions & results from MTFs

- Defined outcomes = concrete, relevant projects, "quality" results
- Design incentives for sustainable markets
- Effective accountability and reporting
- Cooperation with regional & national action plans
- Not just projects but also initiatives, implementation networks, tool kits
- More policy/market oriented output

#### Creating global governance

- Analyse gaps in international agreements/initiatives
- Review contribution of SCP to existing agreements/frameworks
- International codes of practice

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#### 2. How to engage stakeholders, business in particular?

- Define work areas and roster of industries or stakeholders engaged in those areas, then invite their participation
- Outreach to stakeholders' forums (e.g. industry initiatives)
- Each TF member should establish outreach to national networks
- UNEP/DESA should create new entry points and platforms for stakeholder participation
- Secure best expertise to achieve results

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#### 3. How can more synergies/linkages be created?

- Regular meetings of TF leaders
- Identify and collaborate on areas of complementarity
- Each country should coordinate TF participation
- More review or updating of TF coordination by CSCP, UNEP or DESA
- Maintain a calendar of related events
- Centres of competence
- Linkages to policy frameworks
- Standardised formats of presentation
- Develop strong new linkages for cooperation with regional & national action plans

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#### 4 & 6. How to improve coverage of issues & regions?

- Alternatives to TFs (e.g. recognised initiatives)
- Stakeholder-led initiatives (e.g. waste, urban planning, water, food & agriculture, transport, eco-labelling/product information)
- Global communication strategy for SCP
- TF on cross-cutting issues
- Encourage TF leadership by North America, Japan, Australia
- Development cooperation might help fund for geographic balance from all regions of all stakeholders
- Food issue: good for North-South cooperation

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#### 5. How can we improve the visibility of TFs?

- Improve website
- Outreach to media, stakeholder forums/conferences
- Find a high-level “ambassador” for the Marrakech Process
- Global communication strategy

#### 7. How can we evaluate & monitor the TFs?

- Fact sheet reporting to UNEP
- More information on websites
- TFs propose possible indicators for measuring progress for initiatives in their field of competence
- Identify a small number of key indicators that can easily be communicated
- Process and output indicators
- SCP index with global report on national performances (“World SCP Report”)

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Thank you

