

are questioning traditional concepts of economic growth and underlining the importance of pursuing economic objectives which take account of the full value of natural resource capital. More needs to be known about the role of consumption in relation to economic growth and population dynamics in order to formulate coherent international and national policies.

Objectives

21. Action is needed to meet the following broad objectives:

- (a) Promotion of patterns of consumption and production that reduce environmental stress and will meet the basic needs of humanity;
- (b) Development of better understanding of the role of consumption and how to bring about more sustainable consumption patterns.

Activities

(a) Management-related activities:

Adopt an international approach to achieving sustainable consumption patterns

22. In principle, ^{countries} Governments should be guided by the following basic objectives in their efforts to address consumption, ^{and lifestyle.} in the context of environment and development:

- (a) All countries should strive to promote sustainable consumption patterns;
- (b) Developed countries should take the lead in achieving sustainable consumption patterns and lifestyles;

(c) Developing countries should seek to achieve sustainable consumption patterns in their development process, guaranteeing the provision of basic needs of the poor, ~~without replicating those wasteful and inefficient~~ ^{entailed} consumption patterns of industrialized countries in their development processes. This requires [substantial] technological and other assistance ^{entailed} from industrialized countries. ^{these unsustainable patterns particularly in industrial countries}

23. In the follow-up of the implementation of Agenda 21 the review of progress made in changing unsustainable consumption patterns should be given ^{generally recognized priority} high priority.]

(b) Data and information:

(i) Undertake research on consumption

24. In order to support this broad strategy, Governments, and/or private research and policy institutes, with the assistance of regional and international economic and environmental organizations, should make a concerted effort to:

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