

[Means of implementation]

Financial and cost evaluation

101. Although the investments for cleaner production will yield benefits for the enterprise, the costs involved could not be estimated [because of the evolving goal towards cleaner and cleaner production with improvements in technology and experience; the wide differences in operations among business and industry; and the range of options that could be considered for promoting cleaner production] (CANZ).

102. The implementation of cleaner production policies helps an enterprise to use resources more efficiently and discharge less wastes needing to be treated, hence accruing benefits for the enterprise [, thus it is expected that the major portion of the costs would be borne by the enterprise. The use of appropriate regulatory measures and economic instruments by Governments will help facilitate the speedier transition towards cleaner production] (CANZ).

B. Promoting responsible entrepreneurship

Basis for action

103. Entrepreneurship is one of the most important driving forces for innovations, increasing market efficiencies and responding to challenges and opportunities. Small and medium-sized entrepreneurs, in particular, play a very important role in the social and economic development of a country. Often, they are the major means for rural development, increasing off-farm employment and providing the transitional means for improving the livelihoods of women. Responsible entrepreneurship can play a major role in improving the efficiency of resource use, reducing risks and hazards, minimizing wastes and safeguarding environmental qualities.

Objectives

104. The following objectives are proposed:

(a) To encourage the concept of stewardship in the management and utilization of natural resources by entrepreneurs;

(b) To increase the number of entrepreneurs engaged in enterprises that subscribe to and implement sustainable development policies.

Activities

105. Governments should encourage the establishment and operations of sustainably managed enterprises. The mix would include regulatory measures, economic incentives and streamlining of administrative procedures to assure maximum efficiency in dealing with applications for approval, in order to