

# National Cleaner Production Centre, South Africa (NCPC-SA)

## Equipping industrial and commerce sectors with relevant skills and technical support

The National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa is a government programme hosted by the CSIR on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti). The NCPC-SA's mission is to drive Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) in the South African industrial and selected commercial sectors, providing tools to do business in a more efficient, sustainable and competitive manner to compliment South Africa's shift towards a low carbon and green economy.

The NCPC-SA was established in 2002 as one of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development hosted in Johannesburg. The Centre was initially set up as a collaborative initiative between the governments of Austria, Switzerland and South Africa under the framework of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation's (UNIDO) Global Cleaner Production programme. This laid the foundation to a long term relationship with UNIDO and its fellow counterpart the United Nations Environment Programme which continues today. As part of formalising the Cleaner Production programme activities, 41 members signed a RECPnet declaration in 2011 formally giving rise to the RECP Network.

The Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet) brings together over 60 providers of RECP services on a global level, in order to catalyse the effective and widespread application of



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RECP in developing and transition countries. It does so by providing specialised, quality-assured, technical and advisory services and by facilitating and synergising its members' capacities

The primary objective of RECPnet is to contribute to the effective and efficient development, application, adaptation, scaling up and mainstreaming of RECP concepts, methods, policies, practices and technologies in developing and transition economies. Additionally, RECPnet aims to facilitate North-South, South-South and South-North-South collaboration, including the transfer of RECP-relevant knowledge, experiences and technologies.