ENABLERS OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES



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A transformation towards systems of sustainable consumption and production requires many groundbreaking changes that will have to go beyond the efficiency postulates laid out in SDG 12. It will require the design of new infrastructures, governance arrangements, economic models, research agendas, financial institutions, business models and social norms. The need for transformative change is unambiguously reflected in the 2030 Agenda, but has not to date received sufficient endorsement by national governments and others. This event will open up a debate about how strong demand-side policies and social innovations could contribute to sustainable lifestyles and a culture of sufficiency.

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OUR FOUR MAIN POINTS ARE

- 1) **Technological solutions** to the challenges of climate change are needed and to be effective, this solutions need to be accompanied by reductions in the total level of consumption and production of goods and services.
- 2) **Economic models** have to focus on creating a ecologically safe and socially just space in which humanity should strive to live, with the purpose of staying in that ideal space.
- 3) **Policies** for sustainable consumption must embrace multi-scalar and reflexive governance approaches that are open to radical experimentation and engage with emerging societal trends.
- 4) To strengthen civil society, **social innovations** have to be supported that aim to meet social needs resulting from working conditions, education, community development, and health.



