Lebanese Cleaner Production Centre (LCPC)

Context

The Lebanese government has developed a national strategy in line with the three constitutional pillars of sustainable development: environment, society and economy.

The Lebanese Ministry of Environment’s efforts to promote cleaner production were crowned with success by the establishment in 2002 of the Lebanese Cleaner Production Centre (LCPC). This initiative took place when UNIDO prepared its Integrated Programme for Lebanon in early 2000.

Strategy

The vision of the LCPC is to become recognized nationally and regionally as the leading technical centre for the promotion of sustainable industrial production modes, focusing on cleaner production and the transfer of cleaner and environmentally sound technologies (ESTs).

The mission of the LCPC is to assist the national industries, especially SMEs, in the adoption of sustainable production modes through the application of cleaner production and the transfer of cleaner and environmentally sound technologies, following a holistic and sectoral approach.

Current Status

Since its establishment the LCPC has:

- organized and implemented more than 147 events and targeted around 2500 participants;
- collaborated with 38 SME’s in Lebanon;
- graduated 30 cleaner production experts;
- published factsheets and success stories.

Impact / Outlook

- LCPC is now well recognized as the centre of excellence for CP in Lebanon;
- LCPC is part of the UNIDO/UNEP Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Global Network which comprises National Cleaner Production Centres (NCP) in 41 countries;
- LCPC is now the representative of West Asia Countries in the RECP Executive Committee.