

Training Course

Cleaner Production for SMEs

A course on reducing wastes, improving efficiency and raising profits

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- ✓ Based on extensive research
- ✓ Geared to practical implementation
- ✓ Facilitated by professional trainers



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Cleaner production (CP) is a business-oriented problem-solving approach focused on improving production efficiency.

Increased efficiency generally translates into higher profits and/or better quality; more efficient use of input materials and energy also reduces waste, conserves resources and cuts pollution.

While Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are vital contributors to developing economies, many struggle with profitability, reliability and product quality because they operate inefficiently, use sub-optimal designs, and fail to fully capitalize on emerging markets.

Certain kinds of SMEs—such as textile dyeing, food processing, mining, and woodworking—also threaten community well-being, contributing to deforestation, contaminating drinking water, and exposing workers to toxic chemicals.

Cleaner Production offers a proven approach to improving bottom lines while reducing undesirable occupational, environmental, and public health side effects. The development and growth of the SME sector is vital to Africa's economic development. CP is a valuable tool to improve the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the SME sector.

We need to strengthen micro, small and medium scale enterprises. Technical support should be provided by service institutions and Civil Society (NEPAD 2001)



This course provides :

- Detailed information on the concept of Cleaner Production
- Interactive training in the use of technologies and mechanisms to achieve Cleaner Production, with Lectures, Role Playing, Case Studies and a Field Excursion
- Guidelines on better ways of achieving Cleaner Production and improving profits
- Training materials, literature and CD provided to each participant
- A certificate on successful completion of the course

Who should attend

- ✓ Business managers and entrepreneurs (especially SMEs)
- ✓ Business support organisations
- ✓ Government and Local Authority officials
- ✓ Development and donor agencies