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### ***Paper: Partnerships for Innovative Solutions to Accelerate Sustainable Consumption and Production Practices***

"Through the 2030 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the global community has drawn up an ambitious plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (e.g. SDG 12; Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns) and laying foundations for addressing climate change within the 2015-2030 window of opportunity can only be described as historic. In fact, there is now an unprecedented realization among decision makers from public and private sectors across Asia Pacific that socio-economic and financial policies and practices must play a far greater role in addressing climate change challenges and achieving resource efficient green growth. In this context, the keynote address will emphasize how the inclusion of more Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices can promote sustainable growth; contribute to economic prosperity and poverty reduction in Asia Pacific, and how it can support the development of a green economy and mitigation of climate change in the region. It will highlight the significance of partnerships including governments, the private sector and communities to accelerate the shift towards Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) patterns, and provide solutions for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), in particular innovative initiatives that have been successful in promoting resource efficient green growth across Asia Pacific."