



## **Small-Scale Industry and Cleaner Production Strategies**

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### **Abstract**

Cleaner, more cost-effective means of production may be particularly attractive to small-scale industries in developing countries, and research in Kenya has shown that cleaner means of production could have promising results in reducing pollution at lower cost.

However, small-scale industries are limited in implementing cleaner production due to a variety of behavioural, organisational, technical and economic barriers. To successfully adopt cleaner production practices, the small-scale sector needs support, including technical and financial incentives, from political and non-governmental organisations. This requires better coordination of policy efforts and small business organisation, particularly because environmental improvements can be achieved through closer industrial interaction. Clean production measures that are favourable to economic development may be particularly attractive to small-scale industries in developing countries. Research in Kenya has shown that these measures may produce promising results in reducing pollution levels at lower cost. However, small-scale industries are limited in their ability to implement cleaner production due to a variety of behavioural, organisational, technical and economic barriers. To successfully adopt cleaner production methods, the small-scale sector needs support, including technical and financial incentives, from political and non-governmental organisations. This requires better coordination of policy efforts and SME organisations, especially as environmental improvements can be achieved through closer industrial interaction.