



Development of the Global Review on SPP of 2016

In October 2015, the Coordination Desk of 10YFP SPP programme embarked on the development of the Global Review on SPP of 2016. The report aims to monitor progress in SPP implementation at national level, identify barriers, trends and innovations in SPP worldwide, and build awareness and community around the 10YFP SPP programme. The 2016 Review will improve on the Review issued in 2013 and add value by:

- Sharpening the indicators and measurement approach of SPP-related policies and activities, as a result of the experiences gained in the 10YFP SPP programme's working groups 2A on "Monitoring SPP implementation" and 2B on "Measuring and communicating the benefits created by SPP";
- Producing country-scorecards which enable comparison and sets up a mechanism to track SPP implementation and progress over time;
- Comparing progress on SPP to the relevant findings from the 2013 Report; and
- Deepening and expanding the research into SPP by adding additional languages.

Ecoinstitut (Ms. Aure Adell) and Industrial Economics, Inc. (Ms. Anastasia O'Rourke) serve as research leads and a joint research team was composed of UNEP, KEITI, and ICLEI to undertake activities required for the report.

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Development of the new biennial work plan of 2016-2017

After the adoption of the framework of the new work plan for 2016-2017 at the 10th MAC meeting held in September 2015, the Coordination Desk has been identifying leads and donors of the working groups in partnership with the MAC. Out of 12 working groups, four secured funding as follows:

- 1A. SPP tender implementation & impact monitoring by ICLEI
- 3C. Including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in SPP by CEGESTI
- 4B(2). Improving collaboration between SPP and sustainability labels and standards by ISEAL Alliance
- 4C. Promoting resource efficient business models and circular economy by Dutch Ministry of Environment

Three working groups are seeking additional financial resources from donors and partners of the 10YFP SPP programme.

- 2A. Monitoring SPP implementation by Ecoinstitut
- 4A. Promoting supply chains' sustainability by Swedish EPA
- 4B(1) Facilitating practical use of ecolabels and sustainability standards in sustainable public procurement by Swedish EPA

The remaining working groups are in the second phase of the work plan for 2016-2017, and a call for interest will be launched in due course.

- 2B. Measuring impacts & communicating benefits
- 2C. Promoting SPP best practices
- 3A. Addressing price barriers and promoting life-cycle costing(LCC)
- 3B. Identifying legal and trade issues & promoting solutions
- 4D. Developing purchasing guidance for priority sectors

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Launch of 10YFP Trust Fund Projects on SPP

The three Trust Fund Projects on SPP were officially launched, and are moving forward.

- in South Africa, a project from the Western Cape Government in cooperation with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD);
- in Uruguay, a project from the Ministry of Environment, the National Procurement Agency, in cooperation with UNOPS; and
- in the Philippines, a project from the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development and the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department of Quezon City. The starting event of the project will be convened on 2 February in Manila

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New webinars on SPP-related activities

A series of webinars on SPP took place over the October-December 2015 period.

- "Reducing GHG emissions through Sustainable Public Procurement", the 10YFP SPP side event at the COP21 by Coordination Desk (UNEP, KEITI, ICLEI) (Dec 2015) [\[click\]](#)
- "Presenting the activities of 3 Asian partners (Green Purchasing Network Malaysia, Planet Procurement, Green Public Procurement Partnership of China) of the 10YFP SPP programme" by UNEP (November 2015) [\[click\]](#)
- "Presenting the United Nations Initiatives on Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector by UNEP and UNDP (September 2015) [\[click\]](#)

The 10YFP SPP webinars are recorded and are accessible in the Library of Webinars on [the Global SCP Clearinghouse Youtube Channel](#).

If you are interested in presenting your organization's work on SPP to the global audience of the 10YFP programme via a webinar, please contact Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, UNEP, farid.yaker@unep.org. or Ms. Irina Uzun, Consultant, UNEP, irina.uzun.affiliate@unep.org



2A - Monitoring SPP Implementation

The Working Group 2A has finalized all the activities and will release a report entitled "Monitoring Sustainable Public Procurement Implementation: Recommendations and Case Studies" in February 2016. The Working Group 2A for 2016-2017 currently pursuing funding, and is hoping to be financed by any interested partners and donors.

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2B – Measuring Impacts and Communicating Benefits

The working group 2B released the final report on "[Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of Sustainable Public Procurement: Baseline Review and Development of a Guidance Framework](#)" in December 2015. As part of the Working Group 2B, two international meetings were held with a focus on carbon reduction impacts of SPP. (for further details, please refer to Highlights in the Regions & Countries section of the newsletter)

- "Reducing GHG emissions through Sustainable Public Procurement", the 10YFP SPP side event at the COP21 by Coordination Desk, 5 December 2015, Paris, France
- Expert Meeting of the 10YFP SPP programme Working Group 2B, 19-20 November. 2015, Seoul, Republic of Korea

The concept note of the Working Group 2B for 2016-2017 is under development, and a call for interest will be launched to identify the lead and donors of the working group.

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3A – Integrating Product-Service System (PSS) in SPP

The working group 3A finalized the last deliverable, namely a training module for procurement officials, policy makers and suppliers focusing on the Integration of Product Service Systems into Sustainable Public Procurement. The training module will be released in January-February 2016 and will be presented during a webinar to be hosted by UNEP on 4 February 2016.

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4B – Supporting SPP Implementation through the use of Ecolabelling and Sustainability Standards

The working group 4b on the use of standards and eco-labels in SPP, is entering its second three year cycle. This new phase gives us an opportunity to assess how we can further leverage our work on this important topic. The members of Working Group 4b are looking forward to developing new synergies and partnerships with other 10YFP programmes in 2016. In particular, coordination and collaboration with the various working groups under the 10YFP's Consumer Information Programme will be strengthened. More information on this will be provided to the WG members shortly.

Notable highlights from our groups work over the past 6 months include;

- ISEAL Alliance hosted and delivered a capacity-building workshop entitled 'How to deal with verification and sustainability criteria?' at the Procura+ Seminar on the 11th of November 2015. The training session explored ways of improving the verification process of sustainability criteria in tenders and identify approaches for dealing with sectors where few labelled products or services are available. Procura+ is the European Sustainable Procurement Network, a long-standing network founded in 2004 by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.
- ISEAL Alliance and partners have been providing feedback on the development of an international guidance document on sustainable procurement (ISO/DIS 20400), with the aim to ensure the use of credible standards and ecolabels is adequately reflected.

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4C – Promoting resource-efficient business models and circular economy

The new working group 4c aims to build on the ground-breaking start and existing membership of its forerunner (WG3a Product Service Systems). This will support the development of greener economies and sustainable development through the implementation of SPP on the ground by increasing collaboration and access to capacity building tools through SPP experts.

An interactive training session on circular procurement has also been delivered to Barcelona City Council and representatives from the Government of Catalonia in November 2015. This has helped policy-makers and procurement practitioners identify SPP priorities relevant to their particular policy goals. A presentation on the prioritisation approach was also given at ICLEI's Procura+ in Barcelona in the same month. In addition, a further prioritisation workshop is due to be hosted by the City of Turin (Torino) in February 2016.

The Dutch Rijkswaterstaat are hosting the Amsterdam Circular Procurement Congress on 20-22 April 2016. The congress will provide a unique opportunity to explore the latest developments in Circular Procurement and future directions. It will profile pioneering Circular Procurement activities, share the achievements and challenges including an assessment of the roles of new business models, Product Service Systems (PSS) and supply chain management.

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High-Level Training Workshop on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement and Eco-labelling in Asia-Pacific Countries, 15-17 December 2015, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The training workshop on GPPEL in Asia-Pacific Countries was held by UNEP in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water of Malaysia (KeTTHA) and the Green Purchasing Network Malaysia (GPNM) on 15-17 December in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The workshop was organized as part of the project "Strengthening the capacities and improving the knowledge on GPPEL in the ASEAN+3 region" which was sponsored by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China (MEP) and the Korea

Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI). During the workshop, GPP and EL cases of Thailand, China, Japan and Korea were presented, and group discussions were held to draw lessons from the experience of the advanced countries that can be applied in the introduction and improvement of GPPEL in participating countries.

In conjunction with the training workshop, an informal session on Green Store Certification was convened by KEITI, KeTTHA, and GPNM in order to share the experience of implementing Green Store

scheme in Korea and Malaysia. After the workshop, a site visit to the first Malaysian GR!N Store was arranged.



10YFP SPP side event at the COP21 - Reducing GHG emissions through Sustainable Procurement, 5 December 2015, Paris, France

A COP21 side event on "Reducing GHG emissions through Sustainable Public Procurement" was organized by the 10YFP SPP programme's Coordination Desk on 5 December at Cities and Regions Pavillion in Paris, France. The event aimed to raise awareness about the potential of SPP as a tool to reduce GHG emissions. The 10YFP SPP programme Working Group 2B report on "Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of SPP: Baseline Review and Development of a Guidance Framework" was officially released at the event. Three members of the 10YFP on SPP programme presented case studies on GHG emission reduction impacts of SPP from

Europe(GPP 2020 Project), Asia(Korea) and North America(USA) through specific examples and empirical data. In addition, the Seoul Declaration on the role of sustainable procurement in the mitigation of climate change entitled "[Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement](#)" was presented on behalf of 13 partners of the 10YFP SPP programme. The major goals of the Declaration are to (1) highlight sustainable public procurement as a public policy tool for achieving national climate commitments, and (2) emphasize that aligned action of public and private sectors on sustainable procurement will accelerate achievement of widely

shared climate goals.

The side event was recorded and the film is made available on the SPP programme's Library of Webinars hosted through [the Global SCP Clearinghouse YouTube channel](#).

For more information, please visit [\[here\]](#)



First Summit of the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement at COP21, 5 December 2015, Paris, France

Participants in the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement (GLCN on SP) joined together



first annual Summit. Auckland (New Zealand), Cape Town (South Africa), Denver (USA), Ghent (Belgium), Helsinki (Finland), Oslo (Norway), Quezon City (Philippines), Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Seoul (South Korea) and Warsaw (Poland) are all participants in the network, which is a joint initiative of the Seoul Metropolitan Government and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Park Won Soon, Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government and chair of the GLCN on SP declared

"Today is the starting point for more cities to make similar pledges. Let us strive to establish and spread green consumption and production systems around the world". The cities presented their sustainable procurement activities and achievements, and shared knowledge and experience. Through leading by example, participants of the network aim to accelerate the implementation of sustainable purchasing worldwide.

For more information, visit [\[here\]](#)

Expert Meeting of the 10YFP SPP programme Working Group 2B: GHG emission reduction impacts & potentials of GPP, 19-20 November, 2015, Seoul, Republic of Korea



The expert meeting was organized by UNEP and KEITI to share the outcomes and explore the way forward of the Working Group 2b: Measuring & Communicating Impacts on 19-20, November in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The meeting especially focused on the GHG emission reduction impacts and potentials of Green Public Procurement (GPP) to better measure and communicate their progress

in achieving positive climate outcomes. 8 cases were presented from Korea, China, Thailand, GIZ, USA, City of Ghent, City of Portland and King County, and EU, and the draft declaration on "Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement" was developed, which was aimed to be presented at the COP21 side event on SPP. The meeting materials are available on the Working Groups of [the Global SCP Clearinghouse](#).

The 2015 Procura+ Seminar, 11 November 2015, Barcelona, Spain

The 2015 Procura+ Seminar took place on 11 November 2015 in Barcelona, Spain. More than 90 participants from over 25 cities and regions explored on "the challenges ahead - designing procurement for a low-carbon future". The seminar was hosted by Procura+ founding Participant Barcelona City Council, Barcelona Metropolitan Area and long-standing Procura+ Participant Barcelona Provincial Council. The event was organised in cooperation with the GPP 2020 project consortium.

The Procura+ participants and strategic partners meeting took place on 12 November and resulted in the re-development from a Campaign to the Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network.

The programme for the Seminar and meeting was designed with a particular focus on learning through application and building relationships among public procurers and experts in Sustainable Public Procurement.

For more information, please visit [\[here\]](#)



Sustainable Public Procurement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Sustainable Public Procurement was included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was adopted by the United Nation's general assembly in September 2015. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development laid out the new sustainable development agenda, 17 sustainable development goals and 169 targets to meet until 2030. In addition to the target "12.7. Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities", sustainability issues in procurement are widely featured throughout the overall goals and targets.

For more information on the 2030 Agenda, please visit [\[here\]](#)

Nomination of the 2nd term of 10YFP Board

10YFP Board, which was formally established by Decision A/67/L.81 of the UN General Assembly in September 2013, completed its first term in 15 September 2015. During its first term, the board adopted its terms of reference, guided the development of the first six 10YFP Programmes, set up the criteria and process for the adoption of one additional new 10YFP programme on sustainable food systems, and guided the operationalization of the 10YFP Trust Fund. The new board of the 10YFP was nominated by the regional groups of the UN, and composed of 10 countries including Albania, Argentina, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Romania and Turkey. The new board will serve its term until 15 September 2017.



Policy brief by the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan, Ministry of Finance of Lebanon, on "How can sustainable public procurement pave the way to sustainable development"

This policy brief, published in English and Arabic, is intended to bring sustainable public procurement (SPP) to the attention of public procurers and policy makers in Lebanon, as well as stakeholders in the private sector and civil society. It introduces SPP as good procurement considering more than the green and environmental dimension, and details its contribution to sustainable development.

The policy brief provides guiding principles, highlights countries' experiences, exposes the impact of SPP on economic gain, environment protection and social inclusion of disadvantaged groups, and screens opportunities for developing countries.

This brief sheds light on the efforts of the Lebanese Ministry of Finance made to introduce SPP as a core pillar of the modernization process and proposes policy advice for the design and implementation of SPP policies in Lebanon.

The policy brief can be downloaded from the website of the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan [\[click\]](#)



[Publication] Measuring and Communicating the benefits of Sustainable Public Procurement(SPP)

This report has been developed by Industrial Economics, Inc., and Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council in the framework of the Working Group 2B of the 10YFP SPP programme. The report seeks to provide a step-by-step guide to planning, measuring and communicating on the benefits created through the implementation of sustainable procurement programmes and activities. It includes a Baseline Review on "Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of SPP", a Guidance Framework and supporting methodologies, indicators and recommendations for implementation. Private sector organizations engaged in sustainable purchasing activities will also find the report useful.

The publication can be downloaded from the E-Library of the Global SCP Clearinghouse [\[click\]](#)



[Publication] How Green Public Procurement contributes to sustainable development in China

This publication was released by The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and MAVA Fondation pour la Nature in association with Top10 China and RDCY. Building on the results of the IISD GPP Model, this paper is the second and final component of IISD's contribution to greening public procurement in China. This paper is designed to provide targeted recommendations addressing the development areas identified to improve GPP in China. The result will be shared for the first time as part of this paper, making the case for green procurement through analyzing five product categories: air conditioners, lighting, cars, paper and cement. These categories represent significant financial flows in procurement and have notable environmental impacts. Furthermore, the way to use the model at the different levels of government.

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24 February, 2016 webinar	11 th Multistakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting of the 10YFP SPP programme (MAC members only)
30-31 March 2016 Paris, France	9 th Produrable Conference CLICK
20-22 April 2016 Amsterdam, the Netherlands	International Congress on Circular Procurement: the next step CLICK

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About the 10YFP SPP partners

The 10YFP SPP programme is implemented through an extensive network of more than 80 Partners in over 40 countries, including governments, international organizations, NGOs, business and SPP experts and individual consultancies, etc. Partners can become coordinators of the programme's working groups; participate in the activities of the SPP programme; and/or provide financial support to the programme and its specific activities (e.g. Work Areas, biennial report, database of case studies and best practices, etc.)

Interested in joining?

The SPP programme is open to all organizations and individual experts that are interested in joining a collaborative platform to support the implementation of SPP. By joining you will gain access to a global network of organizations and individuals all working together to foster the implementation SPP. Partners of the 10YFP on SPP engage in knowledge and experience sharing, benefit from advice and technical support on SPP implementation, and can apply for financial support for SPP activities in developing countries through the [10YFP Trust Fund](#), which issues calls for proposals on a periodic basis.

If you are interested in joining the programme, please visit the website of the 10YFP SPP programme [\[click\]](#)

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Focus on an SPP Partner: CEGESTI

CEGESTI is a private, independent and not for profit organization with the mission to promote sustainable development in Latin America, founded in 1990. From 2007 to date CEGESTI has been a key promoter on SPP in Central America, promoting the consumption of greener products by the authorities, as well as more socially responsible procurement. It has provided on-the-field assistance/training on SPP in 6 of the 8 countries in the region (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama).

On the website of [Compras Responsable](#), they have posted the manuals, articles, and webinars, among other resources that have been developed. Thanks to the support of the European Commission and UNEP, CEGESTI is currently providing technical assistance to the Costa Rican authorities for the implementation of SPP, including the development of technical guidelines and trainings. An important milestone is that on December 9, 2015, with an Executive Order 39310, "National Sustainable Public Procurement Policy and Creation of the National Steering Committee on Sustainable Procurement" was published in the government gazette, officialising the previous efforts (the policy, in Spanish, is available on <http://goo.gl/bvxDOs>) "CEGESTI's participation in the UNEP 10YFP SPP programme will allow us to transfer good practices on SPP to the region as well as to actively participate in discussions and contribute with knowledge on the reality of implementing SPP in developing countries: even though methodologies from developed countries can be implemented in developing countries and the procurement principles are alike, the environmental and social problems that each country faces are different (as well as the access to sustainable products/services), and so have to be the priorities setting" says Sylvia Aguilar, Environment and Development Coordinator at CEGESTI.

In the case of developing countries, the percentage of customers that would prefer sustainable products is low and they are not willing to pay a significant premium, so the incentive for producers and vendors has to come from elsewhere (while building up customer preferences). As it is known, the main buyer in every country is the Government. By implementing SPP, public sector can be the key driver in the effective shift to sustainable consumption.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sylvia Aguilar at CEGESTI, saguilar@cegesti.org

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