

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GOOD PRACTICES

- 1. Measurable Impact:** the initiative should have quantifiable results in terms of waste reduction, diversion from waste disposal to reuse, repair, refurbishing and recycling, as well as positive environmental and socio-economic outcomes. Specific results such as actual reduction of waste generation (tonne/year), increasing recycling rates (%), and cutting down Green House Gas emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent yearly) are good indicators.
- 2. Sustainability and accountability:** the practice should exhibit long-term sustainability (5+ years), considering economic, environmental, and social factors.
- 3. Replicability and scalability:** the practice should reveal the potential for replication and adaptability in different contexts or communities, including the potential to generate revenue for local economies.<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Innovation:** the practice should demonstrate innovative designs, planning and other approaches or technologies that contribute to reducing waste generation, improving waste management, and increasing circularity or resource efficiency, among others.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. Technology applicability:** the technology uses context-appropriate and locally available knowledge, science materials, resources, and capacities, creating new skills and tools for broader use, etc.
- 6. Geographical representation of the good practices:** the practice should have a balanced geographical representation, including Small Island Developing States, Landlocked and least developed countries.
- 7. Inclusivity/collaboration/community engagement:** the practice should consider inclusiveness, ensuring that it involves diverse social groups, such as youth, people differently able, women, civil society, small and medium-sized enterprises, etc. and minimises negative impacts on vulnerable populations and informal sectors.
- 8. Resource Efficiency and Integration of Circular Economy Principles:** the practice considers the efficient use of resources, including energy, water, raw materials, etc. Assess how the practice aligns with circular economy principles, emphasizing the reduction, reuse, recovery, remanufacturing, etc. of materials to promote a closed-loop system.

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<sup>1</sup> Consider link to potential new sustainability models to generate revenue for local economies: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/01/5-circular-economy-business-models-competitive-advantage/> and <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/topics/finance/overview>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

9. **The good practice should not promote a specific private company:** the good practice should not publicize and promote a specific private company.
  
10. **Social and environmental safeguard:** the practice should apply clear safeguards to avoid and mitigate negative environmental or socio-economic impacts on any stakeholders or rights-holders. Particularly negative impacts on climate, biodiversity loss and environment, as well as livelihoods, social structures, and human rights, should be reviewed.