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The One Planet network implements the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).

## Monthly update - December 2020

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The One Planet network would like to wish a safe and peaceful end of 2020 to all. As unprecedented challenges arising from the global pandemic have swept across the globe, we thank you for the enthusiasm, creativity, innovation and determination with which you continue to push forward, and which continues to inspire.

Here's to a 2021 filled with better news and a renewed commitment to the common objectives that we share.

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### Be part of the global community and share your contributions on SDG 12



At the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2021, the United Nations will review progress of the global community on SDG 12 on 'Sustainable Consumption and Production'. The One Planet network annual reporting is your opportunity to share your efforts on how you are supporting the shift to more sustainable consumption and production practices and be part of the movement for a sustainable future.

Have you developed guidance material to help others succeed in their sustainability transition? Or has your business or organisation itself implemented changes in your sector to decrease your environmental footprint? Is your government in the process of developing or implementing policies to facilitate sustainable consumption and production practices in your country? Make sure your work is counted as contributing to SDG targets 12.1 and 12.2 and included in the HLPF report of the One Planet network.

Go to <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/reporting> to share your efforts, be part of the global community on SDG 12 and inspire others.

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## Latest News

### The Global Tourism Plastics Initiative welcomes 26 new signatories



The [Global Tourism Plastics Initiative](#), developed by the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme and led by the World Tourism Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, unites the tourism sector behind a common vision to address the root causes of plastic pollution.

Twenty-six new organisations have recently joined the Initiative, including Booking.com, G Adventures, Hong Kong and The Shanghai Hotels, Inkaterra, Tui Care Foundation, deSter of Gate Group and International Aviation Waste Management Platform, among others.

These new commitments bring the total number of signatories to 46 since the Initiative was launched in January 2020, demonstrating that improving the management of plastics across the tourism value chain and reducing plastic pollution remain priorities for the tourism sector, despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Find out more about the GTPI, the new signatories, and how your organisation can take part](#)

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## More than 700 participants come together (virtually) for 3rd Global Conference of the Sustainable Food Systems programme

The [3rd global conference](#) of the Sustainable Food Systems Programme closed on 3rd December with a panel comprised by the leadership from all five Action Tracks as well as the Scientific Group of the UN 2021 Food Systems Summit. Chaired by Swiss Director-General of the Federal Office for Agriculture, Christian Hofer, the panelists first discussed the keys to the success of the Summit and then reflected on the conclusions of the conference, their relevance to the Summit, and their contribution a to the process of defining “game-changing solutions”.

The rich conference Outcome Document will be shared with the Special Envoy to the Food Systems Summit, Dr. Agnes Kalibata, and the conference organizers call on all stakeholders to share the document further in relevant networks and fora. The conference also hosted the very first Global Dialogue of the Food Systems Summit. Dialogues are a key mechanism in the Summit’s process, contributing to shape the pathways which will lead to equitable and sustainable food systems, but also extending a culture of inclusive, participatory multi-stakeholder dialogue, with its necessary deliberation on trade-offs, and exploring conflicting perspectives.

[Read the full Outcome Document of the 3rd Global Conference of the SFS programme](#)

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## Bringing a consumer information perspective to the Global Sustainable Food Systems Conference

On November 30th, the [Consumer Information programme](#) hosted a session at the [3rd Global Conference of the Sustainable Food Systems programme](#), highlighting the cross-cutting nature of food as an issue and the demonstrating the importance of cross-programme collaboration.

The session illustrated the huge opportunities to produce more food in a way that works with nature, not against it. Consumer preferences and demands have a direct influence on business and government decisions, leading to more sustainable products, innovations and policies.

The event featured speakers from the Federal Ministry of the Environment of Germany, the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, WWF Thailand, Pick n Pay, and the World Resources Institute.

[Find out more about this event and how it contributed to the SFS Global Conference](#)

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## Big Buyers share key insights on successful collaboration for Sustainable Procurement, announce follow-up initiative

The Big Buyers Initiative is a European Commission Initiative for promoting collaboration between big public buyers in implementing strategic public procurement of sustainable goods and services. The three working groups of the initiative – on circular construction materials, zero-emission construction sites and heavy-duty electric vehicles – have recently published their ‘lessons learned’ which are available for consultation.

In addition, a follow-up initiative has been announced – the Big Buyers for Climate & Environment - which will build upon the success of the Big Buyers Initiative and use a similar format, with four working groups of public entities focused on procurement of a specific sustainable product or service in which aggregated demand of big buyers can push for market innovation.

[Find out more about what has been learned so far and how to get involved in the follow-up Big Buyers for Climate & Environment Initiative](#)



建议旅游部门  
在COVID-19恢复正常期间  
继续对塑料污染采取行动



## The Recommendations for the tourism sector to continue taking action on plastic pollution during COVID-19 are now available in all official UN languages

The Recommendations to support the ongoing debate on hygiene and sustainability in tourism during COVID-19 have now been translated into French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian. The document builds on the key concepts underlying the [common vision for a circular economy for plastic](#), the [One Planet Vision for a Responsible Recovery of the Tourism Sector](#) and the latest available guidance from the World Health Organizations (WHO), World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Ellen MacArthur Foundation, and leading business associations.

The [One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme](#) and its [Global Tourism Plastics Initiative](#) first released these recommendations in English in July 2020. Tourism businesses and organisations have since applied the recommendations to developing COVID-19 recovery plans, revising standard operating procedures, and defining plastic management strategies.

[Find out more and download these recommendations in the language of your choice](#)

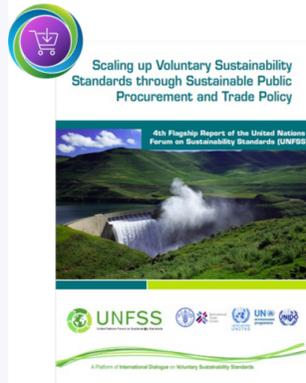


## GGKP and UNITAR launch the Green Learning Network

The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have jointly launched the Green Learning Network – a collaborative space where education and training professionals can share and access green learning resources and events, collaborate and learn from each other.

The Green Learning Network was introduced during a recent GGKP webinar, ‘Rebuilding better: The role of training and education’. The webinar explored how COVID-19 is reshaping the education sector; the importance of the role of education and training institutions in a green and inclusive recovery; and the opportunities and benefits of peer-sharing and networks.

[Find out more about this new network and how to take part](#)

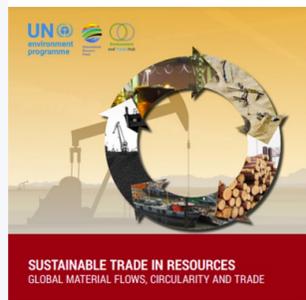


## Scaling up Voluntary Sustainability Standards through Sustainable Public Procurement and Trade Policy

The devastating health and economic impacts of COVID-19 on the decade-long progress to fight poverty have forced governments to rethink their socioeconomic models so that they do not compromise human health and ecosystems. In this context, Voluntary Sustainability Standards are being increasingly recognised as potentially transformative tools for governments to realise their sustainability commitments.

This 4th Flagship Report of the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) aims to provide an understanding of the role of government as a vehicle to drive the adoption of Voluntary Sustainability Standards. The effectiveness of Voluntary Sustainability Standards to contribute to sustainable development partly depends on their degree of adoption by economic operators. In this respect, governments can play a significant role through public procurement and trade policy.

[Find out more about Voluntary Sustainability Standards including how they can contribute directly to achieving SDG 12](#)



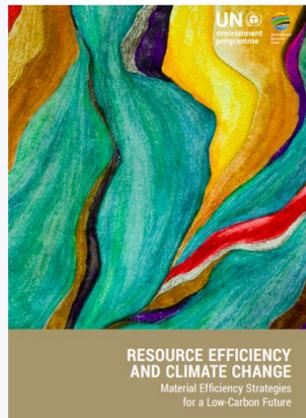
## New IRP Report: Sustainable Trade in Resources: Global Material Flows, Circularity and Trade

In addition to rising international trade in material resources, the so-called upstream resource requirements of traded commodities have also increased. These represent the additional materials, energy, water and land used in the extraction and production of traded goods but left behind as wastes and emissions in the exporting country.

In 2017, these indirect or “embodied” materials in trade amounted to 35 billion tons, exceeding the direct volume of goods traded across nations (11 billion tons) by a factor of three. At a global scale, this means that fully one-third of the total of 92 billion tons of materials extracted in the global economy are destined to produce goods for trade.

The purpose of this discussion paper is to enhance understanding among trade and environment policymakers regarding trade flows of material resources – including their environmental impacts – and regarding trade’s potential to contribute to the transition to a greener, more circular economy.

[Read more about the report and download the full document](#)



## New IRP Report: Resource Efficiency and Climate Change - Material Efficiency Strategies for a Low-Carbon Future

This new report from the International Resource Panel (IRP) conducts a rigorous assessment of the contribution of material efficiency to GHG abatement strategies.

According to the IRP, GHG emissions from the material cycle of residential buildings in the G7 and China could be reduced by at least 80% in 2050 through more intensive use of homes; design with less materials; improved recycling of construction materials; and other strategies.

Significant reductions of GHG emissions could also be achieved in the production, use and disposal of cars. International Resource Panel modelling shows that GHG emissions from the material cycle of passenger cars in 2050 could be reduced by up to 70% in G7 countries and 60% in China and India through ride-sharing, car-sharing, and a shift towards trip-appropriate smaller cars, among others.

[Find out more about the interesting strategies that can be employed for a low-carbon future](#)



## Public Procurement of Nature-Based Solutions

Nature-Based Solutions can be a powerful tool for cities dealing with contemporary sustainability challenges such as the degradation of natural capital and ecosystem services; vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters; as well as corresponding health and wellbeing issues.

This report provides an overview of the major challenges facing Nature-Based Solution procurers in the EU, along with case studies of success in addressing those barriers across nine European cities. The findings may help other public authorities adapt their procurement processes to procure Nature-Based Solutions more effectively.

[Find out more and download the full report](#)



## Impacts and Insights: Circular IT Management in Practice

The circular economy is the next frontier of sustainability, as we aim toward eliminating waste and keeping products in circulation. What does this mean for IT hardware? How can buyers and managers approach the IT life cycle – from procurement to recovery – in a way that supports the circular economy, reduces emissions and toxic e-waste?

For example, the report takes a closer look into how to identify circular end-of-life options for the approximately 170 million notebook computers that are produced and sold globally each year.

[Let the authors of this report walk you through concrete steps for implementing more circular management of IT products](#)



## Waking the Trillion Dollar Giant of Public Procurement

The total volume and associated purchasing power of public procurement is a major market factor, with enormous potential to influence product innovation and supplier behaviour. To provide some perspective, public procurement volume across the EU was estimated at more than 2 trillion Euro in 2017, representing almost 14% of GDP, distributed across an estimated 250,000 public organizations.

The SDG 2030 Agenda, and Goal 12 specifically, provides a wide platform for linking public procurement practices with sustainable development outcomes, aligning public spending with national development objectives of governments and the wider international community. This article reviews barriers and opportunities for SPP implementation, and outlines recommendations for enhancing uptake of sustainable goods and services as a means to contributing to a holistic pursuit of achieving Agenda 2030.

[Download the full article to find out additional insights](#)



## New Infographic: Consumer information tools in the food sector

Between 1990 and 2010, the food sector saw its emissions increase by about 0.9% each year. Given population growth coupled with rising global incomes, and the shift in consumption patterns towards a Westernisation of food culture (higher meat and processed-food consumption), it is expected that emissions in the sector will continue to rise.

The report [Consumer Information Tools and Climate Change](#), from the [One Planet Consumer Information Programme](#), details how the use of consumer information tools can support greenhouse gas emission reductions in three sectors – Tourism, Buildings and Food. The newest [infographic](#) accompanying the report focuses on the importance of consumer information tools in the food sector, to nudge consumers to buy locally.

[Find out more insights from the full report and access this newest infographic](#)

## Funding Opportunities



### New International Climate Initiative (IKI) selection procedure launched

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) is one of the most important instruments of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) for the international financing of climate change mitigation and biodiversity.

A new selection procedure has recently been launched, and project outlines for funding are being accepted until 10 March 2021, on a wide variety of topics around climate mitigation, adaptation, biological diversity, and other cross-cutting topics.

[Find answers to all of your questions about this new funding opportunity](#)

## SWITCH-Asia call for proposals

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The SWITCH-Asia programme, supported by the European Union, has invested nearly 300 million Euros towards promoting sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in Asia and Central Asia, through 130 projects across 24 countries over the past 14 years.

The current call for tenders and proposals is open until 18 December 2020 and has a total budget of 32,600,000 Euros.

[Find answers to your questions about this call, along with all of the relevant documentation to apply](#)

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## Calls for Collaboration



### Public Consultation of New/Revised Green Product Mark Certification Criteria

Through the communication of verifiable and accurate information on environmental aspects of products, the Green Product Mark of TÜV Rheinland aims to encourage the demand for and supply of those products which cause less stress on the environment, thereby stimulating the potential for market-driven continuous environmental improvement.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the recently published draft of the new criteria of Green Product Mark certification for textiles, shoes and bags.

[Find out more about this labelling scheme and how to provide feedback on the final criteria](#)

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### Search for success stories of sustainable design practices – Africa, West Asia, Europe, North America

Your experience will contribute towards a compilation of success stories and case studies on how innovative design thinking can contribute towards reducing environmental impacts. The stories will be featured at the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in February 2021, and support the discussions of governments on how best to advance sustainable consumption and production patterns.

This call is open to businesses, including SMEs, willing to share their experience in designing products and services to minimise harmful environmental impacts, as well as submissions from public sector, academia or civil society who have adopted innovative design practices.

[Click here to see how to submit your experiences from the Africa or West Asia regions by 15 December 2020](#)

[Click here to see how to submit your experiences from the Europe or North America regions by 15 December 2020](#)

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## A New Working Group to Protect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The links between prevailing consumption patterns and the loss of biodiversity become clear when looking at the resource consumption and environmental impacts along the entire life cycle of a product. For example, food consumption is the most important cause of biodiversity loss, accounting for 40% of quantified losses in most countries and regions, primarily linked to land-use changes.

To contribute to a paradigm shift, the [One Planet network Consumer Information Programme](#) recently set up a new working group on “Biodiversity Communication”, led by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMU). The working group brings together different stakeholder groups including civil society, business, policy makers and representatives of science.

[Find out what activities this group will be undertaking and how you can take part](#)



## Sustainable Public Procurement programme looking for best practices for tackling chemicals of concern in electronics

Together with UNEP, ICLEI is working on a global guidance for public procurers to tackle chemicals of concern in electronics. A crucial element of making it meaningful is featuring best practices from across the One Planet network, which can inspire others who also want to move in that direction.

The work takes place in the context of the GEF-funded projects: Global best practices on emerging policy issues on chemicals of concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).

If you would like to be featured, please contact the Coordination Desk of the [Sustainable Public Procurement programme](#) ([josefine.hintz@iclei.org](mailto:josefine.hintz@iclei.org)) by sending two lines about your example by December 16th. The Coordination Desk will get back to you to develop your full contribution.



## Webinars



### Webinar - Climate Action and Carbon Neutral Travel

8 December 2020 at 15h CET

Green Tours, Inkaterra and Lima Tours, partners of the [One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme](#) are organising a webinar on Climate Action and Carbon Neutral Travel where climate action opportunities for tourism will be discussed, including carbon-neutral certification and compensation. The case of Peru will be presented specifically.

[Click here to register for the webinar](#)





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