

Building Circularity into our Economies through Sustainable Procurement

Highlights of the UN Environment report

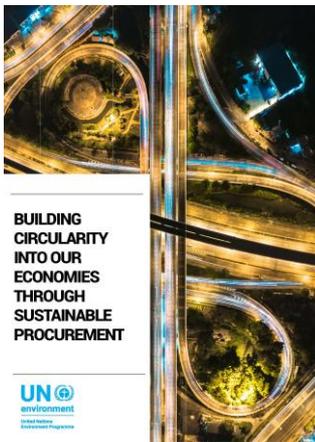
Background and purpose



SDG 12.7 focuses on the promotion of ‘public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities’



Combination of public and private sector demand for sustainable products and services can help scale the market



Aims to introduce the role that sustainable procurement can play to accelerate the transition to a circular economy and the shift towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns

Target audience: both public procurers and policy makers + corporate buyers and business leaders

Understanding sustainable procurement and circular procurement

Defining sustainable public procurement

Sustainable public procurement is a “process whereby public organizations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves **value for money on a whole life-cycle basis** in terms of generating benefits not only to the organization, but also to society and the economy, whilst significantly reducing negative impacts on the environment.”

Understanding circular procurement

- ✓ Advances sustainability goals
- ✓ Focuses on closing energy and material loops within supply chains and helps value retention along the entire value chains
- ✓ Contributes to the enabling conditions of a system which creates value and social well-being while maintaining resources at their highest possible value in the whole lifecycle and ultimately creating an economy which is regenerative

Bringing circularity in
procurement practices

Overview of sustainable procurement approaches, tools and solutions advancing circularity



Pillar one – Procuring more circular products, materials and services



Developing and using “circular” procurement criteria in tenders’ specifications:

- Meet **specified resource efficiency levels** on a whole lifecycle basis
- **Recycled content inclusion**
- Potential for **reparability**
- Limit and ultimately eliminate the **use of hazardous chemicals** and/or ensure the **non-toxicity of components**



Promoting **product lifetime extension**:

- Re-use
- Repair / Refurbish
- Remanufacture
- Recycle

Pillar two – Promoting new business models based on innovative and resource-efficient solutions



Encouraging product-service systems



Adopting supplier take-back systems



Using sharing platforms / collaborative consumption and sharing economy services

Enablers



Strengthening and adapting **consumer information tools**



Lifecycle costing and **total cost of ownership** methods



Cooperating with other organizations



Knowledge and information management systems



Legal instruments



Fiscal instruments

Lessons learned and recommendations

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Start simple
and scale up
gradually

Start with
easy wins

Focus on
priorities: run a
hotspots
analysis

Engage in
systemic
thinking

Engage
suppliers at
an early
stage

Communicate,
share and
access **lessons**
learned

Drivers to advance the inclusion
of circularity in procurement
practices

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- ✓ **Collaboration** through suppliers' engagement and competitive dialogue is key to success
- ✓ **Setting targets** for environmental performance within tenders
- ✓ **Professionalization** of the procurement function needs to be leveraged
- ✓ **Knowledge sharing** among stakeholders is key
- ✓ Critical role of reliable **monitoring and reporting** systems
- ✓ Search for **joint interests**
- ✓ Support of **international initiatives**
- ✓ **Political leadership**

Moving forward

Accelerating the inclusion of circularity requirements in procurement decisions:

- ✓ Convene focused public-private dialogues to discuss the role of sustainable procurement as a driver in advancing circularity in our economies
 - ✓ Promote and disseminate sustainable procurement practices bringing circularity: submit a case study for inclusion into the upcoming UN Environment Compendium
 - ✓ Share tender circular specifications and learn from each other
 - ✓ Facilitate collaboration and dialogue at sectoral level, to create a market demand from the tourism industry through sustainable procurement including circularity requirements
 - ✓ Other ideas? To be further discussed this afternoon during the Deep Dive sessions
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Thank you



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