Update on the Global Review on SPP of 2016

The Coordination Desk of the 10YFP SPP Programme has committed to periodically survey and assess the progress of SPP at a global level and to publish the results in a Global Review of SPP.

The first Global Review on SPP was published by UNEP in 2013, which is available at [here](#).

The 2nd version of the review has been developed by Ecoinstitut SCCL and Industrial Economics, Inc. under the guidance of the 10YFP SPP Programme Coordination Desk with funding from KEITI, UNEP and EU.

The draft of the Global Review on SPP of 2016 was prepared by the research leads in August and is being reviewed by the coordination desk as well as external reviewers. The draft report has been developed based on various activities and includes literature review, external interviews, national government questionnaire, stakeholder survey and good practice examples. The final version of the report is to be released at the end of this year.

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New webinar on SPP-related activities

One SPP webinar took place over the May-August 2016 period.

- The 3rd Asia-Pacific GPPEL webinar “Linkages between Green Public Procurement & Ecolabelling” by UNEP DTIE (July 2016) [click](#)

The webinar features 2 main presentations focusing on the combined use of GPP and Ecolabelling in Japan and China, by Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi from EcoMark Office (JEA) and by Ms. Zhang Xiaohui from China Environmental United Certification Center (MEP, China), as well as an update by Mr. Farid Yaker and Ms. Laura Guccione regarding UNEP SPP & Ecolabelling activities in the region.

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Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi, Promotion & International Cooperation Section, EcoMark Office, JEA |
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Ms. Xiaodan Zhang, General Manager of China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), MEP |
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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
1A – Implementing SPP on the ground

The Working Group 1A will act as a lighthouse project and provide support to purchasing bodies in the East and South Asia region to procure the best available sustainable products and services in sectors which are highly relevant in terms of potential energy and CO2 emission reductions and social impacts.

The Working Group will be divided into two components – one targeting local authorities in China and Republic of Korea, and the other for South Asia. The first component of the Working Group for China and Republic of Korea will start shortly with the selection process of targeted local authorities.

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3C - Including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in SPP

The Working Group 3C was officially launched in May 2016 and two webinars have been organized so far. The kick off webinar was held on 12 May with more than 10 members attending. The objective of the webinar was to provide a general overview of the 10YFP SPP Programme as well as to present the purpose and expected outcome of the working group.

During the second webinar, which was held on 10 August, the desktop review on the barriers that SMEs face in taking part in public procurement, as well as policies to tackle these barriers around the world, were presented. The initial consultation had been conducted with the members of the working group in order to explore practical country cases and receive additional information.

All partners of the 10YFP SPP Programme will soon be invited to participate in a questionnaire, to validate the conclusion of the desktop review and to identify best practices.

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4B.2 – Supporting SPP Implementation through the use of Ecolabelling and Sustainability Standards

The Working Group 4B.2 released its first newsletter in April 2016.

The working group also held its first webinar on 28 June 2016 on “New Tools and Guidance for Sustainable Procurement”. The webinar highlighted two new tools that can facilitate sustainable procurement and the use of sustainability standards and eco-labels: the Sustainability Compass webtool developed by the German Development Agency, and the ISO20400 on Guidance Sustainable procurement. The webinar presentations can be downloaded here and the recording is available here.

Two international events are coming up which procurement officials interested in standard systems are welcome to attend:
- The ISEAL Global Sustainability Standards Symposium will take place in Bogota, Colombia on 24 October 2016.
- The Centre for Responsible Business is hosting the ‘India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogue and Conference’ in Delhi on 16-19 November 2016.

The in-person meeting of the WG4B.2 is planned to coincide with a relevant international event in the area of sustainable consumption and production. Suggestions are still welcome and can be sent to David D’Hollander, ISEAL Alliance, davidh@isealliance.org and Irina Uzun, UNEP, Irina.Uzun.Affiliate@unep.org.

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

The Working Group 4C is developing best practice to integrate innovative, circular and/or resource efficient business models (including Product-Service Systems) in Sustainable Public Procurement. The two principal areas of focus for the working group are building capacity to link sustainable public procurement to the delivery of circular economies (circular procurement) and to initiate discussion around metrics for circular procurement. A call for expression of interest to participate in this working group has sent to the 10YFP SPP Programme partners and more widely to engage new members in working group through the SPP programme.

The first newsletter has been circulated to members and prospective members and a planning for a working group meeting in October is underway.

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Rotterdam joins Sustainable Tropical Timber Initiative

The European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition (STTC) saw its membership increase during its recent conference in Rotterdam (Netherlands), with the host city ending the conference by joining it. STTC got involved in public procurement through the launch of a €2 million funding campaign to help local authorities and businesses implement sustainable timber procurement policies. According to Leon Dijk, a Sustainable Procurement specialist with Rotterdam City Council, joining the STTC is integral to making Rotterdam the world’s most sustainable port city.

Particularly, the Netherlands has been particularly active in implementing the Green Deal policy, promoting sustainable timber procurement between the public and private sectors, which aims to boost sustainable timber’s market share further. The conference, in addition to plenary sessions, featured lively workshops that looked at designing sustainable procurement policies and financial instruments for driving sustainable timber markets. By stimulating demand for sustainable tropical timber, European authorities can prevent deforestation and provide a livelihood for millions of people in developing countries.

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

CEC released the First Green Supply Chain Management Series Standards and Technical Specifications in China

“The Workshop on Supply-side Structural Reform and Green Supply Chain Management Innovation” was held in Beijing on June 7th. More than 200 participants from National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Green Supply Chain (GSC) pilot city of Tianjin and Dongguan, ICLEI, EDF, TSC, Nissan and Huawei etc., attended the conference. Officials and experts introduced policies relevant to supply-side structural reform and green consumption, industrial green development, green public procurement, green supply chain and international economics and trade, as well as the domestic and international experiences and practices of GSC.

In the workshop, China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), released the first green supply chain management series standards and technical specifications in China. CEC is an institution that has accumulated years of environmental management experience especially in eco-labeling and green public procurement. The standards proposed by CEC provided the technical instruments and measurements for GSC management system construction and implementation. Based on the standards and combined with the industry characteristics, CEC selected the furniture industry to carry out a GSC management pilot project evaluation and the first batch of 12 furniture enterprises was awarded the certificate of GSC assessment. This created a precedent for GSC management system innovation in China, for leading the green transformation and the upgrading of upstream-downstream supply chain businesses.

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PRIMES project highlights good practice in GPP

PRIMES project, funded by the EU, has published a series of good practice case studies that show how GPP is being implemented in smaller municipalities. The project aims to develop basic skills and provide hands-on support for public procurers in order to overcome barriers and implement Green Public Procurement (GPP). The project is offering good practice examples from several smaller and medium sized municipalities in six European countries (Croatia, Denmark, France, Italy, Latvia and Sweden). PRIMES first green public procurement good practices project aims to help small and medium sized municipalities implement green public procurement and share procurers’ experiences.

The Norwegian Parliament has made the world’s first pledge on public procurement against deforestation

On May 24, the Norwegian parliament has pledged to ensure that the country’s public procurement policy will become deforestation-free. While companies have made similar pledges, Norway’s promise is believed to be the first to be made by a national government. The Norwegian parliament’s Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment had called for the government to impose requirements to ensure that public procurements do not contribute to the deforestation of the rainforest.

Norway, along with Germany and the UK, made a joint declaration at the UN Climate Summit in New York in September 2014 to promote national commitments that encourage deforestation-free supply chains, including thorough public procurement policies to sustainably source commodities such as palm, oil, soy, beef and timber. According to Nils Hermann Ranum, a spokesman for Rainforest Foundation Norway, the Norwegian state’s move is highly positive when it comes to public procurement in that the government is showing its commitment to cease the procurement of goods that can be linked to the destruction of rainforests.

For more information, please visit [here](#) and contact Jørgen Grubbe at the Municipalities of Holbaek, Denmark jorgnu@holbaek.dk.

The 2nd Annual Summit of the GLCN on SP to take place within the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change

Participants of the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement (GLCN on SP) will convene in Seoul, South Korea, to hold their 2nd Annual Summit. The gathering will take place within the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change (1-2 September 2018), which will focus on two key developments: the Compact of Mayors and its relevance to the Paris Agreement, and the New Urban Agenda to be adopted at Habitat III.

The GLCN on SP Summit will demonstrate how sustainable public procurement is a key tool for local and regional governments to achieve environmental, economic and social benefits. It will serve as an inspirational session for other Mayors and cities attending the Forum to consider the power of sustainable procurement. Seven GLCN cities – Seoul, Warsaw, Quezon City, Cape Town, Montreal, Helsinki and Auckland – will present their SP commitments and actions at the Summit, and encourage others to replicate strategies and policies. Representatives from ICLEI, UNEP and KETI will also deliver presentations at the Summit.

The inclusion of the GLCN on SP Summit within the Forum showcases the positive impact of sustainable procurement in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including aims such as sustainable cities and communities, and sustainable consumption and production. The Forum is organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government, chair of the GLCN on SP in collaboration with ICLEI.

For more information on the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change, visit [here](#).

For more information on the GLCN on SP, visit [here](#).

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[Award] Procura+ Awards for sustainable and innovative procurement

Public procurers that have carried out a sustainable and innovative procurement procedure are invited to apply for the prestigious Procura+ Awards. The Awards, which replace the Procurement of Innovation awards, have been broadened to include three categories: 'Sustainable Procurement of the Year' recognizes the outstanding environmental, social and economic impacts of a procurement of innovation and the public authority as a launch customer; 'Innovation Procurement of the Year' acknowledges an impressive procurement of innovation and the public authority as a launch customer; and 'Tender Procedure of the Year' rewards procurers that took an exceptional approach to sustainable and innovation procurement.

The Federal Procurement Agency of Austria won last year's Procurement of Innovation awards as a result of their procurement of a machine that vaporizes waste-water to remove waste particles. The solution is currently being used by the Austrian Mint to clean the water contaminated during the production of coins and notes.

For more information or to apply, visit [here]

[Publication] The SCP National Action Plan of Egypt was launched at the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment

SwitchMed is pleased to share the SCP-National Action Plan for Egypt that was officially launched on April 18th, at a side event during the 6th special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Cairo, Egypt.

The SCP-NAP is a significant step in a series of milestones that the Ministry of Environment has been achieving towards integrating sustainable development into national plans and strategies. The national action plan aims to support Egypt’s overall development goals, reduce socio-economic hurdles and maximize environmental improvements. The action plan is focused on 4 priority natural resource and strategic sectors: Water, Agriculture, Municipal Solid Waste, and Energy.

It further promotes the replication and scaling up of SCP policies, resource efficiency programs, and green initiatives at the national level.

For more information, please visit [here]

SPLC Releases Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v2.0

SPLC released a significant update to its Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing, a comprehensive resource for organizations who have or are developing a sustainable purchasing program. The first video below describes what is new in Guidance v2.0. The second video provides a tour of the new online platform through which Guidance v2.0 is accessed.

The Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing is intended to help organizations improve the environmental, social, and economic performance within their supply chains across the entirety of product and service life cycles by implementing a strategic sustainable purchasing program. This Guidance is based on the Council’s Principles for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v1.0, which define what organizations must do to demonstrate leadership in sustainable purchasing.

Organizations in a wide variety of sectors and regions can use this Guidance to understand the environmental, social, and economic life cycle impacts of their purchased goods and services, identify actions that best address these priorities, and benchmark progress toward goals. This Guidance is a voluntary program that will serve as the basis for a future rating system that rewards organizations that demonstrate leadership in sustainable purchasing.

Video Link #1
Guidance v2.0 Launch Webinar Recording (1 hr)

Video Link #2
Tour of the Guidance v2.0 Platform (8 mins)

For more information, please visit [here]
Focus on an SPP Partner: Indian Railways

Indian Railways (IR), the third largest rail network in the world, is responsible for the seamless movement of passengers and goods across the length and breadth of the country. With 1.3 million employees on its payroll, it offers passengers and goods mobility in the most sustainable way and has contributed significantly to national economic growth.

IR has been receptive to the challenges of rapid economic development and is committed to keeping environmental and social considerations in mind while making business decisions. For example, IR began buying 358 products exclusively from small-scale industries more than 20 years back, when the concept of sustainable procurement was still emerging. Further, it got fresh impetus by adopting “Indian Railways Vision 2020” in 2010 that identified target areas for reducing GHG emissions and enumerated areas for future sustainable actions.

IR has adopted a mix between a thematic, a product/services and project-based approach to embedding sustainability in procurement decisions such as pre-selection of vendors, product specifications and award criteria. Some of these product groups/initiatives/projects are - office electrical appliances (based on BEE Energy Label), lighting products (LEDs), office stationaries (paper, file covers etc), textiles (bed sheets, pillow covers, curtains etc), bio-toilets, blended bio-fuel, renewable energy (solar and wind), sustainable buildings, retro-fitting of buildings, minimization of water use, and waste reduction. IR has also set up indicators for monitoring procurements from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and integrating them with its own e-procurement system.

Out of numerous on-going sustainability projects in IR, one project that stands out globally, in terms of size and impact, is the construction of 3350 kms of railway track for the Dedicated Freight Corridors. The project has the twin objectives of meeting the growing demand of freight transport in India, while simultaneously inducing a modal shift of freight traffic from road to rail. The completion of this project by 2019 would result in a reduction of specific fuel consumption for electric traction of 30%, and GHG emissions of 357 million tons over 30 years.

While IR provides numerous examples showcasing different shades of sustainable procurement, what is holding it back is the absence of a national policy/act on sustainable procurement and an extremely sluggish national ecolabeling programme.

However, this gap is now being filled by industry-promoted GreenCo labels for products and a GreenCo rating system for companies. IR has decided to adopt GreenCo certification for its two manufacturing units on a pilot basis. This would help it assess and analyze the environmental impacts of manufacturing operations, thus enabling it to take the appropriate steps to reduce these externalities.

The mainstreaming of sustainability concerns in business decisions has already taken strong roots in IR and, with India signing the Paris Agreement and SDGs, IR is in for some leapfrogging on its path to sustainability.