Update on Core Activities of 10YFP SPP Programme

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New webinars on SPP-related activities

Four SPP webinars took place over the September-November 2016 period.

- “Presenting 20 years of Sustainable Procurement at ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability” by the UN Environment’s Cities and Lifestyles Unit and ICLEI (September 2016) [click]

The webinar introduced ICLEI’s 20-year-experience of Sustainable Procurement as well as the procurement cases of the participating cities and the procurement network.

- “Human Rights and Sustainable Procurement: Emerging good practices and lessons learned” by the UN Environment’s Economy Division, Cities and Lifestyles Unit and the International Learning Lab on Public Procurement and Human Rights (October 2016) [click]

The webinar approached public procurement as a key to promote the production and service delivery that respect the human rights of workers, service users, and communities.

- “How to successfully implement a sustainable procurement programme? = Lessons learned from 5 programmes around the world” by the UN Environment Economy Division and Sustainable Choice and Planet Procurement (November 2016) [click]

The webinar featured five successful sustainable procurement programmes in France, Italy, the USA and at the European level, in order to identify best practices and lessons learned.

- “Sustainable Procurement of Buildings: Project Designing and Delivery Systems” by the Building Efficiency Accelerator (November 2016) [click]

The webinar provided an overview of how to design and deliver successful sustainable procurement of building efficiency performance measures.

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, UN Environment, farid.yaker@unep.org, or Ms. Laura Skea, Consultant, UN Environment, laura.skeet.affiliate@unep.org

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Update on the Working Groups of 10YFP SPP Programme

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

The Working Group 3C has been active since May 2016. The desk review report on the barriers that SMEs face in taking part in green public procurement was delivered on August 22nd. During September all 10YFP members were invited to participate in a questionnaire to validate the conclusion of the desk review and identify practices on the promotion of SMEs in GPP.

Personal consultations were conducted in October and November to validate the conclusions from the questionnaire. On November 23rd a meeting was held on Skype to present the draft on the second report (which includes the findings of the questionnaire).

Based on those two reports, the final report will include recommendations for the inclusion of SMEs in GPP. The final report is expected to be delivered and presented to all partners of the 10YFP SPP Programme.

For more information, please contact Sylvia Aguilar, CEGESTI, zaguirra@cegesti.org

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

The second WG 4B.2 newsletter of 2016 was released in October and is available on request.

The next working group webinar took place on December 13th and address the topic of how public procurers can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and use standards and ecolabels in doing so. In addition to an upcoming WWF-ISEAL report on how standards and certification can contribute to the SDG agenda, the webinar also highlighted a recent report by Swedwatch.

The working group’s next in person meeting was postponed till June of 2017. Members will be informed shortly and other interested parties can request more information (see the contact below).

For more information, please contact Mr. David D’Hollander (ISEAL, WG 4B.2 working group coordinator) davidh@isealliance.org
UNDP fosters sustainable health procurement

UNDP HIV Health and Development Team in Europe and Central Asia delivered sustainable public procurement training for the Ukraine Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the UN Environment. Hosted by UNDP Ukraine country office, the training took place at the Premier Hotel Rus in Kiev on 11-12 October 2016.

The training aimed to capacitate policy makers and public procurers operating in the health sector to develop sustainable procurement policies and strategies, learn the UN Environment sustainable public procurement approach, integrate sustainable practices into healthcare procurement processes, and monitor the implementation of sustainable public healthcare procurement at a national and regional level, aligned with the national targets for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The expected outcomes of the training were that the participants would understand the environmental and social impacts of health sector procurement, learn the sustainable public procurement approach, develop skills in implementing sustainability aspects into health care procurement policies and practices, gain experience with sustainable procurement tools, methodologies and international standards and acquire knowledge on how to develop sustainable procurement criteria.

For more information, please visit [here](#) and contact Neva Gomdenz, neva.gomdenz@undp.org

Reusing workwear in Herning, Denmark

In 2014, as part of the Rethink Business project, the Municipality of Herning decided to begin trying circular economy ideas in some of its operations, such as in their purchasing contracts for work clothes and work uniforms. New stuff beginning to work for Herning’s Technical Operations Department used to receive brand new workwear. These were then later discarded regardless of quality once the person resigned (as the person’s name was printed on the clothing) or when the textile service contract expired, often creating unnecessary waste.

With this latest contract, Herning has the possibility of purchasing these clothes that are still of sound quality when contracts end, and are able to continue using them for subsequent workwear servicing contracts. Savings of 6,700 euro (23%) were achieved for a 27,000 euro contract. In addition, a study on the potential economic and ecological impacts of reusing work clothes was conducted. The predicted savings of 1,011 tonnes of CO2 over a four-year period are solely for the workwear used by Herning’s Technical Operations Department, which has roughly 100 employees.

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

OECD held the first Public Procurement Week

OECD organized its first Public Procurement Week at Paris on 4-7 October 2016. The Procurement Week events focused on key issues for making procurement a strategic tool for productivity and sustainable growth.

The Procurement Week included an expert workshop on procurement efficiency enablers and a high-level forum on public procurement to boost innovation. In the meeting of the Working Party as a concluding event, practical tools for the new OECD Public Procurement Toolbox were finalized and the revised methodology for assessing procurement systems were discussed. The events attracted a record number of policy makers and procurement leaders from across the globe.

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“Sustainable Consumption and Public Procurement: Bridging the Gap between Intention and Action” at Sustainable Development Forum 2016

The side event under the theme of “Sustainable Consumption and Public Procurement: Bridging the Gap between Intention and Action” was organized at the Sustainable Development Forum 2016. The event was held on 29 September at the International Trade Center (ITC) in Geneva.

To bridge the gap between an increased awareness on the importance of public procurement which influences production patterns and the lack of concrete action, the event focused on exchanging best practices on consumer information and sustainable public procurement. It also provided opportunities to network stakeholders who were involved in consumer information and sustainable public procurement.

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

The Basque Government adopts its new Green Public Procurement Programme of the Basque Country 2020

The Basque Government, in its commitment to use public procurement as an instrument to advance its environmental policies’ objectives, has approved a new “Green Public Procurement of the Basque Country 2020”. This is the second programme on this subject approved by the government, but represents a qualitative improvement as it targets the whole public sector in the region, not only the central government as per the previous plan. The programme also foresees actions to institutionalize GPP and ensure the appropriate coordination with the market.

To supervise and plan its deployment, an inter-agency Steering Committee is being set up with the initial participation of several government departments (Finance, Environment, Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Education and Health) and public organizations, with Ihabe (Environmental Management Agency) as coordinator.

The promotion has already started among Basque public authorities – a first meeting was held with the three Basque regions and capitals – to foster adherence and define collaborative work strategies to achieve implementation and results in an efficient way.

For more information, please visit [here](#) and contact Gorane Ibarra, gorane.ibarra@ihabe.eus
[Awards] Call for Presentations & Leadership Awards – Sustainable Purchasing Summit 2017

Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council is currently accepting presentation proposals and nominating candidates for SPLC’s Leadership Awards which will be presented in the SPLC’s summit on May 8-10, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.

Presentation Proposals for interactive workshops, roundtable and panel sessions, lightning talks etc. to share your work and forge valuable professional relationships are all welcome. You can see the featured speakers at the 2016 summit as well as the last year’s full program line-up here for your reference.

All presentation proposals should be submitted here by January 15, 2017.

Organizations or individuals can submit case studies and nominate an individual for SPLC’s Leadership Awards. The awards recognize organizations and one or more individuals that have demonstrated outstanding vision and leadership in sustainable purchasing.

All nominations for SPLC’s Leadership Awards should be submitted here by March 10, 2017.

For more information, please visit here.

[Awards] Winners of Procura+ Awards announced

The Procura+ Awards were announced at a ceremony in Malmö, Sweden on 1 December. The awards recognize the most outstanding procurement activities carried out in Europe in three categories. The award ceremony was held as part of the Sustainable City Development conference, an international event exploring how cities can work towards implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The City of Copenhagen (Denmark) won the category “Sustainable procurement of the year” for its procurement of healthy, sustainable, biodiverse and appetizing food. The city aims to ensure that 90 percent of all food procured by the municipality should be organic. Transport for London (UK) was awarded “Innovation procurement of the year” for its work in reducing the whole life-cycle cost associated with lighting the expansive London Underground network. Rijkswaterstaat (RWS), the body within the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment responsible for infrastructure facilities, was recognized in the category “Tender procedure of the year”. RWS used an innovative contract to procure the works and services necessary to widen the A6 motorway.

The Procura+ Awards are held as part of ICLEI Europe’s Procura+ Network, a movement of public authorities at the forefront of sustainable and innovation procurement in Europe.

For more information, please visit here.

[News] UNOPS received the gold level for Best Practice in Sustainable Procurement

UNOPS has received the gold level in the Sustainable Procurement Review two years in a row. One UNOPS project submitted for the latest award was about the distribution of solar-powered lanterns and mobile phone charging kits, as well as the setting up of solar streetlights and the installation of solar photovoltaic power systems and solar waste heaters in internally displaced persons camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. UNOPS is the only United Nations organization and one of only five organizations in the world to achieve this honour.

UNOPS is focused on driving sustainability further down its supply chain by sourcing locally and engaging small- and medium-sized businesses, as well as those owned by women. This effort is part of a pilot programme, launching in Jordan later this year, which will train participants on public procurement, and raise awareness about relevant and available procurement opportunities to smaller businesses and those owned by women and minorities.

UNOPS is a central resource for procurement within the United Nations. The organization buys more than $700 million worth of goods and services for partners every year, in support of peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects worldwide.

For more information, please visit here.

[Publication] Virtual Special Issue of the Journal of Cleaner Production on Sustainable Public Procurement Published Online

Virtual Special Issue of the Journal of Cleaner Production on Sustainable Public Procurement as a follow-up on the ReBus project is published. This virtual special issue collates 17 of papers focusing on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) and related concepts, such as Green Purchasing. Especially, in this special issue, the Journal of Cleaner Production over the last 15 years has been united.

The papers present examples from different regions including China, USA, the Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, Denmark, Scotland and Austria, and Spain. The papers cover a number of sectors such as ICT, manufacture and transportation industries, energy, construction industry, higher education institutions, chemicals, and food. The content of the papers ranges from the analysis of the procurement process; the links to concepts such as product-service systems, eco-design, and environmental management systems; supplier selection; the link between SPP and businesses; the effects of cultural and political framings of SPP; The barriers to change and drivers of collaboration between procurement process actors and the need for research on social cultural issues.

For more information, please visit here.

[Publication] New Procura+ Manual launched

The 3rd Edition of the Procura+ Manual was launched at the Procura+ Seminar in Rome in October 2016. This fully updated and revised edition of the Procura+ Manual aims to position sustainable procurement in the current economic, political and legal framework. As with previous editions, it acts as a central point of reference for public authorities and others wishing to understand and implement sustainable procurement.

The manual includes practical advice on how to integrate sustainability into procurement and a model for systematically implementing sustainable procurement – the Procura+ Management Cycle. The manual also explores the possibilities for sustainable and innovation procurement set out within the 2014 Directives, together with how can be applied in practice.

Key guidance is provided on sustainable procurement approaches for six high-priority product groups – construction, IT equipment, cleaning products, food, vehicles and electricity. Links and references throughout the text showcase good practice examples from around Europe, including many from participants of the Procura+ Network, more detailed information on the product groups covered and a variety of further implementation tools.

The Procura+ Manual is published by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and produced as part of the SPP Regions project.

For more information, please visit here.
About the 10YFP SPP partners

The 10YFP SPP Programme is implemented through an extensive network of more than 90 partners in over 40 countries, including governments, international organizations, NGOs, business and SPP experts and individual consultations, 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 of SPP. Partners of the 10YFP 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].

Please contact 10yfpspp@unep.org, should you wish to share your works related to SPP in the newsletter.

Focus on an SPP Partner: China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC)

China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC) is a third party certification organization approved by Certification and Accreditation Administration China (CNCA), and is the only organization authorized by Ministry of Environmental Protection to perform China Environmental Labelling certification. CEC integrates the theories and methods of Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA), the modern awareness of environmental management and the concept of clean production into environmental certification. Also, CEC has always committed to the sustainable development and actively contributed to national energy conservation, emission reduction and environmental protection. Over the years, our center has carried out a series of works in promoting the development of green public procurement in China.

As the leading organization CEC has promulgated GPP in China. China GPP has been initiated since 2006 when the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) jointly issued the “Opinions on the Implementation of Government Procurement of Environmental Labelling Products”, which required public procurement to give priority to procurer China Environmental Labelling products and was implemented in the form of a GPP list. CEC has been entrusted by MEP and MOF to undertake the preparation of the list.

Not only has promoted and implemented GPP policies, but CEC also engaged in several projects and activities to increase Chinese enterprises’ environmental awareness. CEC regularly holds GPP workshops and seminars to encourage enterprises and government departments to participate in green public procurement. CEC published and distributed green public procurement brochure for China Environmental Labelling products. Also, CEC has endeavored to establish a platform to network various stakeholders by constructing China Green Procurement Network and developing green product database etc.

In order to introduce the advanced international experience on sustainable public production to China, CEC, as the Chinese implementing organization of SPP 10YFP project, introduces China GPP to the international community and actively participates in international cooperation and related projects. CEC participated in the work of MAC and all working groups; has done the research “How Green Public Procurement contributes to Sustainable Development in China” in cooperation with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); and co-hosted the “Eco Forum Global Annual Conference Guiyang 2015 – Green Public Procurement Sub-Forum” with ICLEI.

Currently, CEC is participating in the SPP 10YFP and Asia-Pacific GPPEL projects which are launched by the UN Environment. In the following December, CEC will co-host the GPPEL project training workshop with the UN Environment in Beijing. Besides, CEC is responsible for the ongoing research on China GPP environmental performance.

For more information on the 10YFP SPP Programme, visit our website here: [SPP]

For more information on the lead and co-leads of the programme, please visit the websites:

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