



# SPP Networks, A UNEP perspective, Challenges and lessons learned

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handle with care



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# 10 YFP SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

Accelerate the uptake and implementation of SPP at local, national, regional  
and global level.



*Former Co-leads:*



**133** Partner Organizations  
and individual Experts  
in more than **40** countries  
around the globe



# From the Marrakech Task Force to the 10YFP SPP

Launch of the Swiss-led Marrakech Task Force on SPP



2005 to 2011



SPP Initiative

Rio +20,  
18 June 2012



The Sustainable Public Procurement Initiative (SPPI) officially becomes the 10YFP SPP Programme



New York,  
1 April 2014



- SDGs and Post-2015

# Official Launch of the 10YFP SPP Programme

The Sustainable Public Procurement Initiative (SPPI) officially became the 10YFP SPP Programme on **April 1st 2014** at an event in New York.



# Activities/ portfolio

140 resources in the Knowledge Hub.

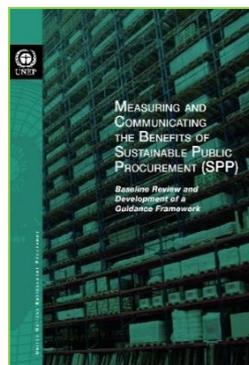
60 affiliated initiatives on SPP

25 Webinars available on the YouTube channel of the One Planet Network

## Selected Outputs



Factsheets on  
SPP in  
national  
governments  
2017



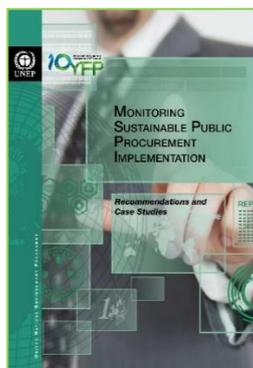
Monitoring SPP  
Implementation,  
2016

## Mailing List



Recipients:

- English: 2500
- French&Spanish: 450
- Russian: 200



Measuring &  
communicating  
benefits of SPP,  
2015



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## Working together to accelerate the shift to SPP

### Objectives

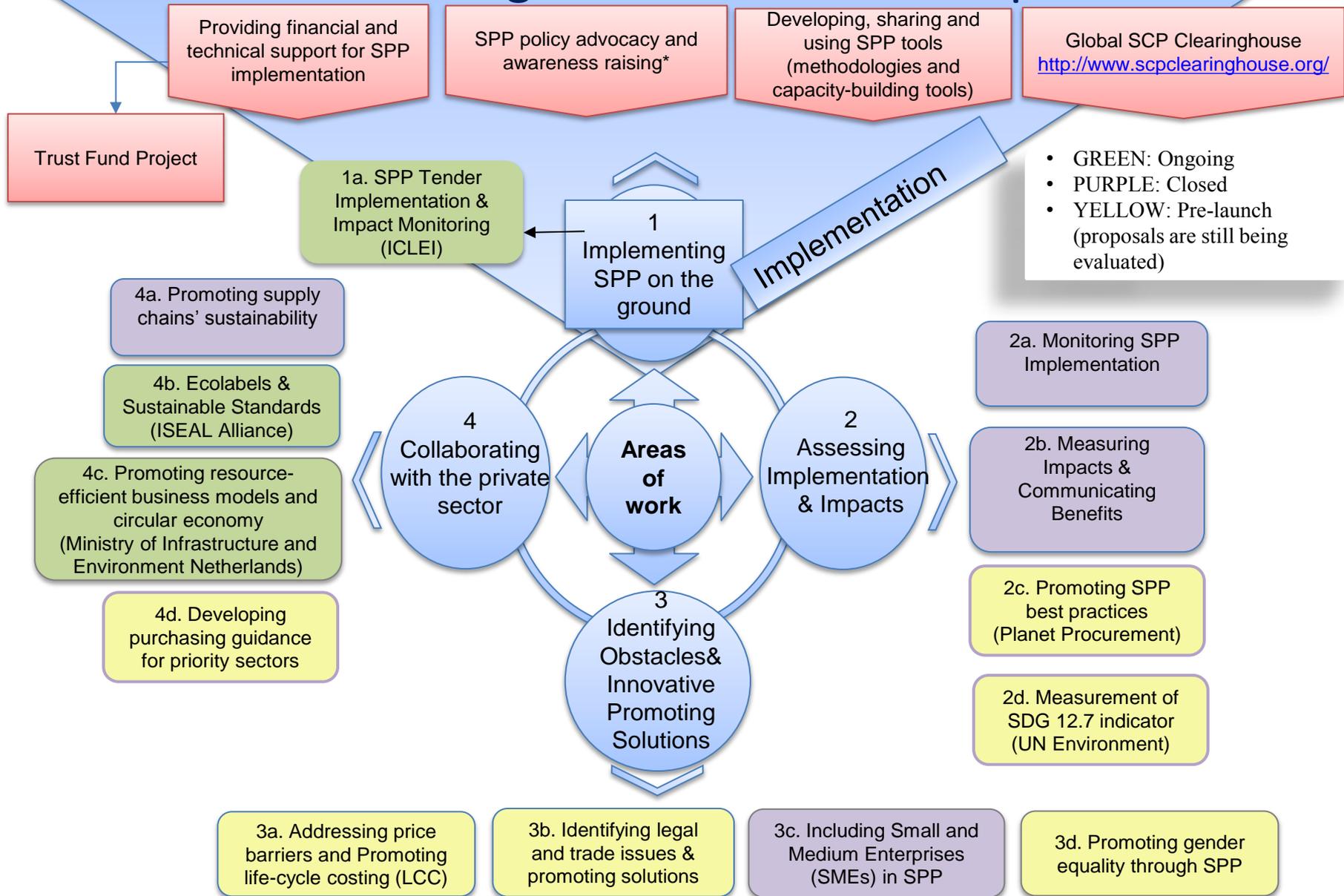
1. **Build the case** for SPP:
  - improve knowledge on SPP and its effectiveness as a tool to promote greener economies and sustainable development;
2. Support the **implementation of SPP** on the ground:
  - Better access to capacity building resources and improved coordination between SPP stakeholders.

# Governance structure: MAC 2017–2019



1	Danish Institute for Human Rights	Denmark
2	Eco Mark Office of the Japan Environment Association	Japan
3	Environmental Development Center of Ministry of Environmental Protection (EDC), China	China
4	European Commission	Europe
5	Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety	Germany
6	Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Global
7	Good Environmental Choice Australia	Australia
8	Green Electronics Council	USA
9	ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability	Global
10	Indian Railways	India
11	Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan-Lebanon	Lebanon
12	International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)	Global
13	ITC-ILO (Int. Training Center of the ILO)	Global
14	Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute	South Korea
15	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands	Netherlands
16	National Cleaner Production Centre Colombia	Colombia
17	Sextante LTDA	Brazil
18	SKL Kommentus	Sweden
19	Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC)	USA
20	United Nations Environment Programme	Global
21	United States General Services Administration	USA
22	West Africa Economic and Monetary Union	Africa

# Revised One Planet Programme biennial work plan 2016-2017



Knowledge management, outreach and communication, cross-cutting research activities:  
 Global Review on SPP, Global SCP Clearinghouse, websites and social networks, webinars, SPP Academic Network



# 1: An effective implementation mechanism for Goal 12 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Monitor the shift to SPP to identify emerging trends and key challenges



## 3: Lead the cohesive implementation of sustainable consumption and production

Be an authoritative voice on the progress on SPP



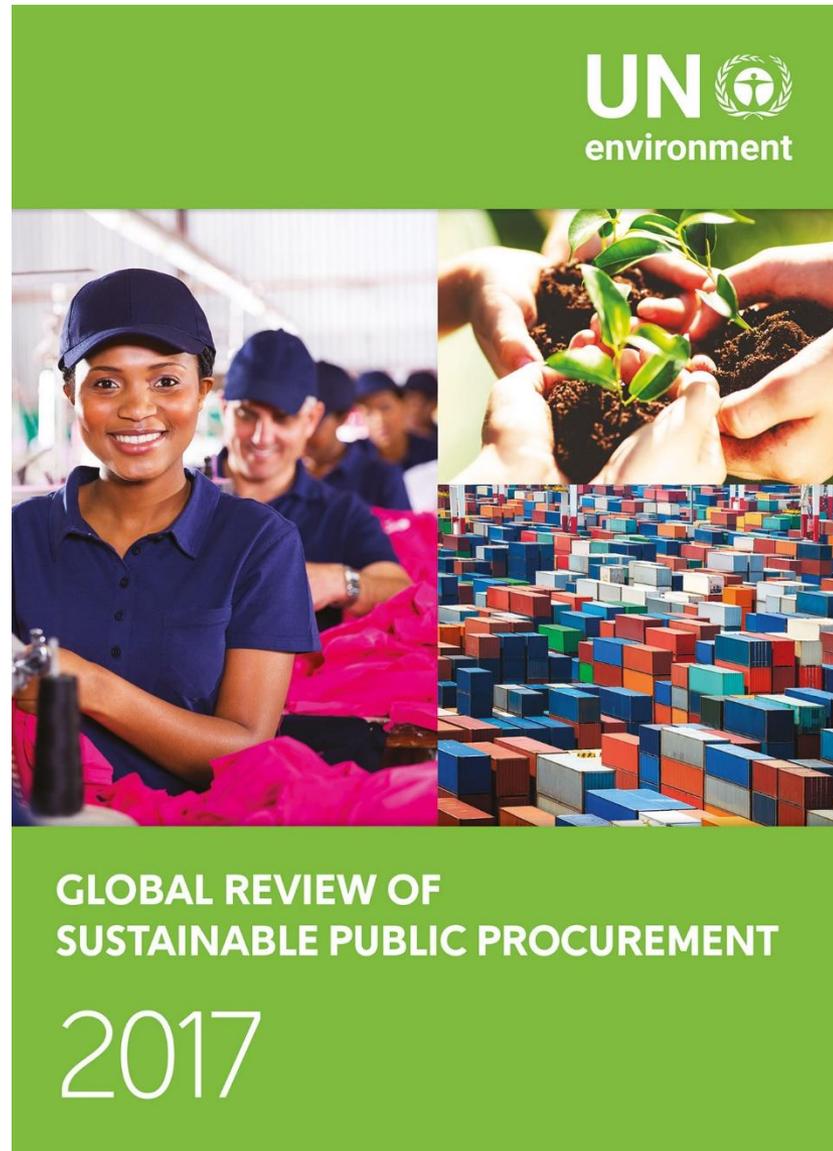
# 2013 Global SPP Review

A global report  
periodically  
reviewing the  
implementation of SPP



# 2017 Global SPP Review

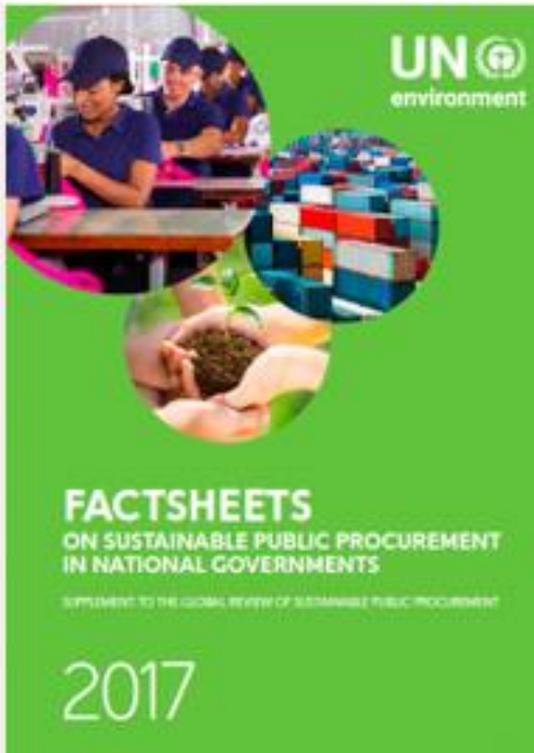
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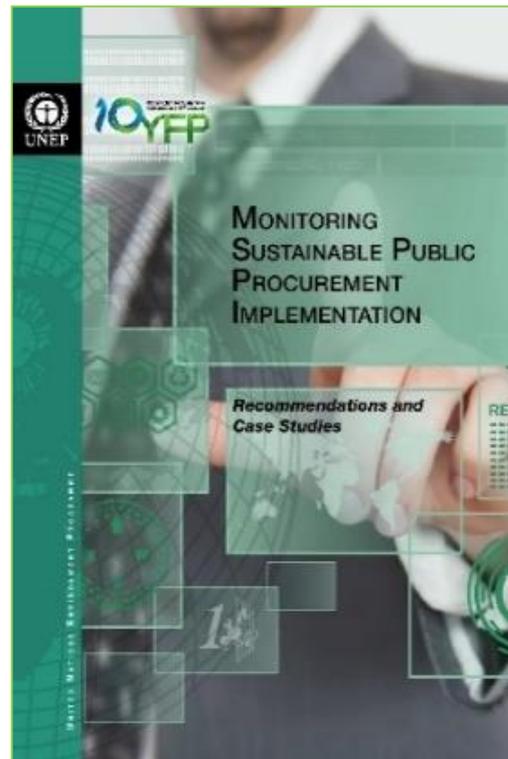
<http://www.scpclearinghouse.org/resource/2017-global-review-sustainable-public-procurement>

# One Planet SPP Programme **outputs** include:

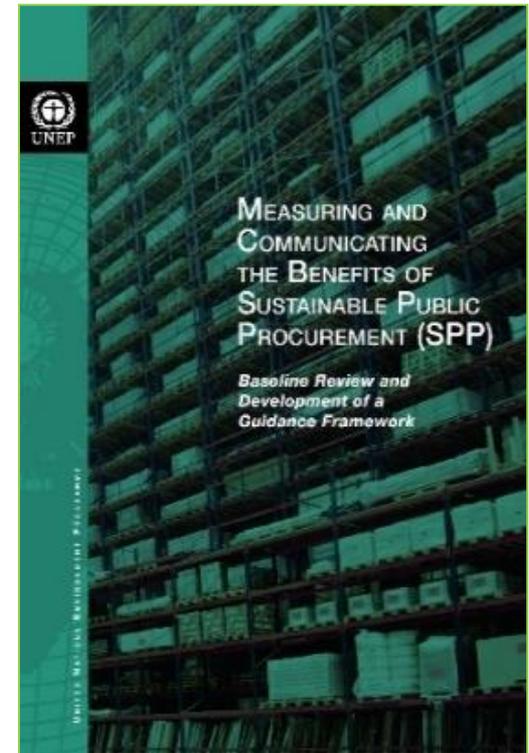
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Factsheets on SPP in national governments 2017



Measuring & communicating benefits of SPP, 2015



Monitoring SPP Implementation, 2016

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# Align SPP policies with the 2030 development agenda



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## SDG 12

- **Goal 12:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- **Target 12.7:** Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable in accordance with national policies and priorities
- **Indicator 12.7.1** Number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans



# 1: An effective implementation mechanism for Goal 12 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Support implementation of national policies on SPP

Through projects that are in the portfolio of the 10YFP SPP Programme (ICLEI, IISD, UN Environment, KEITI)

# Assisting 16 governments in SPP Implementation with the support of the EU (2013-2017)



# Challenges!

Better coordination between support organizations, harmonization and improvement of approaches, reporting on results.

Ensure coordination of country-level implementation of SCP initiatives



## 2: Catalyse ambitious action by providing tools and solutions for the shift to sustainable consumption and production

- Organise & disseminate knowledge and tools

# SPP Knowledge Hub: SCP Clearinghouse

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ABOUT

10YFP

DATABASES

CONNECTIONS



My SCP



[www.scpclearinghouse.org](http://www.scpclearinghouse.org)



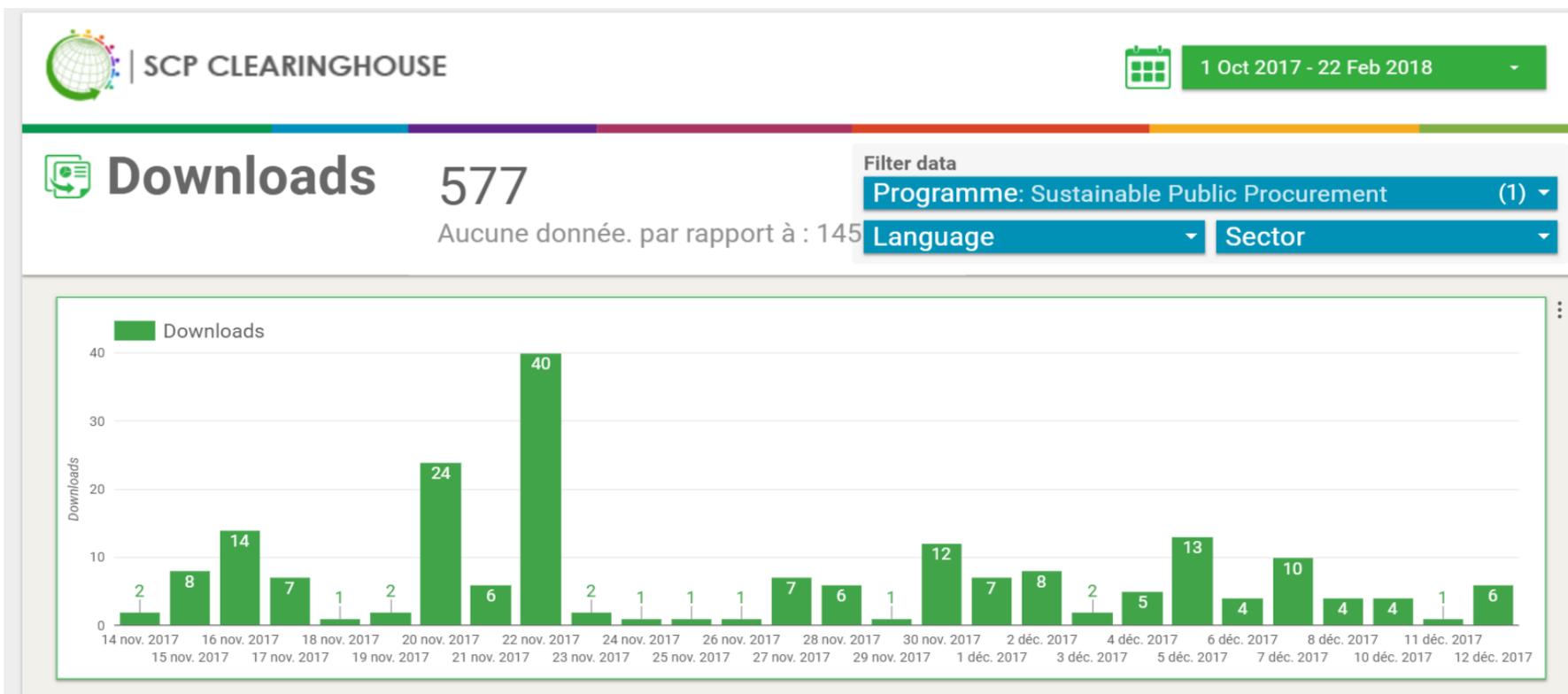
Sustainable Public Procurement

## Portfolio of work

- 114 resources in the [Knowledge Hub](#).
- 38 [initiatives](#) on SPP
- 34 news pieces
- 37 SPP events on the Clearinghouse calendar.
- [http://www.scpclearinghouse.org/knowledge-hub?f\[0\]=sm field 10yfp programmes%3Anode%3A20](http://www.scpclearinghouse.org/knowledge-hub?f[0]=sm%20field%2010yfp%20programmes%3Anode%3A20)

# Downloading of SPP resources from the SCP Clearinghouse

577 resources were downloaded only between October 2017 and February 2018



# 25 Webinars available in the YouTube channel of the One Planet Network

The screenshot displays the YouTube channel page for 'One Planet network'. The channel has 123 subscribers and is currently showing a list of videos under the 'VIDÉOS' tab. The videos listed are:

- Global food waste webinar 09 04 2018**: 273 vues • il y a 1 mois. Duration: 1:33:10.
- Sustainable Business Models on Circularity in the Built...**: 292 vues • il y a 2 mois. Duration: 1:06:33.
- Consumo y la Producción Sostenibles (CPS) Film...**: 11 vues • il y a 2 mois. Duration: 10:20.
- Residuos de Alimentos (Colombia)**: 21 vues • il y a 2 mois. Duration: 2:24.

The interface includes a search bar with the text '10YFP un environment', a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Accueil', 'Tendances', and 'Abonnements', and a top banner featuring a globe image and a 'Visit the One Planet platform' button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 2:55 PM on 5/30/2018.

- Presenting the 2017 Global Review of Sustainable Public Procurement, 21 April 2017
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWlQ2iSqJMU>
- Sustainable procurement in the ICT sector, 31 mars 2017
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxHluyBzfhU>
- Linkages between public procurement, deforestation, and sustainability standards, organized by ISEAL alliance in the framework of Working group 4B2 on 23 February 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbemz-PNihg&t=18s>
- European Union Green Public Procurement Policy and Ecolabel (Asia-Pacific GPPEL Training Workshop, December 2016), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49N810V-aLA>
- Fourth webinar of the Asia-Pacific GPPEL Network: "GIZ activities and presentation of the new Comparative Study and Compendium of Case Studies on GPP and eco-labelling in Asia-Pacific (December 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- "Sustainable Public Procurement and the Circular Economy" (February 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- How to successfully implement a sustainable procurement programme (November 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- Human Rights and Public Procurement Emerging good practices and lessons learned from 6 SPP programmes (October 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- "Presenting 20 years of Sustainable Procurement at ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability" (September 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- Third webinar of the Asia-Pacific GPPEL Network: "Linkages between GPP and Ecolabelling" (July 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- Second webinar of the working group 3c by CEGESTI (August 2016)
- Webinar of the working group 4b2: "New Tools and Guidance for Sustainable Procurers" (June 2016) <https://vimeo.com/172582373> Password: SPPtools
- First webinar of the working group 3c by CEGESTI (May 2016)
- Recording of the 10YFP SPP side-event at COP21 (January 2016) [[Recording](#)]
- 10YFP SPP side event at the COP21, December 2015
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpIJ38wVUKo>
- Presenting the activities of 3 Asian partners of the 10YFP SPP programme, 9 December 2015
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qkhXfda92g>
- Measuring Impacts & Communicating Benefits of SPP, 9 September 2015
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykNaj0i5SJ8>
- Asia Pacific GPP EL Network 2nd webinar, 26 August 2015
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0vKj7EHjUk>
- Dealing with Sustainability Claims in Public Procurement - 10YFP SPP Programme Working Group 4B. 3 August 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrmJWZJ97Js&t=12s>
- Dealing with Sustainability Claims in Public Procurement, ISEAL Alliance Working group 4b2 (20 July 2015) <https://vimeo.com/135232635> Password: sppclaims
- Green Public Procurement experience of Sweden and GPP-related activities of the Swedish EPA
  - June 30, 2015 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_78hAHVZStg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_78hAHVZStg)
- 10YFP SPP Webinar: US EPA's Draft Guidelines for Environmental Performance Standards & Ecolabels (12 December 2014), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M00M1bH\\_hU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M00M1bH_hU)
- Presenting the OECD's and UNEP's 2C Compendium of Best Practices in GPP (4 November 2014)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh15W6T6ky8&t=2s>
- SPLC and their Work on Sustainable Purchasing and Ecolabels 25 August 2014)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgZblaYOSsY>
- Introduction to Indian Railways and Their Work on SPP (10 September 2014)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G9JJ5NOIbc>



## 2: Catalyse ambitious action by providing tools and solutions for the shift to sustainable consumption and production

- Foster the application of knowledge and tools
- Provide technical assistance & training

Through the projects of the partners included in the portfolio.

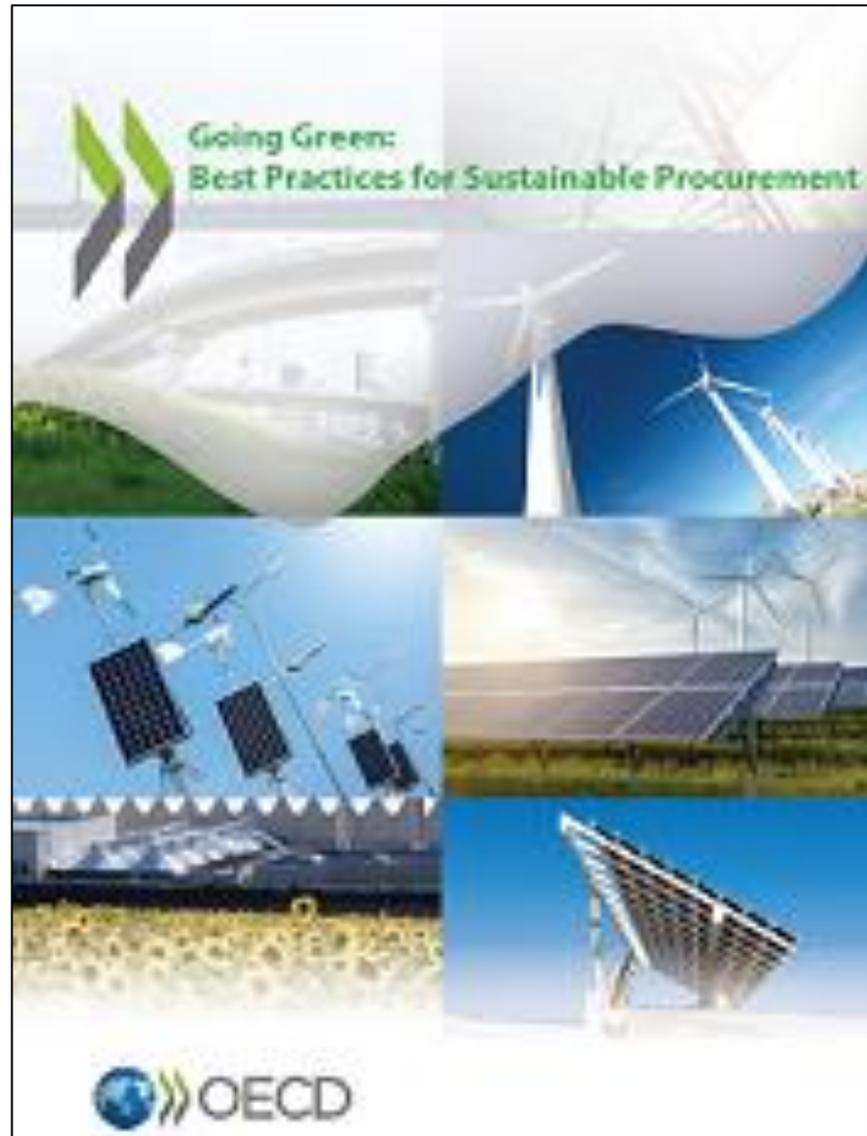
- **UN Environment SPP projects:** over 30 trainings of 1500 trainees on SPP (2013–2107)
- **Rijkswaterstaat:** World Circular Economy Forum 2017 in Helsinki, June 2017, working group 4c hosted a discussion on circular public procurement. Training of 320 policy and procurement practitioners on the integration of resource efficient business models and circular economy principles into SPP.



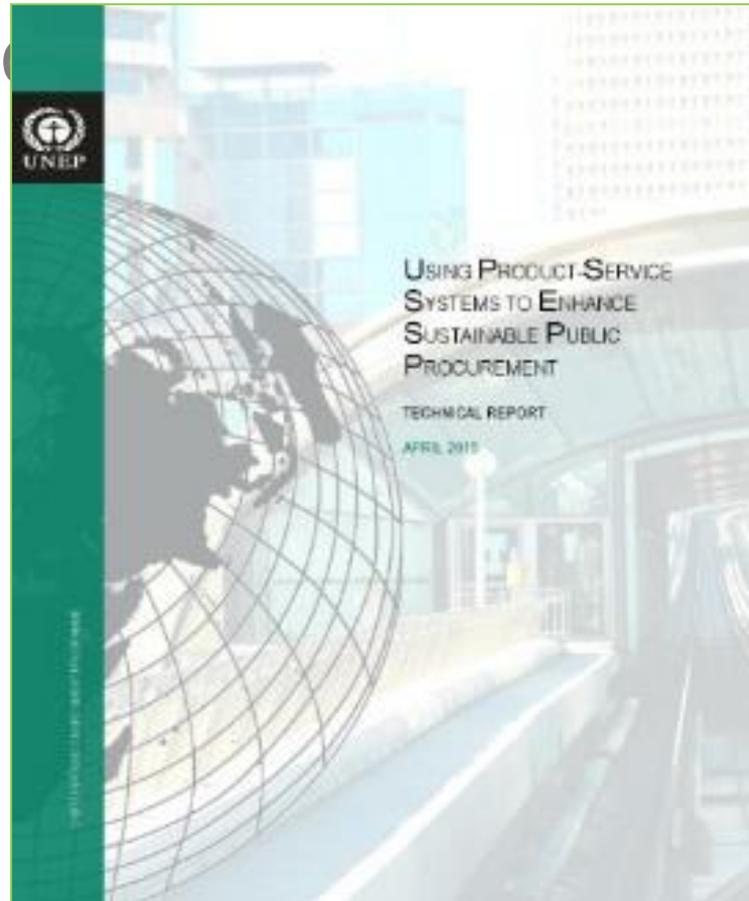
Rijkswaterstaat  
Ministry of Infrastructure and the  
Environment

Identify &  
promote  
successful  
practices

WG3C –  
2013



Co-create solutions and  
strategic pro



**Using product service  
systems to enhance  
sustainable procurement,  
2015**



# Working Group 4c "Promoting Resource Efficient Business Models and Circular Economy"

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Mervyn Jones - Sustainable Global Resources, UK





### 3: Lead the cohesive implementation of sustainable consumption and production

- Advocate for joint key message on SCP
- Influence national and international action
- Mobilize political support and commitments

The Seoul Declaration on Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement, 2015

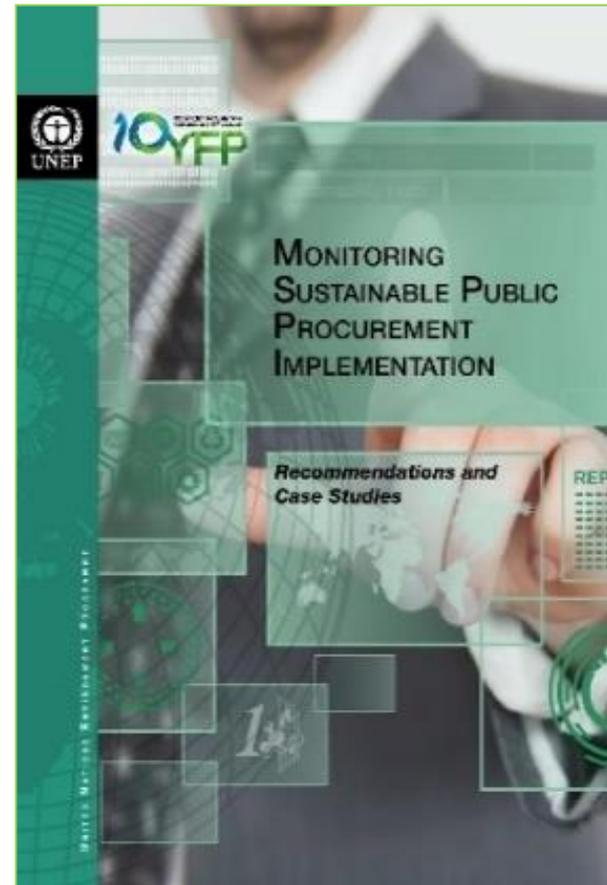
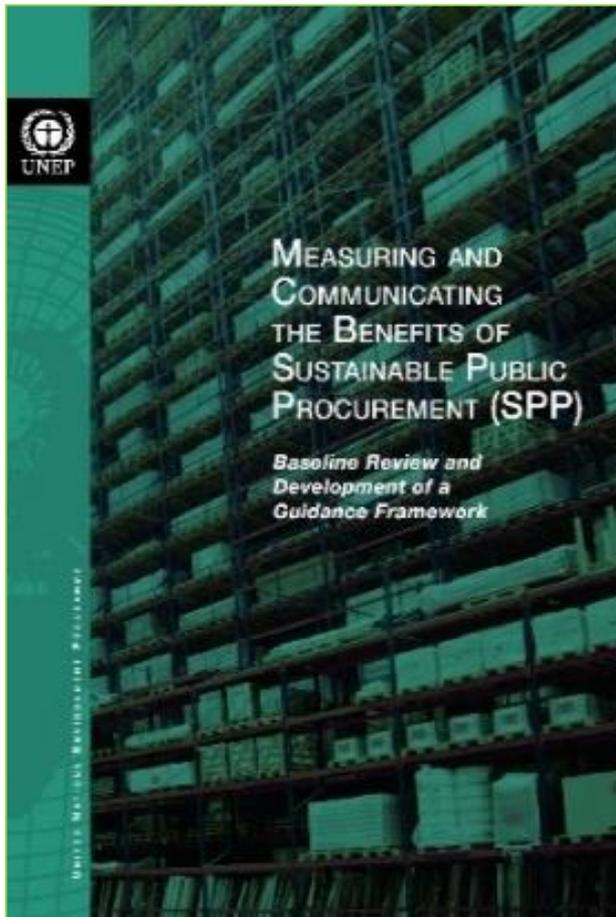


**PARIS2015**  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE  
COP21•CMP11



## 4: Demonstrate the impacts of sustainable consumption and production

- Promote long-term benefits/impacts of SCP
- Collect available data or estimation on SCP impact



# Measurement of the Environmental and Economic Benefits of the Korea GPP Policy

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- Study underway in collaboration with the Korean Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (December 2018).
- Benchmarking of countries and major cities efforts in the field of SP impact measurement



# “Strengthening the capacities and improving the knowledge on GPP and ecolabelling in the Asia Pacific region”

(2013-2016)

Funded by China and the Republic of Korea

Project partners:

- Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection, Environmental Development Centre (MEP)
- Korean Environmental Institute (KEITI)
- International Green Purchasing Network (Japan based Secretariat and branches in Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand)
- Japan Green Purchasing Network (GPN)



中华人民共和国  
环境保护部  
Ministry of Environmental Protection  
The People's Republic of China

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# Asia Pacific GPPEL – Achievements

- A. **Creation of an Asia Pacific Network** of SPP and Ecolabelling experts and policy makers and organization
  - Network assembled, meetings held in Seoul (2013), Bangkok and Beijing (2014)
  
- B. **Development of Asia Pacific case studies and benchmarking study on GPP and ecolabelling implementation**
  - 7 case studies developed (China, S. Korea, Japan, Thailand)
  - Comparative study of GPP and eco-labelling in East Asia (Thailand, China, Republic of Korea, Japan).
  
- C. **Sharing GPP and ecolabelling knowledge through a regional capacity building scheme**
  - SPP Trainings held in Seoul (2013), Kuala Lumpur, October 2015 and Beijing in December 2016
  - Knowledge sharing at meetings and through webinars



**High-Level Training Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 15-17 December 2015**



**Asia-Pacific GPPEL Training workshop in Beijing, China, 15-17 December 2016**

# Lessons learned

The Asia Pacific GPPEL Network should work on **engaging key stakeholders** such as major cities and provinces, multilateral banks such as the Asian Development Bank and representatives from civil society.

# Lessons learned (2)

- In parallel to the regional Asia Pacific GPPEL network, it is important to foresee the creation of **multistakeholder national GPP and eco-labelling networks** that will notably facilitate the collaboration between national and local levels on the one hand and procurement vs sustainability representatives on the other hand (eco-labelling, ministries of environment and social affairs). The networks would tie in with the regional network and should also include representatives from major groups (private sector, NGOs, Multilateral development banks, media).

# Lessons learned (3)

- The Regional and National networks should incorporate in their work plan the contribution that SPP and eco-labelling could make to **climate change and SDG implementation**.
- A broad dialogue and cooperation is needed at regional level to ensure the development of **common core criteria for sustainability standards** as well as to support to the most credible and effective standards.

# Lessons learned (4)

- **Capacity building** should be encouraged and supported at regional level. Proposals include the **development of GPP and Eco-labelling training materials** to be customized to national and local needs as well as a procurer certifying scheme on sustainable purchasing.
- It was also suggested to use the Asia Pacific Network to **reward the efforts** of the best performing and progressing countries on GPP and eco-labelling.

# Lessons learned (5)

- **Collaboration with the private sector needs to be enhanced**, in particular with the aim of greening and making value chains more sustainable. Close interaction with industry associations to **develop procurement guidelines** and discuss potential sustainability improvements was highlighted as a potentially rewarding approach.
- The support to Asia Pacific countries to help them **move from GPP to SPP** and develop social procurement criteria was also highlighted.

# Why joining the SPP Programme?

- Access a broad network of organizations and individuals working together to foster SPP implementation;
- Share knowledge and expertise with partners and learn from them;
- Participate in group activities addressing specific aspects of SPP implementation

# African proverb

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If you want to go fast, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go together





THANK YOU

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