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**One Planet
Network
in the Official
Programme of
UNEA 5.2**

The resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) takes place online and in Nairobi on 28 February-2 March 2022.

The One Planet network was pleased to be participating in a number of events to bring issues around sustainable consumption and production to the center of attention of the participating Member States and other stakeholders.

On March 1st, the One Planet network was organizing a high-level event entitled The One Planet Network is Changing How We Think, Act and Inspire Sustainable Consumption and Production.

This event presented the highlights and achievements of the One Planet Network through the eyes of its stakeholder community, and presented two angles of how One Planet network can approach our consumption and production patterns - leaving no one behind and showcase game changing solutions. There were also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions to the distinguished panel.

On March 2nd, the World Economic Forum and Sweden were organizing - in cooperation with the One Planet network - Towards Stockholm+50: Transforming Global Value Chains for a Healthy Planet and Prosperity for All.

The purpose of this event was to present Stockholm+50 as an opportunity for bold choices and urgent action, and to raise awareness on the importance of shaping global value chains in a way which benefits planet and people.

What kinds of innovative value chain models are already being used? Which kind of leadership is required to drive real change? A diverse group of stakeholders representing business, civil society, and governments will take a deep dive to try and answer these questions and more.

More information about the event can be found [here](#).

(Note: Contents are from [the One Planet network website](#))





**One Planet Network Held Global Strategy on
SCP & SDG12 Consultative Meeting in Built
Environment and Sustainable Food System**

2022 is a key transition year for the UN Framework for Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) and its One Planet Network (OPN). The Second Committee of the UN General Assembly approved the extension of the 10YFP mandate, which confirms the need for an ambitious post-2022 Global Strategy for SDG 12 and SCP. Developing a new strategy will enable the One Planet Network to join hands with other actors, alliances and partnerships working on the transition to a more sustainable, low carbon, inclusive and circular economy, to more rapidly achieve the scale of the economic transformation required.

These consultations are parts of the “scoping phase” of the strategy roadmap, which was elaborated in close consultation with Member States and partners and aims at identifying priority areas and actions that can shift the needle in high-impact systems/sectors and where the strategy and the One Planet Network can have strong added value.

UN Framework for SCP & One Planet Network in a post-2022 landscape will be value added, which being with a strong governance, mandate legitimacy and convening power, political leadership; a common platform for initiatives and solutions; a multistakeholder approach to address the triple planetary crisis; knowledge centre offering resources and tools across sectors & policies tested with proven impact; monitoring system and platform on SDG 12 & SCP open to all contributing programmes/initiatives/platforms; leveraging the UN Development reform to support implementation in countries. The new global strategy will target at target at a more inclusive One Planet Network of tomorrow anchoring a global movement through “Pillar 1, leaving no one behind: supporting countries for SDG12/SCP integration and implementation through joint delivery, leveraging on the UN Development Reform” and “Pillar 2, systemic & catalytic transformation in high-impact sectors: promoting transformative outcomes”.

This new strategy was scheduled to be submitted to the One Planet Network Board members by the end of this June, expected to be announced at high-level meetings including the Stockholm +50, High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the UN General Assembly respectively from this July to September.

(Note: Contents are from the webinar held by the One Planet Network Secretariat)

Driving Sustainability through Public Procurement of Infrastructure

The world needs approximately \$94 trillion in infrastructure investment by 2040 to meet sustainable development needs, but if this investment follows a “business-as-usual” approach, we risk locking in damaging patterns of economic activity that will last for decades. It is therefore imperative that sustainability considerations are embedded across the entire infrastructure life cycle to minimize negative impacts on people and the planet. The procurement phase influences the infrastructure life cycle throughout and presents a critical opportunity to embed sustainability considerations into—and throughout—infrastructure development. Despite being essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, infrastructure development can often undermine them if not implemented correctly.

The public sector is the primary sponsor of most infrastructure projects and it accounts for the majority of global infrastructure investment. Sustainable public procurement (SPP) therefore plays a significant role in improving the sustainability of infrastructure investment.

At the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in March 2019, Member States called upon UNEP to help facilitate coordinated efforts in all regions to promote the development of sustainable infrastructure as a means of ensuring sustainable consumption and production. Member States were invited to develop and implement sustainable development policies that promote resource efficiency and resilience and were encouraged to promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.

In the policy brief “Driving sustainability through public procurement of infrastructure” policy makers, procurement managers and stakeholders find an introduction to the importance of sustainable public infrastructure procurement, as well as nine key messages that summarize the most important tasks to focus on to realize the full potential of sustainable infrastructure developments.

The policy brief was developed by **the Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership (SIP)** and **the Interest Group on SPP in Construction/Infrastructure of the UNEP One Planet Network** as part of shared efforts to scale up the transition towards sustainable procurement of infrastructure.

(Note: Contents are from the [One Planet network website](#))



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all the United Nations Member States in 2015, seeks to build on the Millennium Development Goals, recognizing the determination of Member states to “take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path”. It includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets, among which Goal 12 specifically addresses the need to “Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns” through eleven different targets, one of which-target 12.7-aims to “Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.” Indicator 12.7.1-officially designated as the “Number of countries implementing Sustainable Public Procurement policies and action plans” – has been specifically set to measure the achievement towards this target.

As custodian of SDG 12.7.1 indicator, UNEP collects contributions and data from national and sub-national governments on the results of their SPP policy implementation. Between October 2020 and February 2021, 40 national or federal governments and 39 subnational governments submitted reports for the first data collection exercise. A global Report compiling the national [reports](#) has just been released by UNEP during a [webinar](#) dedicated to the outcome of the first data collection exercise.

The second reporting exercise will be conducted in [the fall of 2022](#), and will be collected every two year regularly.

(**Note:** Contents are from [One Planet Network SPP Program](#))



Sustainable Public Procurement Plastics Guidance

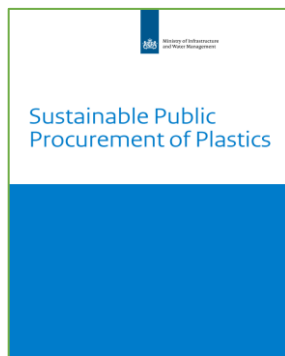
In 2020 the UN One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) programme committed to underpin this high-level guidance with more detailed and practical guidance for procurers on how to address the plastics issue through public procurement

[The guide](#) is aimed at procurement practitioners responsible for embedding and implementing policies to reduce the impact of problematic and unnecessary plastic through their procurement activities. This covers the development and implementation of approaches for identifying where single use plastics occur within procurement spend areas and actions around tendering to help reduce the level of plastics and their impacts within public sector procurement.

The guidance may also be of use for policymakers in understanding the role sustainable public procurement can play in mitigating single use plastic and contributing towards the delivery of a more circular economy and sustainable consumption and production through the closure of plastic materials loops.

The coordination and delivery of this work was led by Rijkswaterstaat (SPP co-lead).

(**Note:** *Contents are from [One Planet Network website](#)*)



GPN Published Best Practices of Sustainable Procurement for Achieving SDGs



On December 15, 2021, the Green Purchasing Network, Japan (GPN) held the 22nd Green Purchasing Awards ceremony. This award recognizes sustainable procurement initiatives and practices that have contributed to the expansion of the green market and to the achievement of the SDGs.

The Grand Prize and the Minister of the Environment Award went to KIMIKA Corporation which is the first ever company in Japan to succeed in the industrial manufacturing of alginate from seaweed. The company has continuously and stably purchased washed-up seaweed in the coast of Chile from the local fishermen since 1980s, and this initiative has achieved controlling over-catching of seaweed for speculation and eliminating poverty in the fishermen. The seaweed is naturally dried in the coastal desert, and the residue after extracting alginate is used as fertilizer. KIMICA's unique initiative based on the vision with consideration of sustainability and circularity has a positive impact on global supply chain, and its long-term success is highly notable as a business model.

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The Nippon Good Parts (NGP) Group, a business cooperative association of recycling automobiles, received the Grand Prize and the Minister of the Award of Economy, Trade and Industry Award. The NGP Group takes over used automobiles and reuses usable parts. They have addressed resource circulation and waste reduction through separating and recycling the remaining parts by both machine and manual work. In a joint research project with an academic institution, they have calculated the CO2 reduction effect when the reused parts are used to repair automobiles instead of new parts. The result has been shared via their trading system for parts inventory so that association members can put the information in their invoices and quotations to inform their customers about the volume of CO2 reduction by the use of reused parts.

Fuji Oil Holdings won the Grand Prize and the Minister of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Award. The company has been addressing environmental and human rights issues in supply chain through sustainable procurement of main raw materials in cooperation with stakeholders. Particularly with regard to palm oil, the company published the Fuji Oil Group's Responsible Palm Oil Sourcing Policy in 2016 and committed to procure palm oil with no deforestation of high conservation value or high carbon stock areas, no new development on peat lands, and no exploitation of indigenous peoples, communities, and workers. Fuji Oil Holdings has been building sustainable supply chain of palm oil while considering both conservation of ecosystem and protection of workers' rights and economic efficiency through grievance mechanism, improvement of work environment, and introduction of satellite monitoring system.

GPN expects that these initiatives and practices stimulate other organizations to implement sustainable procurement.

For more information, please visit the GPN website (in Japanese).

<https://www.gpn.jp/info/gpn/3b1b70da-6536-4e0d-a920-72617efe3235>



Tencent First Carbon Neutrality Game Online



Tencent officially presented on-line carbon neutrality game “TanTan Dao (carbon island)” on January 17, 2022 in order to guide and encourage players understanding the practical path to “carbon peak and carbon neutrality targets”; and popularize knowledge about energy saving & emission reduction, low carbon lifestyle, carbon sink and carbon fixation. With the help of digital technology, it is a new mode that popularizes and promotes the concept of “carbon neutrality” by means of lively and interesting electronic games. In its design, TanTan Dao simulates the “carbon park” and “carbon neutrality” processes in real world. Game players could experience the whole process from civil engineering, economic benefit first, industrial upgrading and finally to sustainable development.

At the request of Tencent, CEC provided technical guidance for this game. With professional knowledge and perspective, CEC has deeply participated in the scenarios design, data guidance and content audit of the game in order to ensure scientific rigor, comprehensiveness and effectiveness of carbon neutrality knowledge of the game.”

<http://www.mepcec.com/xwzx/gsxw/2022/7747.shtml>

KGPN is in Charge of Operating the Seoul Green Purchase Support Center



Signboard-hanging ceremony for Seoul Green Purchasing Center

On November 4, 2021: Seoul Green Purchase Center (SGPSC) was established by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and the Seoul Metropolitan Government and is currently operated by Korea Green Purchasing Network (KGPN). According to the Act on the Promotion of Purchase of Green Products, the SGPSC was founded with the aim of constructing a supportive system in the entire process of production, distribution, and consumption of green products in line with environmentally conscious trends in South Korea.

Establishing regional Green Purchase Support Centers has been one of the Ministry of Environment's major policy projects aimed at addressing major environmental issues for the promotion of green consumption both in the public and private sector. Before the opening in Seoul, there were 9 Green Purchase Support Centers in South Korea. All regional Green Purchase Support Centers share executive functions and values as follows: fostering of environmentally friendly consumers, promoting conscious consumerism, supporting the production process of green products, revitalizing green product distribution.



Picture of the participants in the opening ceremony of the SGPSC



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The SGPSC set its mission to support ‘緣turn (Nocturne)’ which refers to a change in the previous market-oriented performance, in other words, societal shifting in the direction of sustainable society. Nocturne has significance for the dissemination of green purchase in that it is a ‘green coding’ movement across the society which is to have minimal environmental impact in daily life by resetting production and distribution of goods as well as consumption patterns. The SGPSC will be a milestone for Nocturne in everyday life.

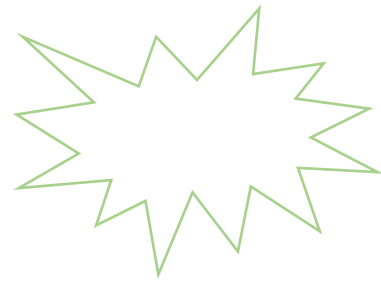
To give shape to our mission, environmental education in each sector for instance schools, civil society and academia was discussed in the Nocturne Forum on March 24, 2022. Furthermore, the green products exhibition named Nocturne Jeon was held in Seoul Upcycling Plaza for publicity purposes and to improve consumer awareness of green products.

The establishment of the SGPSC not only represents an environmental commitment of the Seoul Metropolitan Government through increasing green public procurement but also its environmental ambition towards a greener resident lifestyle and greener production as well as distribution in the business sector. The KGPN ultimately expects that the establishment of SGPSC will bring a new wave of green purchases in the Korean society at large.

More information can be found on the official [Seoul Green Purchase Support Center blog](#) (in Korean).



Green products exhibition
'Nocturne Jeon'

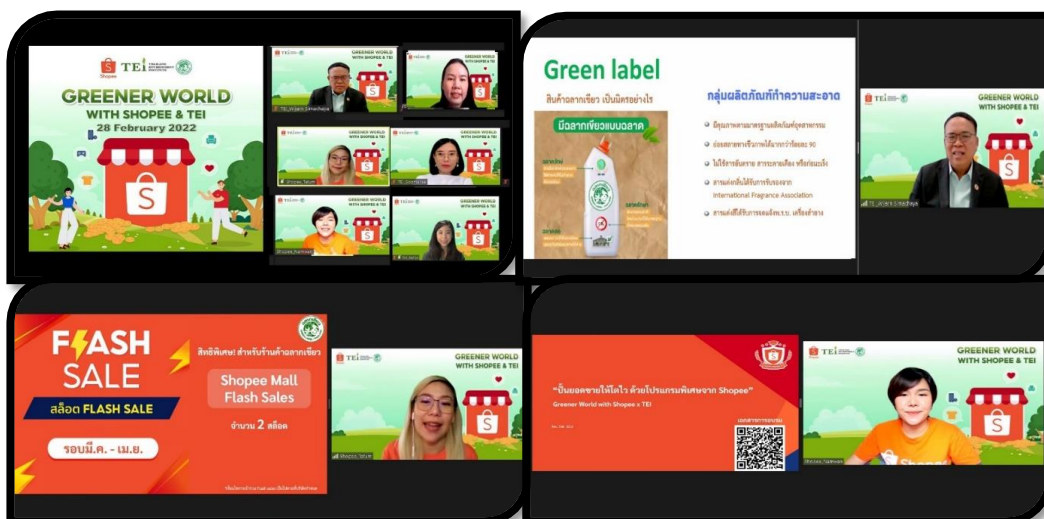


Green Label Certificate Honor Award Ceremony

December 17, 2021: The Green Label certificate and other Ecolabels certificate honor Award Ceremony to the manufacturers and services around 150 companies for congratulation and thanks for the supporting of environmentally friendly production and services by giving award plaque to companies that have got certified both Green Label and Carbon Reduction Label, companies that have received a Green Label certification more than 15 years. Moreover, the Renewable Energy Carbon certificate, Carbon reduction for building award plaque, Carbon Reduction certificate, and Green Label certificate have been awarded to the certified companies during 2020/2021.

http://www.tei.or.th/th/area_activities_detail.php?area_id=3&event_id=1534

http://www.tei.or.th/th/area_activities_detail.php?area_id=3&event_id=1608





Signing Ceremony for a MOU Promoting Environmentally Friendly Products and Services

March 22, 2022: Signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) promoting environmentally friendly products and services between Pollution Control Department (PCD) and Thailand Environment Institute (TEI). The PCD is working to achieve a green economy in accordance with the operating policy of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The two agencies have a common intention to develop a list of environmentally friendly products and services and other actions related to drive the promotion effective GPP operation. The signing of this cooperation is another step in driving sustainable production and consumption and encourage the government, the private sector and the public general to pay attention and change their perception and behavior into sustainable consumption and production which is one of the SDG goals. By using Green label as a tool because Green label is an important part that support PCD in the green procurement criteria and companies list. Green label certified product is around 40% of total registered to Green cart registration for government in Green Public Procurement (GPP) process. This MOU represents a shared commitment to integration work on promoting the procurement of environmentally friendly products and services by the government sector.

http://www.tei.or.th/th/highlight_detail.php?event_id=1664



Training Webinar for Sustainable Packaging

The Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, INC. (PCEPSDI), through its Sustainable Packaging Towards Marine Litter Reduction Project, held a Training Webinar entitled “Development of a Private Sector Roadmap for Sustainable Packaging Workshop 3: “Prioritization and Shortlisting of Solutions in the Packaging Sector” on October 29, 2021. The webinar aims to aid the development and serve a strategic document that will guide stakeholders to make the packaging value chain more sustainable. In order to gather such data, a first workshop was conducted last August 4, 2021 with stakeholders to map out and verify social and environmental impacts of the packaging value chain, and identify the challenges and barriers to address these impacts. A second workshop was conducted last September 15, 2021 to identify and prioritize environmental hotspots and create an initial long list of solutions that can address these hotspots. These solutions will be prioritized and shortlisted during a third workshop according to certain factors such as cost, time to implement, need for other stakeholders, among other indicators.

Recap and Summary of Workshops 1 and 2



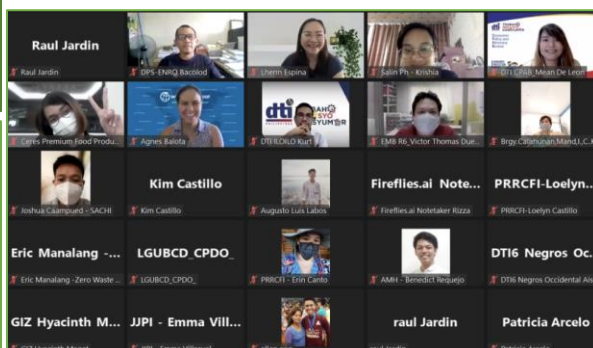
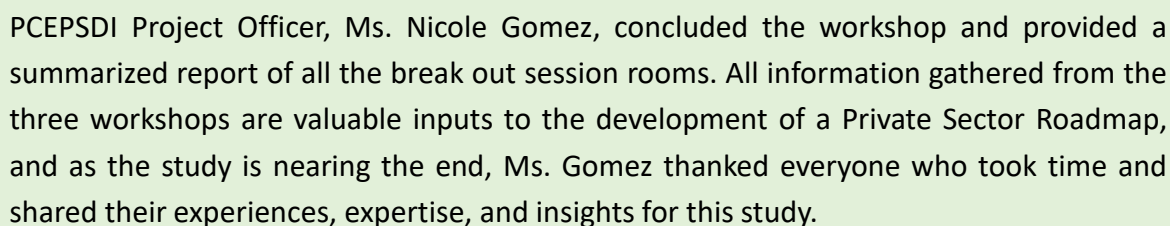
MS. ANDREA JANELLE D. GO

Project Assistant, Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI)



The summary of the first and second workshop was presented by PCEPSDI, Project Assistant, Ms. Andera Go, she shared first the Sustainable Packaging Towards Marine Litter Reduction Project’s three main objectives, and presented the recap of the first and second workshop.

Mr. Kiko Velhagen, Project Consultant heading the development of the Private Sector Roadmap, presented the longlist of solutions as a result of the second workshop. A total of 15 solutions were listed and discussed under four main private sector solution Themes.



Green Council's Opinion on COP26



COP26 has ended last month. One of the major themes of this year's COP is how to maintain the warming of global temperatures to 1.5c by 2030, while also accelerating the path of net zero by the mid-century.

As a newly admitted NGO of the UNFCCC, Hong Kong Green Council have put together some of our views of this historic event, the impact to Hong Kong, and our suggestions on what needs to be done.

How the Green Council Can Help

As a newly admitted NGO of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme, our relevant and ever-expanding knowledge, expertise and experience in the sustainability field enables us to support our network in order to tackle the challenge of transition risk, through:

Capacity Building: The Green Council has been hosting a series of conferences, seminars, webinars and workshops on climate change risk management, implementation of Task Force of Climate Disclosures, Science-based targets, etc.

Decarbonization Strategies: The Green Council has a variety of decarbonization initiatives, particularly focusing on supply chain and procurement, energy management and waste management.

Assessments: The Green Council has a variety of assessments as a way for corporates to conduct an informative and comprehensive internal review of their own operations on environmental management, sustainable procurement, environmental health and safety and the Sustainable Development Goals.

READ report at [here](#).

(Note: Contents are from [Green Council website](#))

Carbon Reduction by Cherishing Water

The global demand for water continues to increase with population. However, supply of water has become unstable under climate change. In Hong Kong 70% of water is supplied by Dongjiang, Guangdong Province. However, the rainfall in Guangdong Province decreased significantly last year, and the Dongjiang River kept on dry, many places implemented measures to restrict water supply. Facing the water crisis "approaching", Hong Kong should cherish water!

Water Supplies Department of Hong Kong Government and Green Council have jointly organised the ECH2O - Enterprises Cherish Water Campaign since late 2021. This campaign aims at establishing a collaboration platform for organisations to cherish water. Over 600 buildings and premises signed a Charter to commit cherishing water and they also assigned a delegated person to monitor the progress and to set water reduction targets. The premises with outstanding conservation performance in 2022 will also be recognised with awards.



Cherishing Water
Certificate for
participants



Facebook post
published on the World
Water Day

The product life cycle of potable water requires energy, while at source and after disposal, for transportation and treatment of water. Based on the data provided by the Water Supplies Department of Hong Kong Government and energy companies, Green Council calculated that using a water-saving showerhead with the "Water Efficiency Label Grade 1" can reduce water consumption by about 8 liters per minute compared to traditional showerheads. Taking a 10-minute hot shower per person per day in a family of four can save 100,000 liters of water every year. It will save HK\$1000 in water bills and HK\$4,000 in electricity or gas bills, a total of \$5,000/year, among which the carbon reduction brought about by the saved energy is equivalent to planting nearly 100 trees, contributing to the "purse" and the environment.

Green Council delivered the information above to public through the media on the World Water Day 22nd March to increase the public awareness about the benefits of water cherishing: save money, save energy, reduce carbon and save planet!



Getting to truly sustainable IT products is a journey of continuous improvement in environmental and social responsibility. With TCO Certified, generation 9 (<https://tcocertified.com/generation-9>) we take critical next steps along this pathway. Updates and changes are made in the following criteria areas:

Socially responsible manufacturing

Bringing transparency further into the supply chain

We require transparency about sub-suppliers, take the next step in combating corruption and include stricter criteria on responsible mineral sourcing.

Hazardous substances

System for safer chemicals expands from product to production

Only allowing safer substances in the production process helps protect the health and safety of workers, and reduces the environmental risk.

Circular IT management

Extending the life of IT products and reducing e-waste

Circular criteria help purchasers lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce e-waste and maximize the value of IT investments. Products must be designed for a long life.

Furthermore, with Circular Electronics Initiative (<https://tcocertified.com/circular-electronics-initiative/>) we at TCO Certified aim to encourage organizations and consumers to take a more responsible approach to the electronic goods they use. The initiative keeps growing and more organizations are backing the work. One of the core activities is #CircularElectronicsInitiative with focus to inspire people to manage their electronics in a circular way.



Meet the Jury: Procura+ Awards 2022 Reveal Jury and New Application

Sustainable procurement leads to significant improvements of public goods, services, processes and infrastructure. The Procura+ Awards reward successful, already running, sustainable, circular and innovation public procurements.

Following a recent call for applications, four jury members for the 2022 awards have been revealed:

- Erika Bozzay, Senior Policy Adviser at the Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD
- Katharina Knapton-Vierlich, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- Mark Hidson, Global Director ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Centre
- Sarah O'Carroll, Cities Lead: Institutions, Governments & Cities, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

These four experienced procurement experts and policy makers will assess the economic, environmental, social, circular and innovative impacts of each application to decide on nominees in four categories:

- Sustainable Procurement of the Year
- Innovation Procurement of the year
- Circular Procurement of the Year (a new category)
- Procurement Initiative of the year

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Winners of the awards will receive a unique trophy and will have ample opportunities to promote their winning work. Winners will be widely endorsed through a variety of ICLEI publications and communication channels. Furthermore, case studies will be published and showcased on the [Sustainable Procurement Platform](#) and the [Innovation Procurement Platform](#).

Participants in previous editions of the awards have highlighted that taking part in the awards helped them to benchmark themselves and to gain visibility for their work and achievements. For winners, it remains an excellent way to prove their commitment to sustainability and innovation, as well as to earn internal and external recognition.

Further good news is that interested applicants now have more time to prepare and submit their candidacy for the 2022 edition. The application deadline has been extended to 30 April 2022. Apply now! <https://procuraplus.org/awards/>

Initiated and co-ordinated by ICLEI Europe, Procura+ is a network of European public authorities and regions that connect, exchange and act on sustainable and innovation procurement.

Read about the 2021 Procura+ Award winners and runners up [here](#).

Submit your candidacy for 2022 Procura+ Awards by 20 April 2022 [here](#).



New Circular Public Procurement Framework for Cities Now Available

Cities worldwide increasingly recognize the need to adopt circular procurement processes, seeing procurement as a powerful tool city governments can use to shape the transition towards a circular economy. With public procurement accounting for 15-20% of global GDP and sub-national governments being responsible for almost 50% of procurement decisions, city governments have an important role in shaping local circular economies.

A new circular public procurement framework, produced by the the Ellen McArthur Foundation (EMF), is now available that can help local governments adopt a more circular approach to public procurement. As public procurement processes vary across different city environments, the framework is designed to be adapted to local contexts and realities. ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability contributed substantially in the development of this framework by sharing expertise and resources.

The framework is divided in four parts. The first section focuses on how to create the necessary conditions for setting up and identifying opportunities for circular tenders. It is followed by sections on developing circular criteria, running a circular tender,

and mainstreaming circular public procurement in the organization. Each of these sections feature questions and actions city officials need to consider when going through a circular procurement process, examples of how other city governments around the world have implemented circular procurement practices, and resources developed by the EMF and other organizations to further explore the topic.

Circular economy principles and criteria can be applied to purchase various products and services such as buildings, furniture, food, and packaging among others. By focusing on the desired outcomes and benefits, rather than the products needed, city governments can leverage their purchasing power to build thriving, livable, and resilient cities.

The Circular Procurement Framework can be found [here](#).



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Who we are

IGPN Promotes green purchasing around the globe by coordinating those who take the initiative in implementing green purchasing towards sustainable consumption and production

Mission

- Promote globally the development of Environmentally friendly products and services and Green Purchasing activities;
- Share information and know-how on Green Purchasing and environmentally friendly products and services internationally;
- Harmonize the efforts of Green Purchasing and the development of environmentally friendly products and services from a global viewpoint.

The International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) keeps its activities with the structure of Council Members, the Secretariat, Advisory Board, Green Purchasing Networks and Associated members on the basis of the By-Laws. Partners with the Global Lead City Network (GLCN) on sustainable procurement, members with Global Ecolabel Network (GEN), collaborates with the Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Programme of UNEP One Planet Network, support UN SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Participants: Kate Harris, Wang Jing, Xiaodan zhang-CEC, Soodevi Soobron, Karena Li

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) has developed a new Ecolabelling Handbook and Training Programme. The training programme aimed to help stakeholders build knowledge in all aspects of ecolabelling and understand the environmental impacts and importance of using credible labelling.

The training programme was delivered through 8 modules including what and why are ecolabels, eco systems and labels, principle and ecolabels, making the most of marketing, manufacturer matters and certification counts, partners power of procurement, sharing strategies for success, activating strategies, which were taken over 5 days in January 2022. A total of 37 participants from 24 countries joined the courses.

Ms. ZHANG Xiaodan, General Manager of China Environmental United Certification Center, was invited to represent the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) as a key speaker in module of partners power of procurement, introduced how the IGPN works and cases from members such as Green Purchasing Networks from Japan, China, Thailand, Singapore on how systemic mechanisms drive the global expansion of ecolabelling.

This programme improved overall understanding of the ecolabelling concept, policies, and operational set-up for relevant stakeholder groups, supported to discover the overall mechanisms of ecolabels and how to ensure success.

IGPN SURVEY

Environmentally Friendly Product/Service and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change

The International Green Purchasing Network has launched the Survey on Environmentally friendly products/services and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change, please submit your response until March 30th, 2022.

The survey aims to share knowledge among IGPN members and partners, provide implementation suggestions by using climate action and sustainable consumption and production in an integrated and coherent approach. The intention is to achieve this through the collection, comparison, analysis, and evaluation of existing practices of environmentally friendly products/services and green purchasing initiatives in addressing the climate change issue.

In order to better understand what role green purchasing will play in tackling climate change, applied scenarios are collected and analyzed taking into account the variations in the private, business, market and public sectors.

The scope of the survey includes, but is not limited to, members of the International Green Purchasing Network-IGPN; however, any actual practical practice is welcome:

Sector: including producing and manufacturing; energy and transportation; planting and breeding; cooling and heating

Environmentally friendly products/services: including adoption of new energy sources, new materials, new production methods and automation methods;

Green Purchasing: including policies, measures, methods and existing practices favoring green procurement tools to address climate change.

The expected output will be a research report summarizing all best practices.

The Deadline to reply is **March 30th, 2022**. Please download the document for more details and to share your practical approach for addressing climate change.

http://www.igpn.org/news/2021/07/download_file_4.html



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