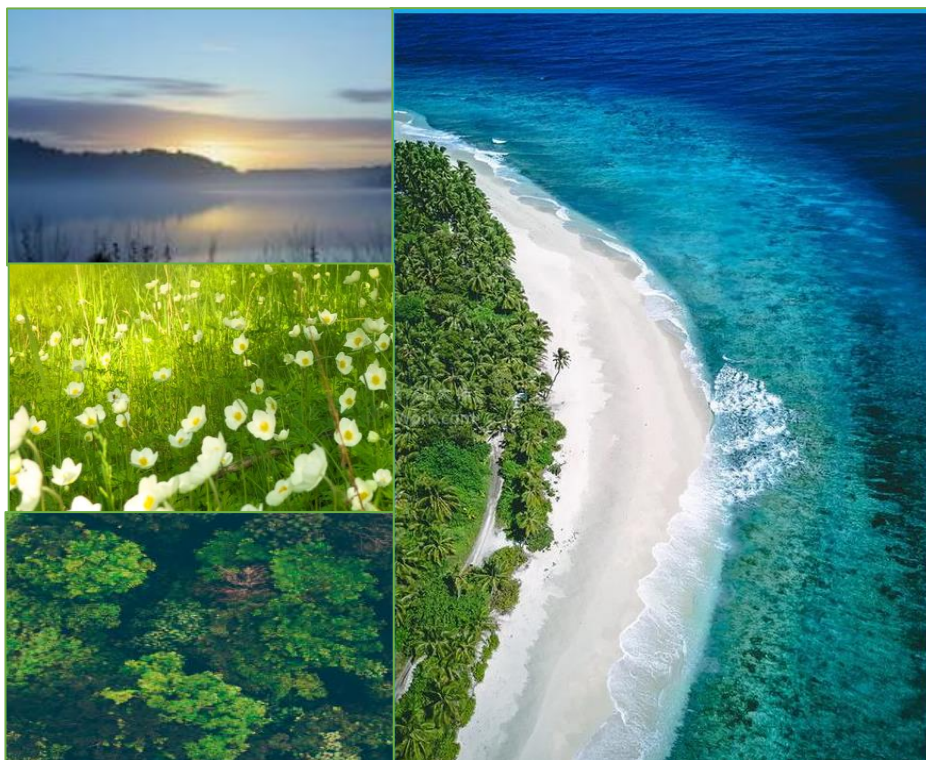




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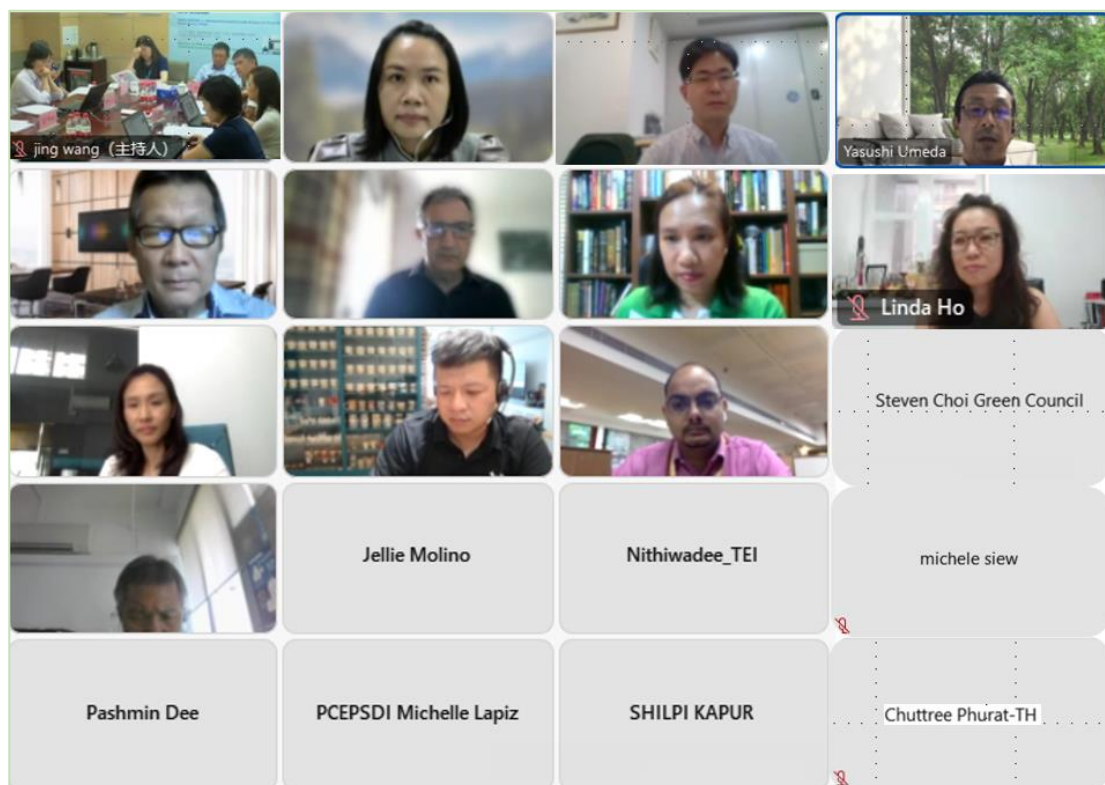
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International Green Purchasing Network Webinar Held to Active Collaborations



The IGPN webinar of How Environmentally Friendly Product and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change was held on July 12nd, 2022. About 20 participants of IGPN members from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, India, China, China Hong Kong, and UNEP, Asia Pacific GPP Network, TCO Development attended the webinar. The webinar was hosted by the International Green Purchasing Network-IGPN Secretariat, moderated by Ms. ZHANG Xiaodan, general manager of China Environmental United Certification Center-CEC.

The IGPN Met to Discuss How Environmentally Friendly Product and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR



Green purchasing aims to facilitate sustainable consumption and production, it could be an important tool carbon reduction and carbon neutrality in the world. I hope with in-depth discussion this meeting, provide valuable recommendations on how to synergize SCP and climate change..

——Mr. CHEN Yanping, Chair of International Green Purchasing Network

REMARKS FROM PANELISTS

Mr. Farid Yaker, Program Officer of UNEP Economic Division, introduce the ongoing UNEP project <Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement> for an inclusive approach to procurement links with climate change, in terms of challenges when using green procurement to tackle climate change identified by the IGPN in the report, recommendations including policy integration, practice advancing, public and private collaboration are provided.

Mr. Augustine Koh, Chair of GPN Malaysia, suggestion on follow up to widen and deepen the green purchasing, effective transfer the success cases, multiply the progress and tools into broad scope; expand green purchasing movement.

NEXT STEP

The report of <How Environmentally Friendly Product and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change> was compiled by the IGPN Secretariat, which is based on the survey of members for their practices, measures, and approaches in advocating green purchasing implementation response to climate change.

In the summary speech of Ms. ZHANG Xiaodan, “This report is the content of the IGPN Secretariat annual work plan, next step the Secretariat will solicitate further opinion and release the report in due time, in order to encourage green purchasing to play an active role in global activity against climate change”.

THE GREEN PURCHASING NETWORK EXPECTS MORE MUNICIPALITIES IMPLEMENT GPP

The Japanese Ministry of the Environment has annually conducted a survey on green public procurement (GPP) including contracts of electricity and vehicles since 2001 targeting all municipalities. Based on the survey results disclosed on the Ministry of the Environment, the Green Purchasing Network (GPN, Japan) has evaluated progress of GPP by local governments since 2016.

In the latest evaluation, GPN added extra points on the municipalities that have developed green contracting policies, considering the declaration by the Japanese government to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

For the year of 2021 ranking, all 1,788 municipalities were scored based on the indicators below.

[Policy Framework]

- 3 points if the municipality has a dedicated GPP policy
- 3 points if the municipality has a green contracting policy for electricity procurement

[GPP Institutional Framework]

- 1 point if the municipality implements GPP for designated product categories (22 categories in total)

- 1 point if the municipality implements green contract for electricity procurement

- 1 point if the municipality has achieved 80% or more of GPP for designated product categories based on the policy (22 categories in total)

- 1 point if the municipality has achieved 50% or more of electricity procurement based on the green contracting policy

※ A total of 52 points were converted to 100 points.

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KEY FINDINGS

- ❑ Five municipalities scored full marks. They all have a designated GPP policy and have informed employees of the policy to implement GPP institutionally.
- ❑ The average score for all municipalities was 17.8 points, which was 1.4 points down from that of the last year.
- ❑ 1,216 municipalities (69% of the total) scored below the average. 612 municipalities out of them earned no points and become the factor that significantly lowers the average score.
- ❑ 402 municipalities (23% of the total) have green contracting policy for electricity procurement.
- ❑ 158 municipalities that scored 0 point have declared to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 or have declared a climate emergency. This indicates their environmental measures are not consistent.

On the one hand the number of municipalities that implement green contract for electricity procurement has increased, on the other hand the average score dropped down comparing that of the last year. The fact that 69% of the municipalities scored below the average is disappointing.

GPN has provided information sessions and consultation for public procurement officers to support them in promoting GPP in their organizations. As implementation of GPP is one of the effective methods to achieve SDGs, GPN expects the Ministry of the Environment to encourage all municipalities to implement GPP at the organizational level.

More information is available at [the GPN website](#) (in Japanese).



China Environmental Labelling as Local Printing Enterprises Rated Management Assessment Indicators to Support Green Publication Transformation



The Measures of Assessment and Rated Management of High Quality Development of Publication and Printing Enterprises of Beijing was released lately, which focus on grading and evaluation of the printing enterprises in Beijing and the rating is Tier I, II, III and IV from high to low.

“Certification of China Environmental Labelling” is the compulsory requirement for Tier I and II under the assessment criterion. Meanwhile, the criterion makes clear that various government preferential policies, supporting programs and incentive funds will support priority to the Tier I and II enterprise. The measures are developed by Beijing Municipal Bureau of Press and Publication, which focus on enterprises services capacity, green and environmental protection level, business management status, performances of innovation and development etc. The release and implementation of the measures will improve standard system, establish industrial role model and guide the upgrading of relevant enterprises.

As an important category of China Environmental Labelling, green printing has become a role model for guiding green consumption and production. Since 2016, the green printing of China Environmental Labelling has implemented in printing industry and achieved 1.3 billion textbooks for all middle school and primary school nationwide. In addition, green printing has been conducted in more than 40% publisher and covered many books including children’s books. Up to now, there are 3 green printing criteria covering books and magazines, invoices, package and decorations. In the coming few years, CEC will further improve criteria and indicators, guide sustainable consumption and production, and provide more enterprises with new solutions to high quality green development.

GCP's New Ecolabelling Criteria for the Packaging Products



Unpacking Sustainable Solution

Packaging manufacturers and brand owners can now bear the Green Choice Philippines Seal of Approval for their products by applying for the newest GCP ecolabelling certification criteria. Environmentally-preferable products can acquire the GCP Seal of Approval if they undergo the certification process and conform to the quality and environmental requirements of the ecolabelling body. The criteria cover packaging with biodegradable, compostable, recyclable, with recycled content, and reusable claims.

According to the NSWMC online dashboard, the projected waste generation of the Philippines is 22.27 metric tons this 2022. Not all of these wastes are properly disposed of or treated which brings us to mismanaged waste. From the land, mismanaged waste gets swept into the water bodies and into our ocean. UN Environment defined Marine Litter as any persistent, manufactured, or processed solid material discarded, disposed of, or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment. Mismanaged waste, including packaging waste, posed a significant threat to the marine biodiversity of the Philippines.

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To combat the challenges caused by the mismanaged wastes and excessive use of packaging, the National Ecolabelling Programme-Green Choice Philippines (NELP-GCP) together with its multi-sectoral partners have developed an ecolabelling criteria for packaging. Poised to lead the sustainability of packaging in the country, the GCP ecolabelling criteria aim to guide the packaging industry to shift holistically to become more environmentally responsible.

While sustainability has been a big topic in recent years, some brands only use this approach to market their products as eco-friendly without providing proof of compliance with standards and regulations. The soon-to-be ecolabelled packaging products by the NELP-GCP are assured of complying with the developed criteria for packaging products. It also ensures that the manufacturers and brand owners are responsible for their waste and integrates efficient use of natural resources and adopts national standards for quality and environmental performance. Through the promotion of the NELP-GCP, it can offer a wider range of packaging products that are produced sustainably for the people and the environment.

The project is made possible through the 'Rethinking Plastics – Circular Economy Solutions to Marine Litter' project of the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. 'Rethinking Plastics' is implemented by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and Expertise France.

To know more about getting certified or verifying GCP licenses, please contact Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI) at greenchoicephilippines@pcepsdi.org.ph. For more information, please visit www.pcepsdi.org.ph.


「商約」惜水運動
Enterprises Cherish Water Campaign

Climate change has created various influences on earth, for instance, the water crisis. It is approaching Hong Kong silently. Rainfall and water harvesting facilities in Hong Kong have not been sufficient to supply water in matching the population growth. Currently 70% of HK water is supplied by Mainland China from the Dongjiang River which has been suffering from decreased in rainfall and under drought.

Given that, Green Council and Water Supplies Department organised a campaign known as the “Enterprises Cherish Water Campaign”. This campaign aims to motivate and facilitate the commercial and industrial sectors to cherish water, including the purchase the products with a Water Efficiency Label which illustrates the water-consuming and water efficiency of products. There are six types of products that have participated in the voluntary “Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme” (WELS), for instance, Showers for Bathing, Water Taps, Washing Machines, Urinal Equipment, Flow Controllers, and Water Closets.


Photo:Panel to explain the money saving





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水務署
Water Supplies Department

GREEN COUNCIL
環保促進會

用水效益標籤計劃
Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS)

本署將於2009年推出自願參與「用水效益標籤計劃」，參加計劃的產品會貼上用水效益標籤，向消費者說明其耗水量及用水效益，方便消費者作出選擇。用水效益按其類型及耗水量評定不同的用水效益級別，第1級為最節水。

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) launched the Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) in 2009. Products participating in WELS incorporate a water efficiency label that indicates their level of water consumption and water efficiency to help consumers choose water efficient products for water conservation. The water efficiency grading of each product under WELS is assessed according to its type and flow rate. Grade 1 is the most water efficient.

標籤一滴水，慳水認住佢
Label With One Drop, Conserves Most Drops

已納入自願參與「用水效益標籤計劃」的六款中環裝置和用水器具
Six types of central environmental equipment and water-using devices have been included in the voluntary WELS.

1. 淋浴器 (Shower) 2. 抽水馬桶 (Flush Toilet) 3. 洗衣機 (Washing Machine) 4. 洗碗機 (Dishwasher) 5. 熱水器 (Water Heater) 6. 洗手盆 (Sink)

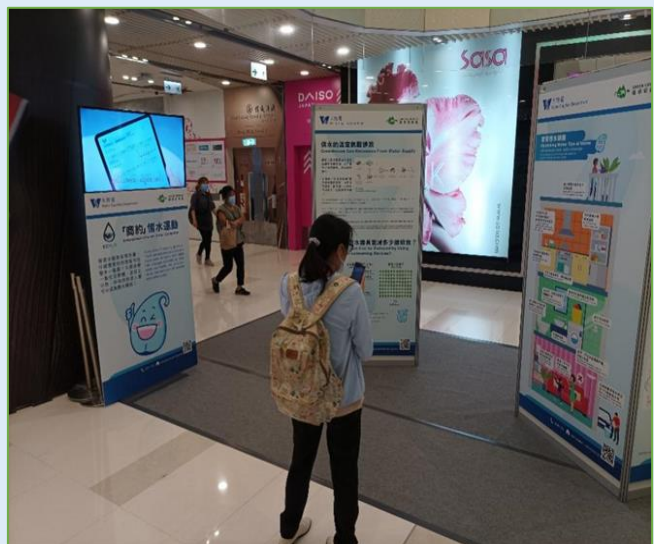
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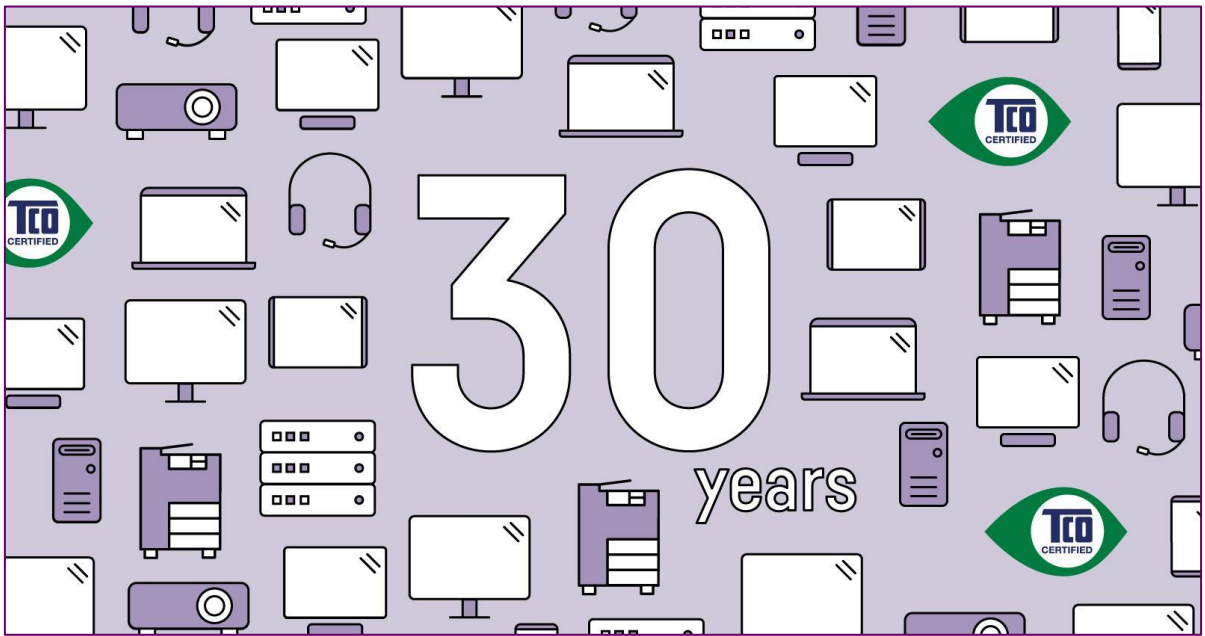
Consumers can take a reference before purchasing the products above. The products with WELS Grade 1 will have superior water efficiency while Grade 4 will have relatively lower water efficiency. Green Council conducted a survey and found that a 4-person family using Grade 1 Shower for a 10-min hot water bathing will save HK\$5000 a year from energy and water bills. Meanwhile, the carbon dioxide reduced from the energy and water saving is similar to planting 100 trees. The benefits are not only in water saving, but also reducing money and carbon emission.

Photo: Panel to explain Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme

Green Council also held an exhibition in a shopping mall in June to promote water cherishing including the WELS and the benefits of using the water efficient products. It aims to educate the public that is also the motto of Green Council - Conservation begins with Education.

Photo: Panel to explain the money saving





30 Years of Driving Sustainability in the IT Industry

[TCO Certified](#) was launched three decades ago. The aim was to give IT users in need of better products a common voice. This strategy has challenged the industry to take responsibility not only for sales figures and product functionality, but also for social and environmental sustainability.

Over the years, the pressure from purchasers and the clear requirements of the certification have produced great results. Working conditions have improved for thousands of workers in the manufacturing industry and a variety of harmful substances have been phased out of IT products.

We believe that the pace of change will accelerate further in the coming years. Sustainability has gone from being a niche interest to becoming something that is central for so many. For a large number of organizations, it is now essential to core business, and procurement is increasingly used as a strategic tool for meeting ambitious sustainability targets.

Those who collaborate with others have more influence. If you want to promote more environmentally friendly products and supply chains where people are given fair terms, it is wise to join together with other purchasers. Not only does it make your voice louder and clearer, it also means that positive development can happen faster. When a large number of purchasers stand behind the same set of criteria, the industry can focus on relevant improvements that make a difference, instead of trying to meet lots of different requirements that may even contradict each other. A robust ecolabel or sustainability certification makes cooperation possible.



The One Planet Network Sustainable Consumption and Production Forum was held on May 31st-June 1st, more than 1600 registrants for the first annual One Planet Network Forum. The OPN is only as strong as the people who make it up, and it was thrilling to see such enthusiastic representation from across governments, civil society, the private sector, scientific organisations, youth representatives and more.

All these stakeholders gathered over the two day forum to discuss real action for progress on sustainable consumption and consumption efforts around the world. Overcoming the challenges which we collectively face will not be easy, and it was inspiring to see so many of you come together to plan a better, more innovative, and more impactful way forward.

Whether you were with us in Stockholm or following online, we would like to express our deepest gratitude, and hope to work with all of you moving forward for a better future on a healthy planet.

In case you missed it, or would like to tune in again, all of the plenary sessions from the Forum are already available, and the parallel sessions will soon be available as well. All recordings are available at:

<https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/opnforum2022/agenda> .

SCP is an enabler of sustainable development

The economic systems we rely on for our prosperity and well being are not fit for purpose. Reversing this trend to achieve the objectives of the Agenda 2030 requires equitable changes to our economies supported by a global movement on sustainable consumption and production that drives post-pandemic recovery efforts while leaving no one behind.



**SCP is a driver of recovery, to build
a better future on a healthy planet**

The international community is calling for peace, stability, and sustainable recovery for all. The right circumstances exist for policymakers to recalibrate priorities and reshape supply, production systems and consumption patterns to create economies and societies that are fairer, more inclusive and sustainable.



**There is a Momentum for a new
approach to SCP**



After nearly a decade of bringing communities together and implementing actions, the One Planet Network has identified solutions, tools and strategies that can help transform in concrete ways how we consume natural resources while also positively contributing to other challenges such as poverty, a lack of decent jobs, hunger, waste and pollution, climate change and degradation of ecosystems.

WEBINAR

Asia-Pacific GPP Network Webinar #7: Measuring the Impact of Green Public Procurement

9 June 2022



This Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement (GPP) Network webinar session, hosted by KEITI and UNEP on 07 June 2022 focused on Measuring the Impact of GPP.

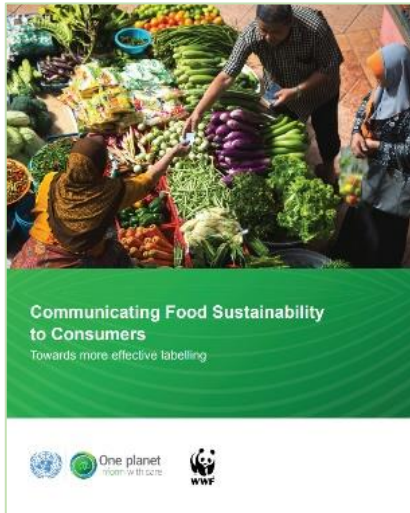
The webinar begins with an overview of GPP impact monitoring's current global outlook, as well as different measuring approaches employed. The session then proceeds to a panel discussion including case studies from China, Norway, Malaysia, India, and Germany. Panelists from the above five countries shared their work and progress with concrete examples, adding regional insights to GPP impact monitoring.

The webinar recording can be viewed on the Asia Pacific GPP Network Youtube channel and presentations along with relevant additional material are proposed below.

<https://www.unep.org/events/webinar/asia-pacific-gpp-network-webinar-7-measuring-impact-green-public-procurement>



New Report: Communicating Food Sustainability to Consumers



[This report](#) published by the Consumer Information Programme and WWF reviews the literature on the drivers of consumer food choice, with a focus on the role of food sustainability information. The objective was to identify both theoretical and empirical evidence on the impact of eco-labels and other sustainability information tools on consumer food choice, with a view to informing existing and future initiatives to promote more sustainable food consumption.

Use of E-catalogues in Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP): Overview of current practices

Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) is a powerful tool in the promotion of sustainable development. However, public buyers often lack the know-how, time and personnel needed for SPP. To increase the amount of sustainable goods and services purchased by the public sector, new tools are needed which streamline SPP and make sustainable options more accessible. [E-catalogues](#) of pre-qualified suppliers and/or goods and services offer one such option. To date, however, little consideration has been given to 'green' or 'sustainable' e-catalogues, both in theory and in practice.





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