



# IGPN NEWSLETTER



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

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# IGPN and UNEP SPP Program

## Co-Initiate on carbon label-based supply chain management innovative practice cases collection

June 19, 2025, The International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) collaborated with UNEP One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Programme launched the Initiative on carbon label-based supply chain management innovative practice cases collection, please submit your cases by October 31st, 2025!

The Initiative aims to identify the policies, measures, means and results of supply chain management innovation practices using carbon label under its carbon market mechanisms in different countries or regions; summarize, analyze and summarize the steps and approaches, as well as general principles, supply chain innovation management practices by applying carbon label under its carbon market mechanisms; select number of typical cases according to general principles, promote knowledge sharing among members, summarize experience and increase its application.

□ The scope of the cases collection is Including:

- Members of the International Green Purchase Network (IGPN);
- Members of the One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) programme;
- Members of related organizations such as Green Ecolabelling Network (GEN);
- International Institute including World Bank or others;
- Relevant enterprises.

□ The expected output will be :

- Cases report (including number of cases, general principles and implementation steps);
- Report will indicate all contributing organizers;
- Report will be posted on the IGPN website, the One Planet Network website, or others relevant;
- Participants from outside the IGPN will also have access of the report.

*The Deadline to reply is October 31st, 2025!*

Please [learn more in detail](#) [download the document](#), and share your real practices of the Case. contact [igpn.secretariat@igpn.org](mailto:igpn.secretariat@igpn.org)



## CEC Participated in 2025 MAC Meeting of the One Planet Network's Sustainable Public Procurement Programme

July 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, [Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(MAC\)](#) of the One Planet Network's Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Programme was held in Paris, brought together co-leads, MAC members to discuss and collaborate on flagship initiatives, resources and future activities. strengthen alignment between the partners SPP Programme/UNEP initiatives, including support to Member States, joint efforts to position SPP in key global agendas, and the identification of priority actions and resource needs to elevate the Programme's impact and strategic direction.

The meeting aimed to (1) foster a shared understanding of the SPP programme initiatives and partners' priorities, identifying opportunities for alignment and mutual reinforcement, including through technical support to Member States for practical implementation; (2) advance agenda setting to position SPP more prominently in global processes (e.g. UNEA-7, COP30, etc.) and explore pathways to integrate it into key international frameworks on sustainable development, financing, and public sector transformation. (3) outline win-win priorities and define meaningful next steps between SPP Programme initiatives, its MAC members, and UNEP to advance a common vision and guide joint action.

The meeting concluded with an initial set of proposed activity areas to

China Environmental United Certification Center represents Environment Development Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (Co-lead of SPP program) participated this event. Meanwhile, China Environment United Certification Center also participated in sessions relevant public procurement promoting green transformation, and public procurement enhancing economic opportunities of [OECD Global Public Procurement Forum 2025](#).

### MEETING

2025 Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Sustainable Public Procurement Programme

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025

UNEP Offices, Paris

## Published Messages from the Members: Importance and Necessity of Pursuing Sustainability

We, **GPN Japan**, have a policy that contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, carbon neutrality, and the realization of a circular economy through the promotion of sustainable procurement (consumption and production). We actively disseminate information on various sustainability themes through our seminars, website, etc., based on the policy. As part of them, in this September, we launched a special project, collaborating with member organizations to share relevant information in “Information” section of the website.

Coinciding with September 25th, the date the SDGs were adopted, we solicited messages on the theme of the importance and necessity of engaging in sustainability to achieve the SDGs, and introduced 51 messages on our website. We solicited them explaining why they should engage in sustainability and its importance and necessity, alongside introductions to their businesses, within the context of the environmental, social, and various societal challenges outlined in the 17 SDGs goals.

For reading the messages we received, please visit our website (Japanese).

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### About GPN Japan

Green Purchasing Network (GPN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the ideas and practices of green purchasing in Japan. Since its establishment in 1996, GPN has taken a leading role through its activities.

The Network's objectives are:

- To disseminate the concept of, and promote the practice of green purchasing among local governments, businesses, and consumers.
- To provide information such as guidelines and Eco-products Database for practicing green purchasing.



## TEI and UNIDO Collaborate to Advance Mandatory Green Public Procurement in Thailand's Cement Sector

**On 2 July 2025, Bangkok, Thailand**—The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), with support from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), has launched the project **“Green Public Procurement (GPP) for Low-Carbon Cement and Concrete in Thailand.”** The initiative seeks to shift Thailand from a voluntary to a mandatory GPP framework, starting with the cement and concrete sector—one of the country’s largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

By leveraging public sector purchasing power, the project supports Thailand’s goal of achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050 and Net Zero Emissions by 2065. Key components include drafting mandatory procurement specifications for low-carbon cement, establishing a Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system, and promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration aligned with international best practices.

TEI emphasized that GPP is a strategic tool to create demand for sustainable products such as **blended cement and recycled concrete, encouraging producers to innovate.** **Government agencies highlighted the need for robust MRV systems and upgrades to Thailand’s e-GP platform to ensure transparency and accountability.** Industry representatives stressed the importance of revising technical specifications to integrate low-carbon alternatives.

The initiative positions GPP as more than procurement—it is a catalyst for national transformation toward a low-carbon, sustainable economy.



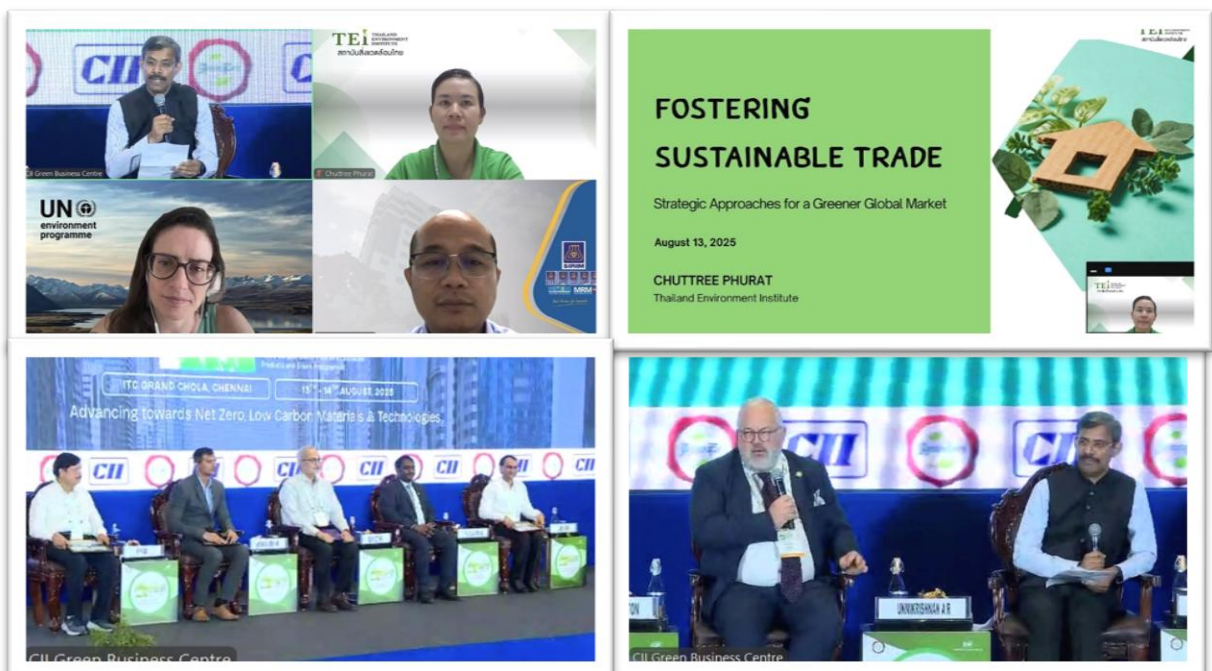
## Joins Regional Dialogue to Accelerate Green Trade in Asia-Pacific

**13 August 2025, Chennai, India** – The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), represented by **Dr. Chuttree Phurat, Director of the Green Label and Environmental Labeling Division**, joined a panel discussion on “**Accelerate Green Trade in Asia Pacific Regions – Challenges, Opportunities & Way Forward**” at the GreenPro Summit 2025. The regional forum brought together government, business, and international organizations to explore pathways for advancing sustainable trade and procurement.

During the discussion, Thailand’s Green Label highlighted its role in elevating product standards to international benchmarks while encouraging producers and consumers to adopt environmentally friendly choices. A key topic was the challenge of varying standards across countries. Panelists stressed that **Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)** between eco-labeling schemes can reduce trade barriers by allowing certified products in one country to be recognized in another without repeated testing.

Harmonizing eco-label criteria, especially in critical sectors like cement, can lower compliance costs, boost competitiveness, and ensure consistent sustainability outcomes such as reduced emissions and efficient resource use.

An example is the **cement MRA between Thailand’s Green Label (TEI) and Singapore’s Green Label**, showcasing practical cooperation. TEI’s participation underscores its commitment to promoting green trade, advancing sustainable procurement, and driving circular economy solutions for a sustainable Asia-Pacific future.





## Empowers SMEs to Access Government and Green Procurement Markets

**20 August 2025,** The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), represented by Dr. Thanomlap Ratchawat, Acting Manager of the Green Label and Environmental Labeling Division, participated in a panel discussion on **“SMEs and Opportunities in Government Procurement Markets.”**

TEI highlighted eco-label certification as a pathway for SMEs to enter public and private procurement, while stakeholders explored policies, challenges, and opportunities to strengthen local economies.

Government representatives noted that updated regulations encourage state agencies to purchase more products and services from SMEs, strengthening grassroots economies and enhancing competitiveness. TEI shared insights on how SMEs can access **Green Public Procurement (GPP) markets** by achieving eco-label certification, which helps increase market opportunities.

The session also addressed challenges such as complex procurement processes, limited expertise in meeting standards, and funding constraints. Participants highlighted the need for improved product quality, business management, and stronger collaboration networks to enable SMEs to thrive sustainably.





## Green Label Youth Action: Empowering Students for a Sustainable Future

**2 September 2025, Nonthaburi, Thailand** – The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), led by **Dr. Chuttree Phurat, Director of the Green Label and Environmental Labeling Division**, together with TEI researchers, organized the activity **“Green Label Youth Action: Change the World Starts with Us”** at Nawaminthrachinuthit Horwang Nonthaburi School. The event was officially opened by **Mr. Rangsim Yala, School Director**, who welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of environmental learning opportunities for students.

Dr. Chattratri highlighted that educating youth about the Green Label is a crucial investment in the future: “Young people are not only the next generation of consumers but also future leaders who can drive change. Instilling responsible consumption habits today can have a powerful impact on tomorrow’s sustainable society.”

The program, supported by facilitators from Chulalongkorn University’s Department of Recreation, encouraged students to learn, reflect, and take action through creative, hands-on activities. Participants explored the role of the **Green Label** as an eco-certification that helps consumers choose environmentally friendly products, fostering sustainable consumption and reducing environmental impacts.

The event reinforced TEI’s commitment to nurturing environmental awareness among youth, laying the foundation for long-term behavioral change and inspiring a new generation to champion sustainability.





## New guide! Circularity and IT products

Sustainability challenges are prompting us to rethink how we design, use, and dispose of our IT devices. This comprehensive guide explores the concept of circular IT, providing actionable insights to help you extend the lifespan of products, reduce e-waste, and lower your climate impact.

Climate change, resource depletion and the e-waste crisis — the world's fastest-growing waste stream — are interconnected issues that are worsened by our tendency to treat electronic devices as short-lived consumables. The need for a circular approach to IT has never been more pressing, and many developments are happening in this area.

The guide "What and how: Circularity and IT products" is packed with expert knowledge and practical strategies for implementing circular, more responsible practices.

- From today to 2033: the shift from linear to circular
- Roadmap for Sustainable IT
- Reducing e-waste — the world's fastest-growing waste stream
- Key factors for repairability in practice
- Circular criteria in TCO Certified
- Circular procurement in five steps.

Check out the guide for concrete, actionable advice on managing chemical risks in the IT sector. Download the guide at [TCO website](#).

## About TCO Certified



The organization behind the sustainability certification TCO Certified is TCO Development. Our vision is that all IT products should have an environmentally and socially sustainable life cycle. Science-based criteria and independent verification of compliance help us track and accelerate progress over time.



## Jury reveals 2025 Procura+ Awards finalists

The [2025 Procura+ Awards](#) jury has selected its finalists. The Award has three different categories: Sustainable Procurement of the Year, Innovation Procurement of the Year and Global Initiative of the Year. The winners will be announced on 8 October at the [Procura+ Seminar in Middelburg \(the Netherlands\)](#).

The Procura+ Awards—an ICLEI Europe initiative within the context of its Procura+ Network—seek to highlight sustainable, circular and innovation procurements and tender procedures and give visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative public authorities and their initiatives.

ICLEI member Oslo (Norway) is among the nominees in the [category Innovation Procurement of the Year](#), being recognised for launching the ‘Oslo Furniture Reuse Platform-Loopfront’, a pioneering digital solution that integrates circular economy practices into public procurement. Its fellow finalists are Orleans Metropole (France), which has pioneered a sustainable energy project that captures heat from urban wastewater to supply clean energy to residential and university buildings and ANCI Toscana (Italy), nominated for its support of climate resilience through its innovation partnership.

In the [Sustainable Procurement of the Year](#) category, the Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) (Germany) has been recognised for integrating Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) into their public procurement of electric bus charging points. The Oeiras City Council (Portugal) developed a forward-thinking public procurement model for the maintenance of its green spaces, Bretagne Porte de Loire Communauté (France) decided to furnish its new ‘Maison de services Jeunesse & Numérique’ entirely with second-life furniture.

[The Global Initiative of the Year](#) is a pioneering category, opening up the Procura+ Awards to public authorities from outside Europe for the first time. Its finalists come from three different continents. The Brazilian Ministry of Management & Innovation in Public Services launched Procure+Brasil, a digital public marketplace aiming to make public procurement more inclusive and sustainable. In New Zealand, the Auckland City Council launched the NGA Puna Pukuenga Programme, which connects individuals facing barriers to work to permanent, living-wage jobs in the water and infrastructure sectors. Finally, UNDP Uzbekistan’s initiative, “The Path to Water Through Life, No One Left Behind,” sought to provide sustainable access to clean water in remote communities of Karakalpakstan, Uzbekistan.

Learn more at [ICLEI sustainable procurement platform webpage](#).

## 10YFP Progress Report Presented at HLPF 2025: A Call to Scale Up Action on Sustainable Consumption and Production



At the 2025 session of the [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#), held under the theme "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises," the Co-Chair of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP), Ms. Annika Lindblom, formally presented [the Annual Progress Report](#) of the 10YFP to Member States and delegates.

In her address, Ms. Lindblom emphasized that sustainable consumption and production (SCP) remains fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in the face of ongoing environmental, economic, and social crises. "Sustainable consumption and production is not a luxury — it is a necessity," she stated. The report highlights how shifting consumption and production patterns is essential to unlocking low-carbon and resource-efficient economies, creating green and decent jobs, addressing

social inequalities, and embedding circularity in policies, business models, and economies at large.

The presentation reaffirmed the urgency of moving from commitment to implementation. While notable engagement has been achieved across countries and sectors, the report calls for increased ambition and coherence in national SCP strategies, enhanced investment in systemic change, and more robust integration of circular economy principles. It also outlines priority areas under the updated 10YFP Results Framework for 2025–2026, designed to deliver tangible outcomes aligned with national and global priorities.

In closing, Ms. Lindblom underscored the collective responsibility of governments, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society. "Shifting our consumption and production patterns is not a choice we can delay — it is a prerequisite for a just and resilient future."

The One Planet Network and the 10YFP Secretariat invite all partners to take stock of the progress made, accelerate implementation, and scale up collaboration in the decisive years ahead.



**Read the Progress Report Summary :** [View & Download](#)



## **KEY MESSAGES:**

### **Four Global Solutions for Sustainable, Competitive, Resilient ,and Circular Economy**

# **1**

## **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

**can lead to more efficient use of public resources while improving social well-being and minimizing environmental impacts**

Sustainable public procurement is a powerful lever for change, enabling governments to spend smarter by choosing goods and services that deliver value for money while also benefiting people and the planet. By embedding circularity and sustainability into procurement practices, countries can improve resource efficiency, reduce environmental impacts, and support inclusive development through better jobs, healthier communities, and resilient supply chains.

In 2024, progress focused on aligning procurement frameworks with circular economy goals, particularly in construction and infrastructure. Countries advanced tools, shared principles, and capacity-building efforts to support implementation at scale and improve public sector impact.

# **2**

## **BUSINESSES EMBRACE CIRCULARITY**

**and drive more responsible production and consumption**

Businesses across regions are increasingly embedding circular economy principles into their core strategies—moving beyond compliance to innovation. Through models focused on reuse, traceability, service design, and sustainable sourcing, companies are reducing waste, building resilience, and meeting the rising demand for responsible products. The One Planet Network supports this shift by providing tools, standards, and platforms that help scale impact and accountability.

In 2024, business engagement expanded through global platforms and technical guidance that strengthened sustainability claims, improved data systems, and supported circular practices across value chains. Companies increasingly recognised circularity as key to competitiveness, risk reduction and long-term value.

## KEY MESSAGES:

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# 3

## YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IS ADVANCED

*through public-private partnership*

Young people are central to driving the green transition, bringing fresh ideas, creativity and ambition. The One Planet Network is helping equip youth with the skills, leadership and opportunities they need to thrive in a circular economy—through training, global forums, and direct funding of youth-led initiatives. Public-private partnerships are opening pathways to green jobs while ensuring a just and inclusive transformation.

In 2024, thousands of young people were reached through training, dialogues and leadership opportunities. Youth contributed to international policy processes and gained tools to design and implement their own circular economy solutions, reinforcing intergenerational equity in action.

# 4

## COUNTRIES INTEGRATE AND IMPLEMENT

*circular economy approaches*

Governments around the world are integrating circular economy approaches into national policies, aligning with climate goals and sustainable development. Through peer learning, technical support and UN collaboration, countries are moving from planning to implementation—transforming sectors such as construction, procurement and food systems. Regional leadership and global cooperation are helping to accelerate this shift and embed circularity in real-world systems.

In 2024, more countries reported progress under SDG 12.1, expanded their use of circular economy tools, and deepened regional collaboration. National institutions strengthened their capacity to implement circularity through sectoral action, cross-ministerial coordination, and global policy alignment.

## 10YFP Highlights Strategic Role of Public Procurement at OECD Forum



At the [OECD Global Public Procurement Forum 2025](#) last week, Jorge Laguna-Celis and Laetitia Montero from the 10YFP Secretariat joined a high-level panel exploring how governments can use procurement as a lever for the green transition.

Held in Paris, the Forum brought together ministers, senior policymakers, and international experts to address the evolving role of public procurement in tackling today's most pressing challenges—from climate change and biodiversity loss to social inclusion and economic resilience.

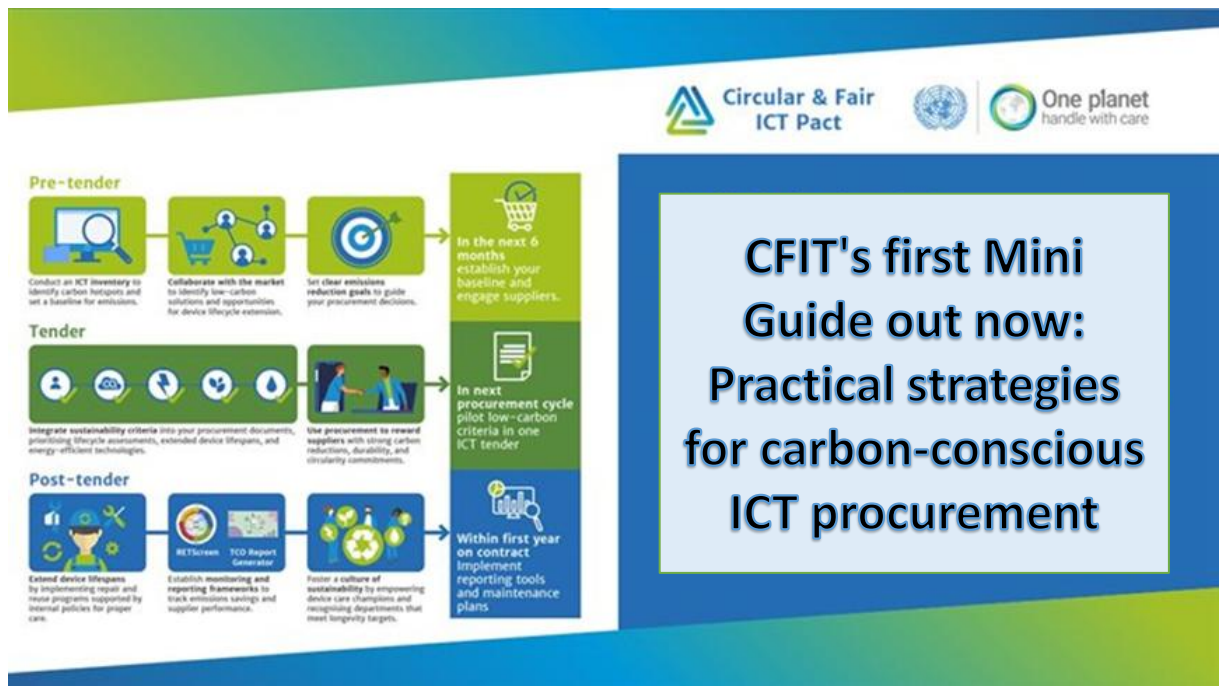
Against this backdrop, participants heard that countries are raising the bar. Regarding the inclusion of climate/environment criteria in public tenders and tools, France is aiming for 100%, Lithuania targets 95%, and Norway now mandates a 30% weighting for such criteria.

However, the panel noted that setting targets isn't enough. Legal mandates must be matched with strong support systems—training, guidance, and active engagement with suppliers.

The discussion highlighted that green public procurement reforms work best when paired with transparent impact measurement and continuous market dialogue. Tools like ecolabels and modelling methodologies such as SAVi are proving essential for scaling green practices across borders.

The session concluded with a clear message: public procurement is a powerful policy instrument that goes beyond compliance. When strategically implemented, it can accelerate the shift to sustainable consumption and production, foster innovation, and generate long-term value for society and the environment.

More details at [One Planet Network website](#).



The first CFIT mini guide is now available for [download](#), offering practical, step-by-step strategies for carbon-conscious ICT procurement across the full procurement cycle—pre-tender, tender, and post-tender—alongside many real-world examples. As the ICT sector accounts for an estimated 1.4% to 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions, potentially rising to 14% by 2040 according to the World Bank, action is urgent. This guide supports efforts to shape a low-carbon, circular, and fair ICT future while helping organisations meet climate targets, improve resource efficiency, and reduce costs. Developed with John Watt, CFIT Pact participants, and supporting organisations such as the Global Electronics Council and TCO Development, the guide is a collaborative effort.

### About CFIT

The [Circular & Fair ICT Pact](#) is an action under the [Sustainable Public Procurement Programme of the UN One Planet Network](#). It started as an initiative by the Dutch government in collaboration with other frontrunner countries and regions and in consultation with the ICT market.

The CFIT Pact is open to join for every organization procuring ICT. It supports both frontrunners in the field who want to make more impact together and other procurers who simply want to know how to make their own procurement more circular and fair. Governments with circular and fair ambitions around ICT (or other public organizations) can also join the pact as a coordinating organization supporting a buyer group. Both procurers and coordinators are crucial in building up our collective procurement power.

Other organizations such as ICT producers, ICT value chain partners, NGOs, network and knowledge organizations cannot be participants in the Pact to avoid any conflict of interest. They are more than welcome to sign the Pact as a supporter however. This means they help promote the Pact and its results, and to provide constructive input when invited to join a working group dialogue.





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