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# Update on IGPN and UNEP SPP Program

## Initiative of Carbon Label-based Supply Chain Management Innovative Practice Cases Collection

The [International Green Purchasing Network \(IGPN\)](#) in collaborated with [UNEP One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Programme](#) launched the [Initiative](#) last year on carbon label-based supply chain management innovative practice cases collection, aimed at advancing carbon emission reduction-based supply chain management.

So far, the first edition of SPP/IGPN collaborative initiative outcome -<Collection of innovative practices on carbon label and carbon reduction integrated supply chain management> has been reviewed in this February, seven practice cases are included in the report which show as follows:

- #1. Upgrading Thailand's Green Procurement Database for Carbon-Label Integration
- #2. Wacoal low carbon solution to sustainability
- #3. Analysis on greenhouse gas emissions hotspots and reduction levers for retailer products
- #4. CO2 Performance Ladder a proven and effective GPP best practice
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- #7. Green manufacturing and supply chain transformation: A case study of Farion (Zhejiang) new energy commercial vehicles

The report of <Collection of innovative practices on carbon label and carbon reduction integrated supply chain management> is scheduled to be released by the end of June, 2026.



## Green and Low-carbon Procurement Guide for Printing Consumables Industry Released to Drives Sustainable Upgrade

To boost the printing consumables industry's commitment to sustainability, China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), launched the project of “Green Supply Chain Improvement Study for the Printing Consumables Industry” in June 2025, with support from the “Green Printing Campaign for Zero-Waste Cities” initiated by Taotian Group's 3C Digital Sector, Alibaba Philanthropy, and the Beijing Entrepreneurs' Foundation for Environmental Protection. The project aims to steer the industry toward eco-friendly procurement, pushing upstream suppliers to adopt greener practices and strengthening the supply chain against global trade and national environmental issues.

<Green and low-carbon procurement guide for the printing consumables industry>, a key project outcome, was formally released by the project team, in collaboration with Zhuhai Printing Consumables Industry Association, at a training workshop focused on boosting green supply chain capabilities lately. Tailored to the specific needs and capabilities of printing consumables manufacturers and their supply chain partners including producers of toner cartridges, ink cartridges, ribbons, raw materials, and components, **the Guide** built on the core principles of “proactive accountability and continuous improvement”, emphasizes on practical,

company-specific solutions, steers businesses toward building sustainable partnerships with suppliers and positioning green procurement as a vital pillar of regulatory compliance and competitive advantage. **The Guide** provides clear benchmarks for key areas like eco-friendly materials, product design, and supplier environmental management, offering a roadmap to embed sustainability into procurement. It advises companies to set green standards, assess suppliers' environmental performance, prioritize renewable materials and recyclable designs, and reduce packaging—ensuring low-carbon goals are woven into every stage of procurement.

More details at [CEC website](#).





## CEC Assists in the Release of Alibaba Scope 3+ Avoided Emissions Implementation Guidelines



The "Alibaba 'Scope 3+' Avoided Emissions Implementation Guidelines" was officially released lately, with the technical support provided by the China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC) throughout the entire process.

The guidelines systematically elaborate on the concept, boundaries, classification framework, and implementation principles of "Scope

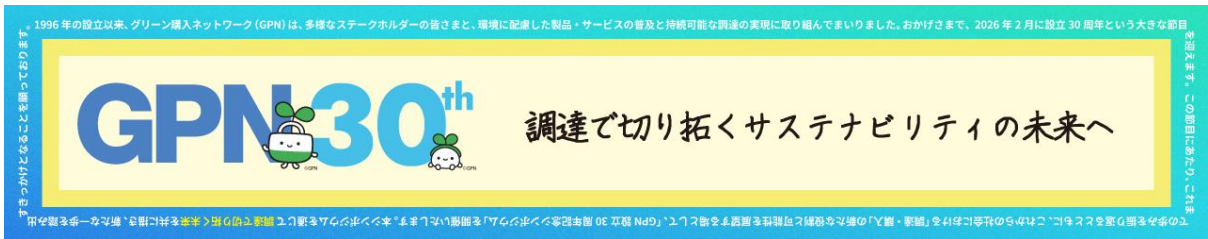
3+" emissions, provide practical pathways for scientific accounting, digital management, professional verification, ecosystem collaboration, and disclosure.

Over the past five years, CEC worked closely with Alibaba, jointly advancing the practice and development of "Scope 3+" avoided emissions, actively participated in international standard-setting processes, particularly in the "Guidelines for Avoided Emissions 2.0" released by World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the exploration of impact accounting for "GHG Protocol". In the meantime, both committed to continuously promoting pilot experiences from China, helping to establish avoided emissions as a credible and universally applicable narrative language for climate performance, and integrating it into global climate governance.

More details at [CEC website](#).

This fiscal year, 2026, marks **30th anniversary of GPN Japan**. Since our founding, our membership has grown from 73 organizations to approximately 1,300 today (including companies, local governments, and private organizations). In addition to publishing and disseminating environmental information on approximately 13,000 products through “Eco-products Database”, we have now held “Green Purchasing Award” 26 times, which recognizes innovative initiatives.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the warm messages of congratulations we have received from IGPN Secretariat and IGPN members around the world.



**On February 10, 2026**, we held a symposium to commemorate our 30th anniversary. Attention of a society is focusing on the role of “procurement” as one approach to solving the challenges on sustainability, as the sustainability expected of companies and organizations continues to deepen. We held this event as an opportunity to cultivate collaboration and co-creation among industry, government, academia, and the public and to aim for the next level of sustainability looking ahead the next decade. We welcomed over 200 participants across Japan.

In the keynote address, the speaker provided an outlook for the future based on sustainability trends over the past decade. In the subsequent panel discussion, experts in the circular economy, regional finance, supplier engagement, sustainability management, and the Green Transformation (GX) shared specific case studies, insights, and key concepts aimed at achieving carbon neutrality. In addition, participants also contributed to the discussion by responding to an online survey during the panel discussion, we were able to discuss together in the venue.



Following the symposium, we held a networking reception to facilitate interaction among participants. GPN Japan will continue to provide the latest information on sustainability, while also planning and implementing initiatives that enable our members to participate in our activities and build their new networks.

You can access the program of the event from here (Japanese):

<https://www.gpn.jp/info/gpn/3d513e7b-885d-4d24-9f7d-9a711ffbc434>



## 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.

## Strengthening Green Public Procurement in Thailand

**9 December 2025** – The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable environmental management and eco-label certification such as the Green Label, reaffirmed its commitment to supporting environmentally friendly public procurement in Thailand.

Representatives from TEI, led by Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, President, and Dr. Tanomlap Ratchawat, Programme Manager of the Green Label and Environmental Labels, attended the launch of Thailand’s Green Public Procurement Mandatory Framework, organized by Comptroller General’s Department in collaboration with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The event was welcomed by Mr.Ping Kitnikone, Ambassador of Canada to Thailand, and Mr.Mark Gooding, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Thailand, and officially opened by Ms.Benjarong Suwanneekiri, Assistant Minister of Finance.

During the event, key partners signed a Letter of Intent to strengthen collaboration in advancing green public procurement. The signatories included the Comptroller General’s Department represented by Ms.Patricia Mongkhonvanit, Director-General; the Pollution Control Department represented by Mr.Surin Worakitthamrong, Director-General; and the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization represented by Ms.Nattarika Vayuphap, Deputy Executive Director. Letters of support were also presented by UNIDO and The World Bank.

The Green Public Procurement Framework aims to reduce environmental impacts through government purchasing while encouraging higher production standards, stimulating green innovation in the private sector, and ensuring efficient use of public resources. The mandatory products are including tissue paper, printing paper, multifunction device, hydraulic cement, fire extinguisher, paint, automobile, and surface cleaning products. The initiative also supports Thailand’s goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Through this collaboration, partners seek to strengthen the market for environmentally friendly products and services and accelerate Thailand’s transition toward a more sustainable and low-carbon economy.



## India Partnership Boosts Green Exports in Construction and Furniture Products

**8 January 2026 – Mumbai, India** –The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) and the CII–Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre (CII–GBC) signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) to advance the mutual recognition of green and environmental labels. The agreement was signed by Dr.Wijarn Simachaya, President of TEI, and Mr.K. S. Venkatagiri, Executive Director of CII–GBC, under the SDG Together Program of Thailand’s Ministry of Commerce. Witnessed by Ms.Suphajee Suthumpun, Minister of the Ministry of Commerce. The initiative aims to strengthen sustainability cooperation between Thailand and India, particularly in construction and real estate supply chains.

The signing took place during an official visit to Mumbai on 8–9 January 2026, led by the Ministry of Commerce with participation from senior officials, TEI representatives, and over 50 Thai business leaders from the Federation of Thai Industries and the Thai Chamber of Commerce. The mission facilitated approximately 230 business matching meetings, connecting Thai manufacturers with Indian developers and key partners, including Confederation of Real Estate Developers’ Associations of India (CREDAI) and the Builders Association of India (BAI).

The agreement reinforces the growing importance of sustainability in global supply chains and promotes collaboration on environmental standards, technologies, and labeling systems. It is expected to enhance the competitiveness of both Thai and Indian businesses while supporting access to India’s rapidly expanding green building market and contributing to broader sustainable development goals.



## Thailand Advances Mandatory GPP to Drive Low-Carbon Construction Industry TEI – UNIDO Convene National Dialogue on Green Public Procurement and Eco-Labels

**17 March 2026**, the **Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)**, in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), convened a national policy dialogue on Mandatory Green Public Procurement (GPP) and the Role of Environmental Labels. The discussion focused on accelerating the transition from voluntary to mandatory GPP for low-carbon cement and concrete—an important step to reduce emissions in Thailand’s construction sector. The dialogue forms part of an ongoing project to develop policy frameworks and implementation mechanisms, including a Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system to ensure transparency and alignment with Thailand’s Net Zero targets.

During the session, TEI presented a draft framework for mandatory GPP, while participants emphasized the role of environmental labels in setting procurement criteria and supporting informed public purchasing. In her opening remarks, Patricia Mongkhonvanich highlighted GPP as a key driver of Thailand’s green economy, and Rasha Abdrabu underscored the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration. The meeting brought together government, industry, and academia, marking a significant step toward advancing a low-carbon construction sector.





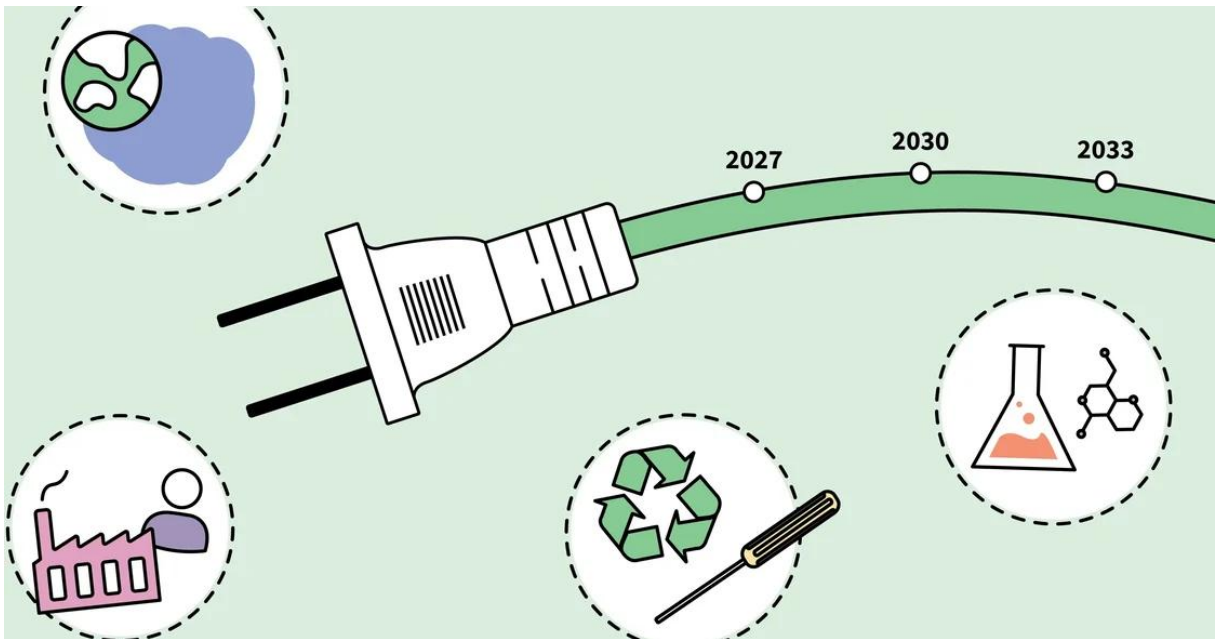
## Green Procurement and Methane Reduction: The Philippine's Actions on Combatting Emissions

**Last March 2, 2026**, the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Inc. (PCEPSDI), together with the Government Procurement Policy Board – Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) and The World Bank, conducted a stakeholder consultation for the Project on Methane Reduction and Tracking in the Philippines Green Public Procurement (GPP) at The World Bank headquarters in the Philippines.

The consultation aimed to present updates on the project's progress and to gather insights from private institutions, research centers, and government agencies regarding their ongoing initiatives on methane reduction. Key points discussed during the consultation were centered on methane emissions in the Philippines, particularly in the agricultural sector; procurement-related legislation, specifically the New Government Procurement Act (NGPA); Life Cycle Assessment (LCA); and the development of technical criteria for low-methane products to be procured by the government.

Based on the results of the consultation, the participants expressed their willingness to collaborate with the project team and to provide available data from their respective agencies to contribute to the success of the project, particularly in the market readiness analysis and life cycle assessment components. Although some participants raised concerns regarding the sustainability of the project after its completion, the project team assured that continued efforts are in place, including plans for more involvement of the private sector in the country's procurement processes.





## From Goals to Action – Inside the TCO Certified Roadmap

Too often, sustainability efforts in IT are reactive – responding to problems as they appear. Roadmap for Sustainable IT flips that model. It sets a clear direction, explains why it matters, and outlines the steps we can take together.

IT buyers face growing expectations to make responsible, sustainable choices — just as IT brands and manufacturers are expected to deliver on ambitious environmental and social goals. To meet these demands and stay ahead, we need a clear, actionable direction that enables both brands and purchasers to drive long-term sustainability.

This is where the Roadmap for Sustainable IT makes a difference. It focuses on four critical areas:

- **Climate**—setting targets for reducing the carbon footprint of IT products, and defining how and when reductions must be achieved.
- **Substances**—expanding the reach of our accepted list, ensuring substances are tested and approved before use.
- **Circularity**—extending supported product lifetimes to ten years by 2033.
- **Supply chain**—making sure environmental and social improvements are implemented higher up the supply chain.

Learn more about the Roadmap for Sustainable IT and see how it helps IT brands and buyers plan ahead, align expectations, and drive measurable progress — together.

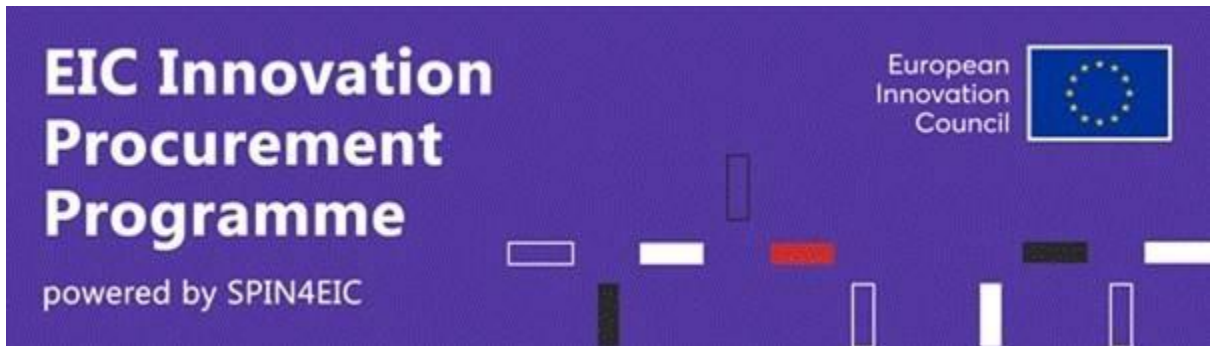
## About TCO Certified



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.



## Connecting Public Buyers with Europe's Deep-tech Innovators



A new collaboration opportunity under the European Innovation Council's (EIC) Business Acceleration Services aims to strengthen global innovation procurement. **Public buyers outside the European Union seeking cutting-edge solutions can now connect directly with over 6,000 innovative start-ups**, covering key sectors such as the green transition, health and advanced digital technologies.

The [European Innovation Council](#) (EIC) is backing Europe's most innovative and disruptive deep tech startups and SMEs, through the [SPIN4EIC](#) project. Supported by [ICLEI Europe](#), **the initiative is dedicated to enhancing innovators' ability to access procurement markets both in Europe and worldwide through training, matchmaking, and free hands-on assistance.** As part of its work in SPIN4EIC, ICLEI is supporting EIC-backed innovators to access global procurement opportunities. Collaboration with the global network allows the identification of possible tender opportunities to procure innovative solutions worldwide.

The initiative has already demonstrated impact through collaborations with global partners, including:

EIC-backed AquaB Nanobubble Innovations Ltd, a deep-tech company that delivers electrostriction-based nanobubble solutions for oil and water treatment, **recently signed a landmark commercial agreement with Saudi Aramco, one of the world's largest energy companies.** [Read the full Success Story!](#)

Public buyers interested in sharing tender notices and/or information on relevant platforms where tender opportunities are published, and in connecting directly with innovative start-ups to address their needs, are invited to contact the ICLEI Europe procurement team ([procurement@iclei.org](mailto:procurement@iclei.org)) for an introductory meeting.

To learn more about SPIN4EIC check out the following channels: [EIC Innovation Procurement Programme LinkedIn group](#), [Buyers group on Public Buyers Community](#), SPIN4EIC [website](#), and [Newsletter](#).

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### **Global initiative positions government purchasing power as a lever for climate action**

Eight countries formally endorsed the Global Framework for Action on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in the Built Environment, signaling a shared commitment to use public demand to accelerate decarbonisation, circularity, and resilience in construction and infrastructure.

Sustainable public procurement integrates environmental, social, and life-cycle criteria into how governments buy, from materials to digital and energy systems. Because public authorities are among the world's largest buyers, procurement decisions shape markets. When governments require whole life-cycle assessments, circular materials, or climate-aligned standards, suppliers respond at scale.

Brazil, Colombia, Finland, France, Ghana, Japan, Kenya, and Somalia endorsed the Framework in 2025. A further five countries: Armenia, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom, formally acknowledged its importance at the inaugural Ministerial Meeting of the Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate (ICBC) at COP30. Together, these signals mark a shift from fragmented pilots toward a shared global reference point for action.

### **2025: From ambition to implementation**

#### **1. Political momentum**

Our engagement extended across high-level policy forums and technical working groups. Fourteen convenings advanced the role of procurement as a climate and development lever, including the World Circular Economy Forum, the GlobalABC Annual Assembly, the 5th Global Conference on Sustainable Food Systems, the RICG Annual Conference, and the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, among others. Notably, four Buildings Breakthrough Roundtables mobilised action under the Priority Action on Demand Creation through public procurement, placing buyers at the centre of systems change.

At COP30 in Belém, under Axis 6 (Enablers and Accelerators), UNEP, Brazil's Ministry of Management and Innovation, the Jataí Institute, UNIDO IDDI, and OxGAP co-led the development and launch of the Plan to Accelerate Solutions on Harnessing public procurement in high-impact sectors to drive climate action and a just transition. UNEP also co-led five side events to elevate the agenda. This effort was accompanied by the Brazil-led Belém Declaration on Sustainable Public Procurement, outlining concrete measures to align procurement systems with the UN 2030 Agenda.

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## 2. Technical progress

To support governments in moving from policy to practice, UNEP launched three cornerstone resources:

The Global Framework for Action on SPP in the Built Environment, providing a structured pathway to embed circularity across the full procurement cycle;

The Circularity and Whole Life-Cycle Case Study Platform, showcasing real-world applications aligned with the 10 Whole Life-Cycle Recommendations;

The National Circularity Assessment Framework for Buildings, enabling governments to identify gaps, priorities, and entry points for improving circular material and waste flow in the buildings and construction sector.

These resources were complemented by three regional workshops and six global webinars, strengthening peer learning and south–south exchange. Visit our last webinar on best practices for implementation at local level: Use of sustainable public procurement to drive demand for a near-zero and resilient built environment.

UNEP also developed key resources and achieved important milestones under the EcoAdvance project, jointly implemented by GIZ and Öko Institut, and funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and

Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). A series of good practices on the joint use of ecolabels and SPP was launched, with eight of them replicated by ecolabelling schemes and governments. Uzbekistan adopted a resolution introducing measures to strengthen the use of ecolabels in support of SPP, granting certified products an additional five per cent in their overall evaluation score when certified by a recognized ecolabel. Costa Rica's NDC 2025–2035 was launched, including commitments on SPP and ecolabelling in the building sector. Meanwhile, Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Uzbekistan developed ambitious climate- and biodiversity-related ecolabel criteria for cement and steel, and promoted policy dialogues to support the application of these criteria in SPP.

## 3. Global monitoring

As custodian of SDG Indicator 12.7.1, UNEP led the 2025 global reporting cycle on sustainable public procurement policies. Sixty-five countries reported, including 13 first-time participants such as Brazil, Australia, South Africa, and the Russian Federation. Fifty-four countries achieved compliant scores.

The data confirms a consistent trend: while policy frameworks are increasingly in place, implementation support for procurement officers, impact measurement, and market engagement remain uneven.

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The global average maturity score remained medium-low, confirming that legislative frameworks exist, but that practical implementation tools and impact measurement lag behind. These evidence-based insights will now directly inform the design of 2026 regional capacity-building programmes and our global advocacy efforts.

## 4. Strategic partnerships

Collaboration deepened with the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC), the Buildings Breakthrough community, and regional partners, as well as with UN agencies: UNOPS and UNIDO for the built environment, and FAO for food systems. In Latin America, UNEP is advancing a joint regional SPP strategy with eight countries: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, and the República Dominicana. In Africa, a complementary regional approach is under development, with six countries: Senegal, Ghana, Kenya, Tunisia, Mauritius, and South Africa, co-designing a tailored capacity-building programme for implementation in 2026.

## What's next: 2026 priorities

The focus now shifts decisively to delivery:

- I. Launch five online training modules on circular and sustainable procurement for buildings and construction,

developed with IISD

- II. Pilot regional SPP programmes in Africa and Latin America, enabling structured south–south cooperation, and scale buyer–supplier dialogues to translate policy signals into market response and accelerate supplier innovation
- III. Expand endorsement and uptake of the Global Framework for Action on SPP in the built environment, and finalize and launch the Global Framework for Action on SPP to advance sustainable food systems
- IV. Deliver implementation milestones through COP30 PAS on SPP deployment and strategic engagement towards COP31
- V. Enhance SDG 12.7.1 monitoring, transforming reporting data into actionable insights for decision-makers.

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



## CFIT Launches First Recommendation: Leveraging EPDs to Improve Scope 3 Emissions Reporting in ICT Procurement



*With the publication of its first Recommendation, the Circular and Fair ICT Pact takes a further step in strengthening and harmonizing sustainable ICT procurement. Building on years of collaboration and shared practical experience, this Recommendation translates collective insight into focused, implementation-oriented guidance. The first Recommendation, Leveraging Environmental Product Declarations to Improve Scope 3 Emissions Reporting in ICT Procurement, addresses a structural challenge in public sector climate action: the quality of Scope 3 emissions data linked to purchased ICT hardware.*

For most public organizations, Scope 3 emissions represent the largest share of their carbon footprint. In ICT, upstream emissions associated with production can be significantly higher than emissions from the use phase. Yet many organizations continue to rely on spend-based calculation

methods. While these provide an initial overview, they do not reflect the actual carbon performance of specific products and therefore limit the precision of reporting and reduction strategies.

The Recommendation calls on procuring organizations to require suppliers to provide third party verified Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for ICT hardware. EPDs are standardized documents based on life cycle assessments and independently verified under recognized international standards. They provide transparent data on environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions expressed as CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, across the full product lifecycle.

Embedding EPD requirements at tender stage, and verifying them during contract management, strengthens the quality of Scope 3 data used for monitoring and reporting. It also increases transparency in the ICT supply chain and encourages manufacturers to measure and disclose product level environmental impacts.

Full recommendation is available at [here](#).

### 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.

## Policymakers Convene at 13th ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme in Manila to Advance Climate Resilience through SCP and Circular Economy

11 March 2026 — Policymakers and sustainability leaders from ASEAN Member States gathered in Manila from 9-11 March 2026 for the [13th ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production \(SCP\)](#) to strengthen regional cooperation and policy leadership on climate action through sustainable consumption, circular economy policies, and resource-efficient economic strategies.

Hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines, serving as Chair of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN), the event was organised in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat, the EU SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component, the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines, and the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

Held under the theme “[Climate Resilience through SCP and Circular Economy for a Sustainable Future](#),” the three-day leadership programme provided a platform for policymakers to exchange experiences, policy tools, and innovative approaches to integrating sustainable consumption and production, circular economy practices, and climate strategies.

More than thirty-eight policymakers and experts participated in the event, representing nine ASEAN Member States, alongside representatives from international organisations, development partners, and the private sector. The programme explored how SCP and circular economy policies can accelerate climate mitigation, strengthen adaptation, and support resilient economic development across the ASEAN+3 region.

Sessions focused on practical policy instruments such as:

- [Green Public Procurement \(GPP\)](#) as a tool to drive sustainable markets;
- [Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\)](#) frameworks to reduce waste and strengthen circular value chains;
- [Innovative business models and green financing mechanisms](#) supporting low-carbon and resource-efficient economies;
- [Regional collaboration and knowledge exchange](#) among ASEAN policymakers.

These discussions highlighted how policy alignment between SCP, circular economy, and climate strategies can help countries advance commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 12 on Responsible Consumption and Production and SDG 13 on Climate Action.

More details at [Switch-Asia news webpage](#).



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