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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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Practices Collection of Innovative Application on Carbon Label & Carbon Reduction Integrated Supply Chain Management

The report of <**Practices Collection-Innovative Application on Carbon Label and Carbon Reduction Integrated Supply Chain Management**> was jointly released within the collaboration between [International Green Purchasing Network \(IGPN\)](#) and [UNEP One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Programme](#), which was produced by IGPN Secretariat - [China Environmental United Certification Center](#)(CEC).

The Practices Collection brings together innovative supply chain practices from seven organizations across four countries: China, the United States, Thailand, and the Netherlands. It showcases practical applications of carbon labelling and emission reduction in key areas including supplier management for public and private sectors, low-carbon logistics, carbon inclusion, supply chain finance, remanufacturing, clean production, and digitalization. As a valuable reference, the Practices Collection offers actionable insights and sets a positive

example for industry practitioners.

CEC has hosted the Secretariat of IGPN since 2018, driving the global implementation of sustainable procurement. The innovative cases featured in the Practices Collection document policies, measures, tools, and outcomes of applying carbon labelling to innovate supply chain management, facilitating knowledge sharing among IGPN members and stakeholders worldwide. By

summarizing practical experience and demonstrating phased achievements, the Practices Collection effectively enhances supplier capacity, promotes the adoption of carbon labelling, and stimulates market and supply-side demand for sustainable products and services.

[Practices Collection-Innovative Application on Carbon Label and Carbon Reduction Integrated Supply Chain Management](#) is available at both [One Planet Network website](#) and [IGPN website](#).

IGPN 2026 Annual Meeting Pre-Notice

Theme on Low-carbon management and procurement practices

The [International Green Purchasing Network \(IGPN\)](#) 2026 Annual Meeting [planned to be held on 26th. October](#), in conjunction with the [Global Ecolabelling Network \(GEN\) Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) which is from October 26 to 30 in Singapore YMCA Fort Canning hosted by Singapore Environment Council.

IGPN 2026 Annual Meeting will exchange and recap annual work with members on the general basis, in addition, will focus on discussions of strengthening the IGPN development, explore collaborations with GEN, UNEP, other international organizations, and relevant institutes on environmentally friendly products and green purchasing.

In addition to the IGPN annual meeting, all participants welcome to international forum focus on how credible ecolabels can support sustainable procurement and drive market transformation which is organized by GEN and will bring together policymakers, procurement practitioners, international organizations, and GEN, UNEP partners.

[The meeting documents will be available in the coming future prior to the event.](#)





China Case Study Report on Certification Practices in the Textile Industry

This case study report is an outcome of the project “Sustainability in the textile value chain, promoting Ecolabel and Sustainable Public procurement”, implemented by China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), which is affiliated with the Environmental Development Center (EDC) under the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China. The project adopted a value chain analysis approach and a life cycle assessment (LCA) concept to develop the Ecological Textile Technical Specifications, systematically integrating criteria on climate change, biodiversity, pollution control, and social impacts. The project organized multiple promotion activities for standard interpretation and the adoption of sustainable procurement, and conducted pilot assessments in three well-known Chinese textile enterprises. These efforts have effectively advanced the green and low-carbon transformation of China’s textile enterprises.

The activities were supported by the EcoAdvance project, a collaborative effort between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), GIZ, and Öko-Institut, receiving financial support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

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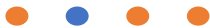
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Launch of the Carbon Neutral Products and Services Study Group under the Leadership of Our New Chairperson

We are pleased to announce that at our 146th Board of Directors meeting held on April 16, Norihiro Itsubo (Professor, Department of Resources and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Science and Engineering, School of Creative Science and Engineering, Waseda University) was appointed as the 5th Chairperson of GPN Japan.

<https://www.gpn.jp/organization/directors/>



Professor Itsubo specializes in life cycle impact assessment and the development of environmental evaluation methodologies, with extensive experience in assessing the environmental impacts of various products and projects.

Furthermore, we will launch a new "Carbon Neutral (CN) Products and Services Study Group" this fiscal year. The objective is to provide a systematic learning opportunity covering foundational knowledge, practical operations, procurement, market formation, and institutional design related to CN products and services. Through active participant discussions, the group also aims to formulate recommendations on future systems and markets.

This launch is driven by the acceleration of efforts such as calculating and disclosing product carbon footprints (CFP), developing CN products and services, and reducing emissions across entire supply chains. However, definitions and concepts around terms are not yet fully understood even among corporate and organizational representatives, making them difficult to

handle. Additionally, to advance decarbonization, we believe establishing a mechanism is crucial where not only suppliers but also distributors, procurement officers, and local governments appropriately evaluate environmental value and reflect it in the market.

The sessions will be conducted in a hybrid format, combining both online and in-person formats. It is designed not only to help participants stay updated on the latest CN information but also to foster networking among members by allocating time for interaction.

Together with our new Chairperson, as we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we will continue to provide valuable information and host events to promote a decarbonized society while deepening our collaboration with IGPN.



Thailand Reinforces Regional Leadership in Developing Ecolabel Criteria for Sustainable Construction

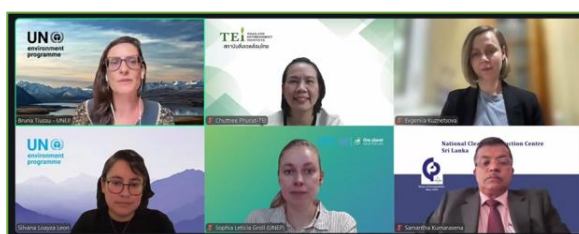
6 May 2026– The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) highlighted Thailand’s leadership in advancing sustainable construction during the international webinar “Ecolabels and SPP in the Building & Construction Sector – Insights and Experiences from Asia.”

Representing TEI, Dr. Chuttree Phurat, Director of the Green Label and Environmental Labeling Program, presented Thailand’s experience in developing ecolabel criteria for high-impact construction materials, including cement and steel. Her presentation, “Harmonizing Ecolabel Criteria and Advancing Mutual Recognition Agreements,” showcased how environmental certification can address key sustainability challenges, including climate change, biodiversity conservation, resource efficiency, and social responsibility.

Dr. Chuttree emphasized that harmonizing ecolabel criteria across the region is essential for strengthening green markets and reducing trade barriers. She highlighted the role of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) in enabling ecolabel-certified products to gain acceptance across multiple countries, supporting both sustainable production and regional trade.

“Thailand’s experience demonstrates that harmonized ecolabel criteria not only improve environmental performance but also create new business opportunities, particularly for SMEs,” she noted.

The webinar also underscored the importance of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) as a driver of market transformation and featured experts from Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, and UNEP. Organized by the EcoAdvance Project and the One Planet Network Consumer Information Programme, the event fostered knowledge exchange and regional collaboration to accelerate the transition toward a more sustainable construction sector across Asia.



TEI Highlights the Role of Environmental Labels in Driving Thailand's Green Economy

29 May 2026 –The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) celebrated its 33rd anniversary with a national academic seminar under the theme “Global Environment, Thai Environment: Adapt to Survive, Learn to Thrive.” The event served as a platform for policymakers, businesses, academics, and environmental experts to exchange knowledge and explore solutions to the three interconnected global environmental crises: climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, President of TEI, emphasized that today’s environmental challenges are borderless and cannot be addressed by any country alone. He stressed the importance of collaboration among all sectors to drive meaningful action and highlighted the need for Thailand to strengthen its preparedness through policy development, business adaptation, and public awareness.

A key highlight of the event was the recognition of organizations demonstrating long-term commitment to sustainable production and consumption. TEI presented honorary awards to seven companies that have continuously maintained Green Label certification for more than 25 years, reflecting their enduring dedication to environmentally responsible products and services. In addition, certificates were awarded to 40 companies certified under the Green Label and Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) programs.

These recognitions underscore the growing commitment of Thailand’s private sector to sustainability and innovation. More importantly, they reinforce the role of environmental labels as a practical market-based mechanism for promoting green consumption, sustainable production, and Thailand’s transition toward a green economy.

The awards ceremony reflected the spirit of TEI’s 33rd anniversary theme, highlighting the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges and advancing sustainable development for future generations.



TEI Highlights the Role of Digital Product Information Systems (DPIS) in Advancing Sustainable and Circular Trade

12 June 2026 – Bangkok, Thailand – The Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) reinforced the importance of Digital Product Information Systems (DPIS) as a key enabler of sustainable consumption, circular economy development, and future-ready trade systems during the session “Interoperable Digital Product Information Systems: Driving Circularity and Sustainability in Global Trade” held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok.

Representing TEI, Dr. Chuttree Phurat participated as a panelist in a discussion on the opportunities and challenges of integrating DPIS into trade systems, as well as readiness gaps that countries and businesses face in adopting digital product information solutions. The event was part of APTFF x PTW 2026, co-organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The session aimed to enhance stakeholder understanding of the benefits of interoperable DPIS in supporting circular and sustainable trade, promote regional cooperation, and gather practical inputs for the development of future implementation guidelines.

During the discussion, she emphasized that DPIS provides consumers, businesses, and regulators with reliable and standardized product information throughout a product’s lifecycle, helping to improve transparency, support informed decision-making, and strengthen market sustainability.

Dr. Chuttree also highlighted the need for collaboration among governments, businesses, standards organizations, and consumers to unlock the full potential of DPIS. Key priorities include developing interoperable standards, establishing trusted data governance frameworks, strengthening SME capacity, and promoting regional cooperation, particularly within ASEAN.

TEI believes that DPIS should be recognized not merely as a digital tool, but as essential infrastructure for advancing sustainable production, responsible consumption, and circular trade in the years ahead.





From Policy to Practice: Demonstrating EPR & Plastic Credit Systems for South Asia

The [Environmental Management Centre Pvt Ltd \(EMC\)](#), in partnership with the [Indian Pollution Control Association \(IPCA\)](#), successfully delivered a 3-day regional training on Demonstration of EPR and Plastic Credit Systems in India from 8–10 June 2026 at the Marriott Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Steered by the [South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme](#) (SACEP) under the World Bank Group funded Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project, the programme brought together delegations from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, & Sri Lanka for cohesive regional coordination. The inauguration was graced by Madam Gita Chaudhary, Nepal's Honourable Minister for Agriculture, Forest and Environment, Dr Govinda Prasad Sharma, the Secretary, Minister for Agriculture, Forest and Environment, & Mr Norbu Wangchuk, SACEP's Director General.

South Asia is at a pivotal moment in plastic waste governance. Several countries are actively exploring EPR frameworks while others are already in the process of drafting regulations & looking to India's operational experience for guidance. This training offered exactly that direct, hands-on exposure to a system already running at scale.

Day 1 grounded participants in India's full EPR regulatory architecture, the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016, the 2022 Amendments, and a live walkthrough of the CPCB EPR Portal. Indian industry practitioners shared how PIBOs navigate compliance in practice, while country delegations mapped their own national contexts against the Indian model.

Day 2 moved into PRO & PWP models, traceability mechanisms, EU EPR perspectives, and an examination of Plastic Credit systems across Verra, PCX, & OBP standards including where EPR obligations and credit schemes align, and where they create friction.

Day 3 stepped out of the room, with field visits to the PLEASE Grantee Doko Recyclers Material Recovery Facilities bringing the regulatory architecture to life on the ground.





Philippines Advances the Reduction of Methane through GPP of Select Product and Services

The Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Inc. (PCEPSDI) continues to advance sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and Green Public Procurement (GPP) in the Philippines through the Methane Reduction and Tracking in the Philippines Green Public Procurement Project. The initiative is implemented under the World Bank's Global Methane Reduction Platform for Development (CH4D) in partnership with the Government Procurement Policy Board – Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) in line with the scaling of Republic Act 12009 or the New Government Procurement Act.

From April to June 2026, PCEPSDI conducted a series of consultations and technical meetings with representatives from government agencies and academic institutions to support the development of the project's Market Readiness Assessment (MRA) Report and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). Key stakeholders consulted included the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI), the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), PhilRice, the Philippine Carabao Center, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Husbandry, and the Private Developer of Carbon Market.





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The information gathered through these engagements will contribute to the development of green technical specifications for selected low-methane products to be considered in government procurement processes. These efforts aim to strengthen the integration of methane-emission-reduction criteria into public purchasing decisions and to support the country's climate mitigation objectives.

As part of the project's final phase, a capacity building program will be conducted on June 30 2026. The activity will present the project's key accomplishments, including findings from the methane scoping assessment, results of the MRA and LCA studies, GPP technical specifications, and the proposed GPP pilot procurement framework. A hands-on workshop will also be held to simulate the procurement of low-methane products using the developed framework and impact assessment tool.

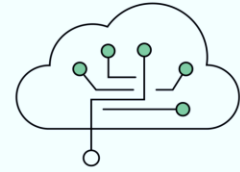
The program seeks to build the capacity of government agencies to integrate methane-reduction considerations into procurement practices and to equip procurement practitioners with practical tools to assess and develop technical specifications for low-emission products.

As a pioneering initiative in the Philippines, the project demonstrates how public procurement can be a strategic mechanism to reduce methane emissions from government-procured goods and services. With project completion scheduled for the third quarter of 2026, final activities are currently underway to support the adoption and future scaling of low-methane procurement practices across the public sector.





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Procura+ Awards 2027 open submissions

Who will follow in the footsteps of 2025's Procura+ Award winners **Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe, Orleans Metropole and UNDP Uzbekistan**? [Applications for the 2027 Procura+ Awards](#) are now open, inviting public authorities to submit applications in three possible categories: Sustainable Procurement of the Year, Innovation Procurement of the Year and Global Procurement of the Year. Apply by filling in the [form below](#). Deadline: 20 September 2026 (23:59 CET).

The three categories aim 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**. The successful solutions will have a strong potential for replication and scaling up and will be an excellent showcase in using sustainable, circular and innovation procurement instruments to purchase cutting edge solutions.

Sustainable Procurement of the Year

This category will reward procurements which integrate aspects of sustainability, including environmental, economic, circular and social elements. It aims to showcase procurements which include a strategic and therefore holistic approach to implementing public procurement.

Innovation Procurement of the Year

This category will reward those procurements which use innovative approaches in their purchasing practices, as well as those that foster innovation by purchasing cutting-edge products, services and works and see the public authority as a launch customer, driving sustainable development.

Global Procurement of the Year

This category will focus on global outstanding public procurements and initiatives. This category goes beyond Europe and seeks to showcase good practice from all over the world.

The 2027 Procura+ Awards will be assessed by a jury of procurement experts and policy makers. The jury will be revealed soon. The winners and finalists will be announced during a special ceremony at the Procura+ Conference, taking place in the City of **Barcelona from 16-19 February 2027**. More information about the Conference can be [found here](#). Registration and programme info will be announced soon.





UNEP has launched a FREE online course on [Building awareness and competency in sustainable and circular public procurement for the built environment](#), in support to the implementation of the [Global Framework for Action: Harnessing sustainable and circular public procurement to drive demand for a near-zero and resilient built environment](#), officially endorsed by 11 Member States to date.

Developed by UNEP, with IISD as a technical partner, and peer-reviewed by a wide range of international experts and organizations, the course provides both strategic context and practical tools.

What You Will Learn to do in practice:

- Translate policy goals (climate, circularity, resource efficiency) into tender requirements and evaluation criteria
- Apply tools such as whole life-cycle costing, CO2 performance frameworks, and ecolabels to shift procurement decisions.
- Embed circularity across the full project cycle, from planning and design to construction and operation.
- Design procurement processes that incentivize innovation, reuse, and low-carbon solutions.
- Monitor results and align with national targets and SDG indicator 12.7.1.

Rather than focusing on isolated projects, the course supports a systems-level shift: using procurement to create consistent demand signals that enable industry to invest, adapt, and scale sustainable solutions. Designed primarily for public procurement practitioners, it is also relevant for policymakers, suppliers, and other stakeholders working across the built environment value chain.

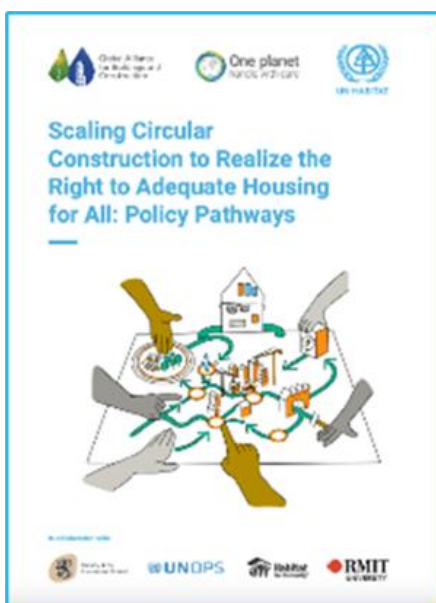
[Discover the course.](#)

Governments Highlight Circular Solutions to the Global Housing Challenge at the World Urban Forum (WUF13)

How can circular economy help to solve the global adequate housing crisis? To bridge the housing gap without crossing the planetary boundaries requires an urgent shift from destructive extraction to regenerative systems. The GlobalABC/One Planet Network [Circular Built Environment \(CBE\) group](#)'s event at the WUF13 in Baku Azerbaijan "[Policy Pathways for advancing adequate housing through circular construction](#)" (Tuesday 19 May 2026) discussed the three sides of circular built environment 1) prioritize retrofitting, 2) material circularity and 3) design for circularity.

During the event the governments of Senegal, Bangladesh and Ukraine shared their experiences and priorities related to circularity in the built environment.

(More details at [OPIN website](#))



A policy paper "[Scaling Circular Construction to Realize the Right to Adequate Housing for All: Policy Pathways](#)", a key topic product of the GlobalABC/OPN CBE group, was launched during the event. This policy paper developed by UN-Habitat with the support of the CBE group members discusses how circularity can help to close the global housing deficit in a way that we can stay within the planetary boundaries, and introduces policy analysis and experiences from the case study countries.



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