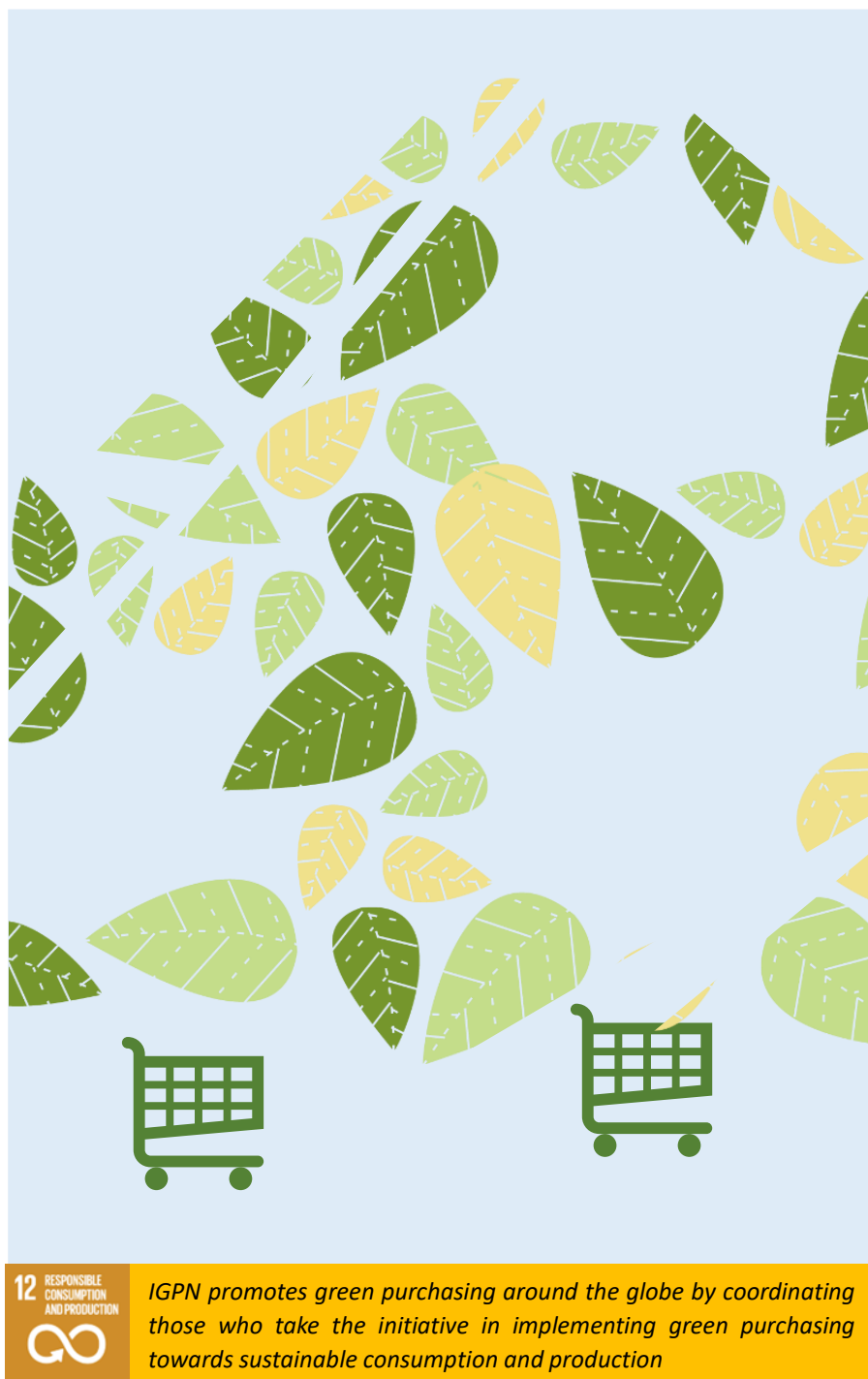


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2026 Green Consumption Campaign Launched: China Environmental Labelling Empower Green Consumption Transition

July 16—The launch ceremony of the 2026 Green Consumption Campaign and Green Home Appliance Promotion Month was held in Qingdao, Shandong Province. This is the national flagship initiative covering all consumption scenarios and engaging the entire industrial chain. It seeks to foster a positive feedback loop: consumer demand drives supply-side transformation, while greener supply in turn boosts consumption upgrading.

Backed by green label certification frameworks including China Environmental Labelling, the campaign delivers reliable purchasing guidance, enabling consumers to make verifiable green choices and turn low-carbon living into mainstream action. During the event, China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), presented the China Environmental Labelling certification scheme, featured with standard assesses environmental impacts across the whole lifecycle—from raw material extraction and manufacturing to usage and end-of-life recycling, of which its environmental criteria are over 30% stricter than requirements for conventional products.

China Environmental labelling qualifies certified products for green public procurement, supports green printing transition and underpins green consumption subsidy policies across multiple national provinces. Widely recognized as the gold standard for eco-

products, the China Environmental Labelling logo helps consumers spot credible green products and avoid greenwashing without sorting through complex environmental parameters.

Guests toured local manufacturers to view smart manufacturing, big data analytics, modular production and automated logistics, gaining first-hand insight into green intelligent production and industrial decarbonization.

Opening with the Green Home Appliance Promotion Month, the 2026 Green Consumption Campaign will roll out subsequent themed activities covering green printing, green textiles, sustainable mobility, eco-friendly food and circular economy. The campaign aims to spread green consumption concepts, scale up green product uptake and offer authoritative eco-certification guidance across clothing, food, housing, travel, shopping and recreation.

More details at:

<https://www.mepcec.com/xwzx/gsxw/2026/13496.shtml>



GPN Japan Newly Developed Purchasing Guidelines for Energy Storage Systems and Disaster Preparedness Supplies, and Started to Disclose Product Information

In July 2026, GPN Japan developed Purchasing Guidelines for Energy Storage Systems and Disaster Preparedness Supplies to summarize important environmental and social perspectives for purchasing these items.

GL11 家具	GL12 テレビ	GL13 衣服・履物
GL14 印刷サービス	GL15 ホテル・旅館	GL16 温水洗浄便座
GL16 大・小便器、水栓金具	GL17 食品（加工食品）	GL18 グリーン電力証書
GL19 輸配送（貨物自動車）	GL20 電力	GL21 石けん・洗剤
GL22 蓄電システム	GL23 災害備蓄用品	

URL: <https://www.gpn.jp/guideline/>

Purchasing Guidelines for Energy Storage Systems

The scope covers lithium-ion stationary systems for residential and commercial facilities and portable power stations, excluding mobile batteries and other batteries used for home appliances.

The guidelines highlight corporate initiatives, such as the introduction of reused battery products manufactured by repurposing used batteries.

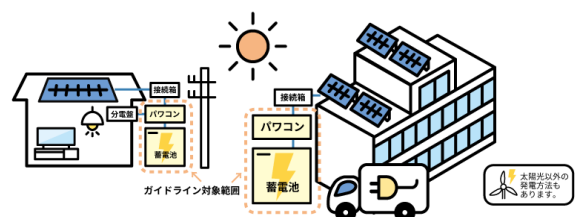
• Key Points of the Guidelines

Longevity: Explaining product lifespan and

charge/discharge cycles so that users can use a single product longer.

Energy Efficiency: Evaluating minimal power loss and high capacity utilization at low temperatures during operation.

Responsible Disposal: Addressing post-use environmental care through the ease of reuse/recycling and collection systems.



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Purchasing Guidelines for Disaster Preparedness Supplies

Items are categorized into Group A (essential supplies for basic survival and hygiene during the first 72 hours) and Group B (post-72-hour shelter supplies).

Many eco-friendly items for disaster preparedness are still at an early stage. Therefore, the guidelines encourage sustainable market development by including products with eco-friendly packaging, provided they meet strict safety standards.

• Key Points of the Guidelines

Environmentally Conscious Raw

Materials: Highlighting the use of recycled materials and biomass plastics.

Longer Usage and Preservation:

Promoting the purchase of longer-lasting products, and focusing on extended shelf life to prevent supplies from being discarded due to expiration.

Minimal Waste Generation: Designing products to produce less trash, which is crucial when normal waste disposal is disrupted during a disaster.

Corporate Initiatives: Introducing sustainable corporate services, such as product collection and replacement.

Product Information Disclosure

On September 14th, we officially released product data based on the guidelines on "Eco-products Database." Through the "Eco-products Database," we aim to raise awareness and stimulate the eco-friendly market. We will further increase product listings to promote sustainable procurement.

URL: <https://www.gpn.jp/econet/>



TEI Conducts Stakeholder Consultation on Draft Thai Green Label Criteria

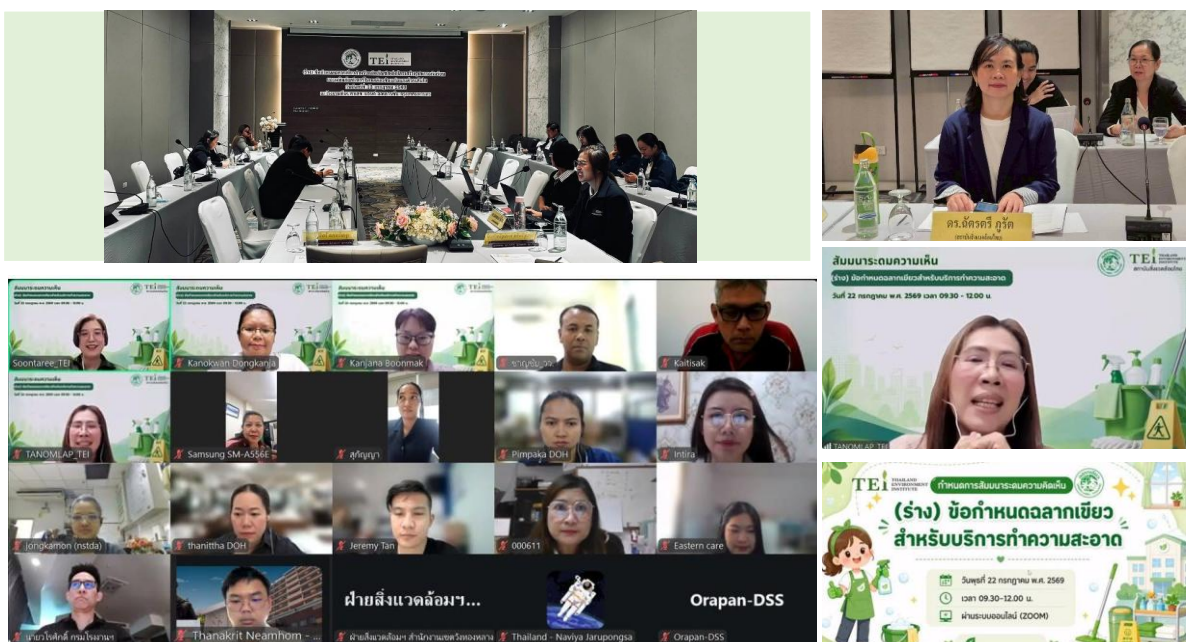
13 July 2026, Green Label and Environmental Label Program, Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), convened a stakeholder consultation on the draft Thai Green Label criteria in Bangkok, Thailand for **Hot-Rolled Structural Steel Sections** and **Fibre-Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Products** on **13 July 2026**, and for Cleaning Services on **22 July 2026**.

The consultation brought together representatives from government agencies, industry, academia, technical experts and other relevant stakeholders to review the proposed criteria and provide technical input. The consultation forms part of TGL's criteria development process, which aims to ensure that environmental requirements are scientifically sound, transparent and practicable, while reflecting current industry practices and relevant regulatory requirements.

Furthermore, the discussion highlighted the role of environmental labelling in promoting environmentally responsible in service delivery, occupational health and safety, sustainable consumption and procurement, and the transition towards a green economy.

The draft criteria for these product groups were developed using a life cycle thinking approach, addressing key aspects including raw material sourcing, manufacturing processes, energy consumption, pollution control, waste management and legal compliance. Stakeholder inputs from the consultation will inform the further refinement of the draft criteria prior to their finalisation by the Board of Administration.

The initiative represents an important step in expanding the Thai Green Label scheme from products to services and supporting environmentally responsible service provision and **Green Public Procurement (GPP)** in Thailand.



TEI at WCEF 2026

16 September 2026, Dr. Chuttree Phurat, Director of the Green Label and Environmental Label Program at the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), joined global experts as a panelist at the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 (WCEF 2026) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. **Parallel Session 11: Advancing Ecodesign for Sustainable Products and a Circular Economy**, brought together policymakers, businesses, and academics to explore how design frameworks can accelerate the transition toward sustainable production and consumption.

Organized by TERI, UNEP PAGE India, Chatham House, Sitra, and the Bureau of Indian Standards, the dialogue highlighted the role of Ecodesign policies in driving product durability, repairability, resource efficiency, and recyclability. Speakers from India, the EU, and other regions shared strategies to align regulations with market innovation and global value chains.

Dr. Phurat contributed Thailand's perspective, emphasizing the importance of environmental labelling (Ecolabelling) as a trusted mechanism to support sustainable markets and combat greenwashing. She underscored the need for harmonized ecolabelling standards across countries to reduce trade barriers and expand opportunities for SMEs. Key challenges discussed included compliance costs, testing infrastructure, access to finance, and technical skills.

TEI's participation reinforced Thailand's commitment to advancing circular economy practices and adapting international insights to strengthen sustainable product markets at home.



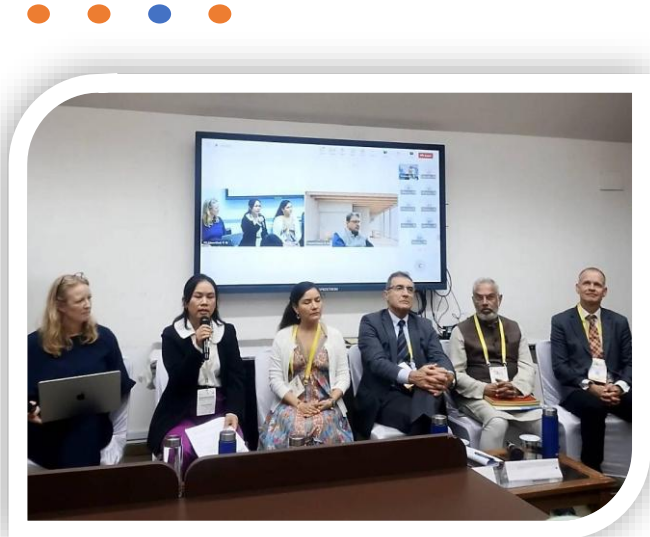
TEI at WCEF 2026

And 18 September, 2026, Dr. Phurat joined the high-level dialogue on Accelerator Session, “Circular Economy: From Evidence to Transformation”, co-organized by PAGE, UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, and Indian partners, focusing on how credible evidence can drive policy, investment, and fair transitions toward a circular economy.

The forum showcased three PAGE-supported studies: UNIDO’s analysis of secondary materials markets, ILO’s global employment database for circular systems, and UNEP’s macroeconomic modeling of circular impacts. Together, these provided a foundation for connecting research with decision-making in government, business, and finance.

Dr. Phurat contributed insights on environmental labelling and market demand, emphasizing the importance of credible environmental information in building buyer confidence and supporting sustainable procurement. She highlighted ecolabelling as a key mechanism for leveraging sustainable consumption and production by linking producers, consumers, and public institutions, while addressing challenges in integrating social, occupational health and safety into the ecolabelling criteria in order to enhance the good governance practices.

TEI’s participation underscored Thailand’s commitment to advancing green markets and circular economy practices, positioning ecolabelling as a trusted tool to foster sustainable trade and resilient economic transformation.





Capacity Building Workshop on Operationalizing Extended Producer Responsibility in Sri Lanka

[Environmental Management Centre Pvt Ltd \(EMC\)](#), successfully delivered a 2-day Capacity Building Workshop on From Law to Practice: Operationalizing Extended Producer Responsibility on 21–22 September 2026 in Colombo, organised with the Central Environmental Authority, Sri Lanka (CEA), & supported by UNDP Sri Lanka. It brought together CEA officials, the EPR Expert Committee, producers, recyclers, local authorities & development partners.

In July 2026, Sri Lanka amended its National Environmental Act to create a dedicated Part on EPR. Under it, the goods & products covered are to be specified by Order published in the Gazette, & the mechanism making producers responsible for their products through to end of life is to be set out by regulation. The first EPR Regulations, covering plastic packaging, are now in draft.

DAY 1 opened with addresses by dignitaries from the CEA, the Ministry of Environment, UNDP & the Coca-Cola Foundation, setting out the national context & the progress made. It then covered the fundamentals of EPR as a policy instrument for waste management & a circular economy, its global evolution, models & financing mechanisms, & a walkthrough of India's plastic EPR framework: the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016, the 2022 EPR Guidelines, the CPCB EPR Portal & environmental compensation.

DAY 2 moved into implementation: the roles of key stakeholders including PWWs & PROs; institutional & financing arrangements; data verification & transparency; the integration of informal waste workers; & plastic credit systems. A brief presentation was also made on e-waste management in India. The day closed with a constructive discussion on the way forward for operationalising & implementing EPR for plastic packaging in Sri Lanka. Two things stood out:

- 1.The enabling framework is in place. With EPR embedded in the parent Act & the Regulations in draft, attention now turns to the system that will deliver them: rules, financing, operations, credible data, enforcement & inclusion.
- 2.Shared learning works. India's experience of running plastic EPR at scale offered practical insight, & the solutions will be Sri Lanka-led.





How do we move circular fashion from promising pilots to a system that works at scale?

At the World Circular Economy Forum WCEF 2026 Accelerator Session on "Building The Circular Fashion Ecosystem", [Environmental Management Centre Pvt Ltd \(EMC\)](#) and Ethica Finland brought together voices from India and Europe to discuss the design, technology, finance and policy needed to make that shift.

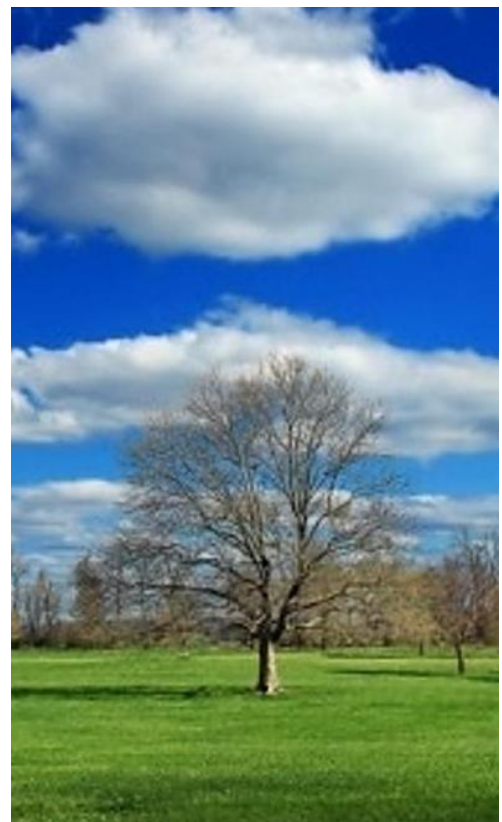
Our synthesis note captures a clear message: collecting and recycling textiles is only part of the work. Circular fashion also needs viable local recovery systems, investment in growing enterprises, traceable materials, and fair, safe livelihoods for the people who handle textile waste.

The discussion also explored what evolving EU requirements could mean for Indian textile suppliers. Building stronger design, data and supply chain capabilities now can help businesses prepare for changing buyer expectations.



Purpose

To explore strategies for scaling circular fashion from isolated pilots to a profitable, investable ecosystem, bringing together Indian and EU voices across design, recycling technology, finance, and policy





Make circular IT part of everyday decisions

A circular economy is about using resources responsibly — extending product lifetimes and keeping materials in use for as long as possible. But what does this mean in practice when buying, managing, and using IT products?

We asked circularity experts, procurement professionals and IT brands for their top tips on circularity and IT products — and received plenty of practical advice. In this article, you'll find 33 ways to make IT more circular. Here are five places to start:

- Ask more from suppliers. Choose products designed to last and look for suppliers that offer repair, upgrade, take-back, reuse and resale services. Use RFIs and early market dialogues to understand what is possible before you set procurement requirements.
- Buy for longer use. Product lifetime has a major impact on sustainability, so prioritize durable products with enough performance capacity for several years.
- Match devices to real user needs. Not everyone needs the newest or most powerful product. Segment users based on how they actually work, and you can optimize purchasing, extend use periods and identify opportunities to reuse devices internally.
- Make reuse the default. Set up clear routines for collecting used IT products, removing data securely and deciding whether they can be reused, resold or recycled.
- Build knowledge and influence together. Circular IT is easier when you work as a team. Join networks, learn from other organizations, share your own experiences and collaborate with other buyers to increase your purchasing power.

Circular IT does not have to start with a complete transformation. Small, practical steps can make a real difference — especially when they help products stay in use longer and reduce unnecessary resource use. [Explore 33 circular IT tips.](#)



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.



Procura+ Awards 2027 extend submission deadline

When the Procura+ Awards 2027 opened submissions last June, applications poured in from all over the world. However to give interested participants more time than just the summer holidays, the submission deadline has now been extended to **12 October (23:59 CET)**. The three categories remain the same: Sustainable Procurement of the Year, Innovation Procurement of the Year and Global Procurement of the Year. Apply by filling in the [form below](#).

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 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](#), with further details about the registration and programme to be provided by the end of the month.



ICLEI Europe partners with Barcelona City Council to host 13th Procura+ Conference



From 16-19 February 2027 the 13th Procura+ Conference will be held in the City of Barcelona (Spain). [Barcelona City Council](#) and [ICLEI Europe](#) have collaborated on sustainable and innovation procurement for over 30 years; **the Conference will build on and celebrate that legacy and look forward to the future.**

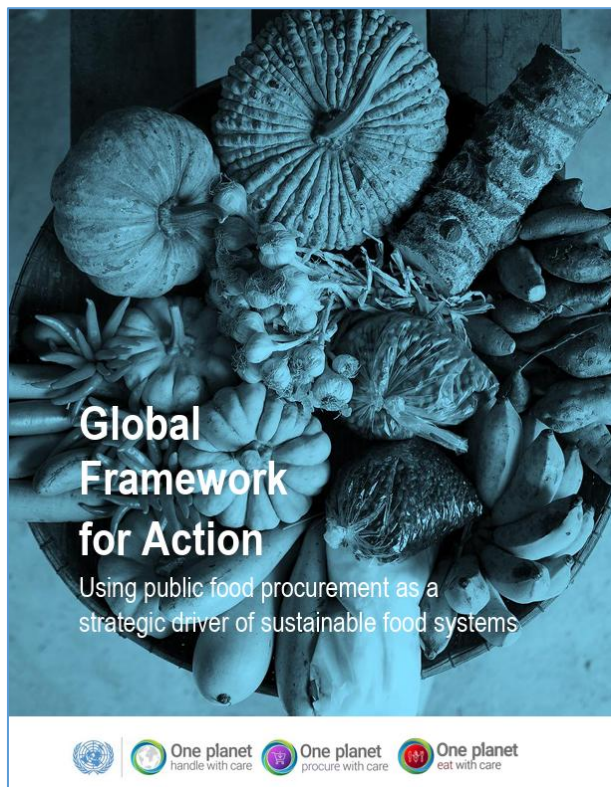
ICLEI Europe and Barcelona City Council are currently working on an inspiring programme for the Conference that will showcase good practices from across Europe (and beyond!), **advocate for a bold use of strategic public procurement in the context of Europe's efforts to become more sustainable, resilient and competitive**, and highlight how industry and business can work together with public buyers to increase the uptake of sustainable public procurement.

This will be the second time the Procura+ Conference is held in Barcelona. In [2006](#), ICLEI, the Provincial and City Councils of Barcelona, the LEAP Project Consortium, the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN), the Catalan Government and the Spanish Ministry for the Environment joined forces to organise the event that served to deepen and widen the

commitment to adopt sustainable procurement practices and to pick up the pace of local, regional and national actions. In the following 20 years, **the Procura+ Conference has become one of Europe's key public procurement events, fostering a dialogue amongst public buyers, suppliers, policy makers, multipliers, and other relevant stakeholders.** It's a conference where sustainable, circular and innovation procurement policy meets practice, and where procurement innovations have originated.

Barcelona has grown in parallel. In the two decades since it last hosted the Procura+ Conference, **the Barcelona City Council has established itself as a pioneer in socially responsible and sustainable public procurement, evolving from early green purchasing initiatives to a mature and internationally engaged procurement strategy.** The City Council actively promotes contracting with social economy enterprises and SMEs through reserved contracts and training programmes and will open the Barcelona Strategic Procurement Office (OCE) in early 2026. The OCE will promote efficient, responsible, sustainable, and agile public procurement, together with Barcelona's specialised teams that incorporate social, labour, equality, and environmental criteria—including sustainable food systems—into the Sustainable Procurement Annual Plan.

More information about the programme, speakers and registration will be made available soon on the [Procura+ website](#).



Launching the Global Framework for Action on Sustainable Public Food Procurement

Public procurement represents one of the world's most powerful tools for driving sustainable development. Every day, governments purchase food for schools, hospitals, public institutions and social protection programmes – creating an opportunity to improve nutrition, strengthen local economies, support smallholder producers, and reduce environmental impacts.

The One Planet Network announce the launch of the Global Framework for Action: Using Public Food Procurement as a Strategic Driver of Sustainable Food Systems.

Developed by UNEP and FAO under the One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement and Sustainable Food Systems Programmes, the Framework provides governments with a practical and flexible roadmap to design and implement sustainable public food procurement policies tailored to their national priorities. It is built around three guiding principles and a menu of 14 actions that help translate policy ambitions into practical implementation.

The Framework is the result of a two-year collaborative process involving governments, procurement practitioners, producers, civil society and development partners from around the world, demonstrating the power of partnership in advancing sustainable public procurement.

The Framework is now open for endorsement from technical and policy organizations, as well as national and local government. For more details on endorsement, please contact paulina.boechat@un.org. We look forward to supporting countries as they use public purchasing to build more resilient, inclusive and sustainable food systems.

More details at [One Planet Network website](https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/).

New Position Paper highlights role of chemicals in circular and fair ICT procurement

A new Position Paper from the Circular & Fair ICT (CFIT) Pact examines how chemicals of concern can affect circular and fair ICT procurement, and where public procurement can help drive safer and more consistent market practices.

The [Circular & Fair ICT \(CFIT\) Pact](#), an action under the Sustainable Public Procurement Programme of the One Planet network, has published its first Position Paper, focusing on chemicals of concern in the ICT sector.

Developed by the CFIT Secretariat together with CFIT participants, the paper explains why chemicals need to be considered more deliberately in ICT procurement and identifies areas where procurement can support change.

Chemicals have been one of the four central ambitions of the CFIT Framework from the outset. Chemicals of concern can affect workers during production and recycling, restrict safe reuse, refurbishment and material recovery, and make circular loops harder to close.

The challenge is particularly significant in ICT, where products and supply chains are chemically complex, information can be fragmented, and substitution does not automatically mean safer substitution.

The Position Paper provides a common basis for CFIT's next phase of work, bringing

together procurement practice and expert knowledge to strengthen guidance and explore greater alignment between procurement approaches. For public organisations purchasing from the same international ICT market, more consistent requirements can provide clearer signals to suppliers.

As part of the One Planet network and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP), CFIT contributes to wider efforts to use public procurement to advance more sustainable and circular markets.

The paper also reflects relevant UNEP work on chemicals in electronics and the Global Framework on Chemicals.

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





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