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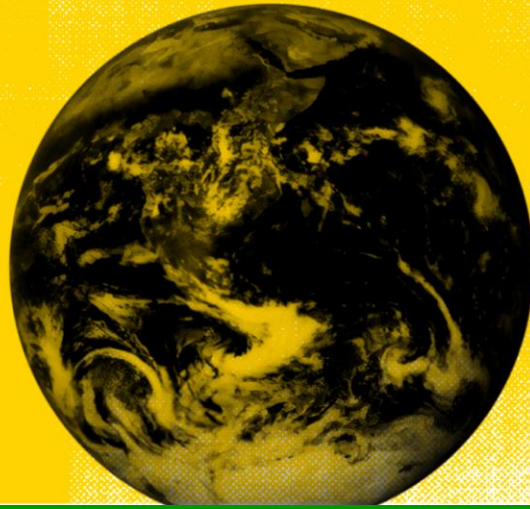


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# **Time for Nature**

**The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.**

**Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message:**

**To care for ourselves we must care for nature.**

**It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices.**

**It's time to build back better for People and Planet.**

**This World Environment Day, it's Time for Nature.**

(learn more at <http://www.worldenvironmentday.global>)

## Methodology for measuring SDG12.7.1 Indicator on SPP Reclassified to Tier II

Methodology for measuring progress on SDG indicator 12.7.1 for sustainable public procurement has been officially reclassified as Tier II – meaning that countries can now move towards measuring progress with an agreed indicator and metric.

The SDG 12.7.1 index measures the level of implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in a single country. The idea of the index is to assess the means dedicated to SPP policies, the level of implementation of the usual components of SPP policies and the outcomes of these policies at national, subnational or both levels. All these factors are combined in a single measure.

UNEP has leveraged the expertise of its public procurement network and of the One Planet SPP Programme partners to develop the methodology for the indicator. The methodology was tested in August and September 2019: 31 different countries took part in the development of the methodology (6 of them are based in Africa, 11 in Asia, 26 in Europe, 5 in North America and 4 in South America). 52 experts from 40 different organizations provided feedback on the methodology.

The reclassification of the methodology opens the door for the first exercise of data collection which should take place in 2020.

While the new methodology is key to reporting against SDG 12.7.1, it will also help identify rooms for improvement in the implementation of SPP policies. Therefore, reporting against SDG 12.7.1 will be useful for government agencies wishing to advance their SPP actions and policies- whether it be beginning countries or more advanced ones.

Learn more at:

<http://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/spp-news-stories>

A graphic for Sustainable Development Goal 12. It features the 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS' header at the top. Below it, 'SDG 12' is written in a blue box. To the right is a circular icon for Goal 12, labeled '12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION' with an infinity symbol. The main content is a list of three bullet points: 'Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns', 'Target 12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable in accordance with national policies and priorities', and 'Indicator 12.7.1 Number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans'.





# GEN Board Participates in Training for Latin American Countries



Global Ecolabelling Network members together with the Brazil Ministry of Economy and Consumers International shared knowledge and experience in the certification of products and services with representatives from Latin American countries interested in developing national Type 1 environmental labeling programmes in Brasília on 12 and 13 March.

Participants included Ángel Guerrero of OSN in El Salvador, Paola Rojas Chaves of Inteco in Costa Rica, Hector Corrales of Sedeco in Paraguay, Naomi Scott-Mearns of Consumers International, Antonia Biggs Fuenzalida of MMA Chile, and Antonio Juliani of the Brazil Ministry of Economy. GEN board members attending were Vinicius Ribeiro of ABNT in Brazil, Yulia Gracheva of Vitality Leaf in Russia, and Bjorn-Erik Lonn of the Nordic Swan. Guy Ladvocat of ABNT, a previous GEN board member also participated.

The event was supported by the Brazilian government, UN Environment and the German Ministry of Environment. Among the countries interested in developing ecolabelling programmes are Chile, Costa Rica, Paraguay and El Salvador. The next stage of the project consists of the commitment of the countries interested in developing their own management systems for operating the environmental labeling programmes.

For more information about the project and what was covered, visit:

<https://www.abntonline.com.br/sustentabilidade/Rotulo/Projetos/CapacityBuilding>



## New Chairperson appointed

Green Purchasing Network (GPN) is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Chairperson, Prof. Yasushi UMEDA. He is a professor at the University of Tokyo, and his main research interests include Eco Design, product life cycle design, circular economy, and sustainable consumption and production.

## Purchasing Guidelines for Laundry and Dishwashing Soaps and Detergents

In April 2020, the GPN has developed Purchasing Guidelines for Laundry and Dishwashing Soaps and Detergents. GPN's Green Purchasing Guidelines are the list of the important environmental and social aspects that should be considered when purchasing products and services.

There had been no environmental criteria for this product group in Japan, and GPN referred to criteria of the EU Ecolabel.

When purchasing soaps and detergents for laundry and dishwashing, the following articles should be considered and purchase products that have less environmental impacts and are socially responsible.

- (1) Use of environmentally and socially friendly raw materials;
- (2) Disclosure of a biodegradation level of the final product and a biodegradation test method;
- (3) Availability of information on PRTR substances;
- (4) Appropriate substances and appropriate amount for intentionally added preservatives, fragrances and colourings; and
- (5) Use of environmentally friendly package

Laundry and dishwashing soaps and detergents which meet the GPN's Purchasing Guidelines will be posted on the Eco-products Database in the near future.

# China Environmental Labelling Program Releasing New Criteria



With the approval of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, three new criteria of China Environmental Labelling on Range Hood, Cosmetics and Absorbent Hygiene Products were released on December 13th, 2019 and came into effect from January 1st, 2020, which were developed by China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC).

The three criteria are the first developed. The Range Hood presents stricter requirements for purification of cooking oil fume and reduction of VOCs emission for range hoods, compare with the relevant national standard. The Cosmetics for the first time bans plastic beads to minimize the hazards of plastic beads to water environment. The Absorbent Hygiene Products identifies the hazardous substance limits for adult diapers to protect the health of consumers.

Up to now, more than 120 China Environmental Labelling product criteria have been issued, 104 of which are currently valid. The 3 new criteria will extend the range of Environmental Labelling product and promote green production and green consumption further in China.

Learn more at:

<http://en.mepcec.com/news/show-2315.html>

## Green Council Invests in Renewable Energy Credits

The Green Council (GC) is taking an important step towards achieving its goal to source renewable power for 100 percent of its electricity needs through the purchase of renewable energy certificate (REC) from the Hongkong Electric. These renewable energy resources are either generated or purchased by the power company, and include solar and wind power projects.

Under the REC Scheme, RECs are sold by the power companies for units of electricity from renewable energy sources such that buyers can claim their operation or activities are carbon-free. GC aims to encourage interested organizations and individuals in subscribing and promoting the long-term development of renewable energy.

Learn more at:

<https://www.hkelectric.com/en/customer-services/smart-power-services/renewable-energy-certificates>





## **Comprehensive Analysis on Green Public Procurement**

Review and analyze current status of Green Public Procurement System of Thailand. Propose improvement measures to achieve efficiently functional GPP System for Thailand and recommend and orient Thailand's Green Public Procurement and production.

## **The Thai Joint Implementation Organization for Market Readiness Analysis 2020**

The project aims at assessing the overall status of the current Green Public Procurement and eco-labelling practices in Thailand with a view to understand the Legal requirements and eco-labelling criteria for the environmental requirements of the products to be filled to ensure the successful implementation of GPP. The scope of work, methods used, and main contents for the study were discussed and agreed by the Advisory Committee.

Learn more at:

[http://www.tei.or.th/en/search\\_result.php](http://www.tei.or.th/en/search_result.php)



## **SMEs with SEC Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) and Eco Certifications can now qualify for HSBC's Green Loans**

The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is proud to announce today that Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) holding its internationally recognized certification, the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS), and Eco Certifications can now apply for financing with HSBC SME Green Loan (Green Loan). The HSBC SME Green Loan is the first-ever Green Loan in Singapore to draw on existing ecolabelling certifications instead of the externally-reviewed bespoke Green Finance Frameworks typically associated with large corporates, filling a gap in the green financing for SMEs by reducing time, complexity and cost.

Learn more at:

<https://sec.org.sg/media/press-room/>

## **International E-School on Circular Economy**

A Summer School on Circular Economy was held between May 12-16 at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B). This School was in partnership with National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) and Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) with Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation as lead. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event had to be re-designed and was conducted virtually.

As the event was planned as a virtual event, participation from other countries also became possible. An International e-School with 11 virtual learning sessions covering various topics in Circular Economy for aspirants across all countries worldwide was devised and announced.

Topics covered include Evolution of CE, Life Cycle Assessment, Sustainable Public Procurement, Sustainable Product and Packaging Design, 12Rs of CE along with related policies, regulations and technology innovations.

Business models in CE and Financing with role of informal sector will also be covered with case studies and interactions with CE practitioners.

Learn more at:

<http://www.ekonnnect.net>

## **Unlocking the Potential For Sustainable Urban Development And Local Economic Growth**

launching a new project to support selected cities/regions in using public procurement as a strategic tool to achieve their policy objectives and priorities. The project will be implemented with the support of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. It is open to ICLEI members, Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement and Procura+ Participants as well as other cities ICLEI works with on this topic. The project comes at a time when public procurement is playing an increasingly critical role in delivering the goods and services that are necessary to fight the Covid-19 pandemic and prepare for post-crisis recovery.

How cities spend taxpayers' money, how they deliver services and how they make strategic investment decisions makes procurement an increasingly important tool to go beyond the economic aspects of "value for money".

In addition to providing support to selected cities and regions, the project offers the opportunity to produce comparative data and statistics on public procurement in cities and regions, facilitate peer-to-peer learning, and assess the procurement performance at the local level.

Learn more at:

<https://sustainable-procurement.org/news/?c=search&uid=vqMOQx3Q>



**Are you a public authority ambitious about procurement and curious about artificial intelligence towards carbon neutrality?**

Helsinki, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Paris Region, Stavanger and Tallinn - are pursuing a pre-commercial procurement and are looking for cities that are curious to learn and exchange with throughout the process.

The project is divided into five phases:

1. Preparatory phase: refine challenge, enlist companies and peer cities
2. Funding Suppliers for Solutions design
3. Funding Suppliers for Prototypes development
4. Funding Suppliers for pilot testing in EU Cities
5. Results promotion and scaling-up

What does it mean to be a Preferred Partner?

- To engage closely with the PCP Process, with a view to ultimately expanding the market uptake of the developed solutions through your own Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI).
- To be kept informed about all aspects of the PCP and afforded access to all information concerning the PCP results.
- To contribute wherever possible to validate the PCP goal by providing background information regarding the specific needs of the cities.
- To collaborate with the consortium's public procurers and to meaningfully support the project's objectives.

To join relevant online and face-to-face meetings.

Learn more at:

<https://sustainable-procurement.org/news/?c=search&uid=MHi8ucTU>





# Proposal for Global Green Procurer Certification

IGPNB/Green Purchasing Network in collaboration with SIRIM Malaysia has developed and submitted a draft proposal to IGPN to gather feedback, which is to develop the program for the certification and training of green procurers for both the public and private sector personnel.

Feed backs from council members have been overall positive with comments for its implementation. Steps are being taken to develop the details of the program and to implement a pilot test run of the project in Malaysia.



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