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Key Message for 10YFP Progress Report

This is [the progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns \(10YFP\)](#). This report has been prepared by the United Nations Environment Programme, acting as the Secretariat of the 10YFP. It builds upon an annual reporting mechanism for Member States and stakeholders. The report fulfills the purpose of updating Member States and stakeholders on the progress made in 2022 regarding the implementation of the 10YFP. The progress is based on the official reporting of Member States on SDG 12.1. Furthermore, the report introduces the Global Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for the years 2023 to 2030. It also highlights updates in the initial implementation of the Strategy during 2023.

01. Sustainable Consumption and Production can act as a vehicle to address the **triple planetary crisis** and support a **sustainable recovery**.

02. The Global Strategy for Sustainable Consumption & Production provides a coordinated, cross-cutting and targeted response to the challenge of shifting patterns of sustainable consumption & production globally and must be **embraced**.

03. Circular economy principles are increasingly being adopted by countries as a **central vehicle** to achieve sustainable consumption and production, but levels are too low and further implementation **must rapidly accelerate**.

04. We must **intensify multilateral and multi-stakeholder collaboration** to accelerate **coordinated action** for sustainable consumption and production in the context of the implementation of the SDGs.

05. An **inclusive approach** focusing on **gender equality** and **uplifting vulnerable communities** is key to achieving sustainable consumption and production systems.

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Key Message for 10YFP Progress Report

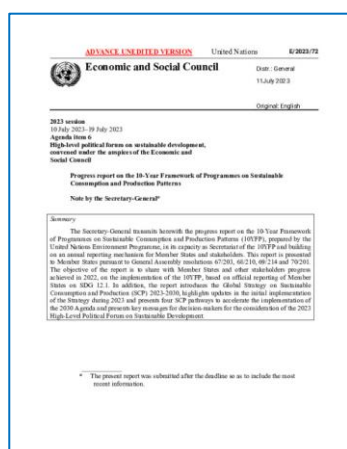
06. To accelerate the shift towards SCP we must **focus** our attention on **high impact, industry sectors** and ensure they are significantly reducing their negative climate, biodiversity, and pollution footprints

07. Realizing collective climate, biodiversity and pollution goals requires sustainable consumption and production & circular economy to be embedded within **multi-lateral environmental agreements (MEA's)**

08. Harnessing the potential of emerging **digital technologies** and tools is key for accelerating the transition to a digital technologies **circular economy**.

09. It is essential that we ensure that people everywhere have **relevant information on sustainable lifestyles** that exist in harmony with nature

10. Policies that can effectively **drive behavioral change** towards sustainable outcomes need to be prioritized as a matter of urgency



Procurement for People and Planet–Sustainable Procurement Information Brochure

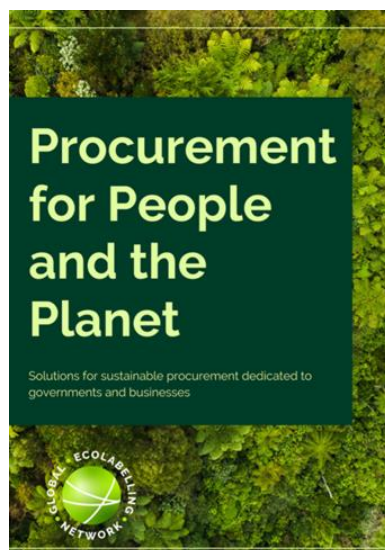
On August 31, GEN's Chair and Secretariat were involved at the B2O Summit, participating as speakers in the Sustainable Summit. During this event, GEN proudly launched its new Sustainable Procurement Information Brochure.

Inside, you'll find a wealth of insights and resources for businesses and governments:

- ✂ Sustainable Procurement Solutions
- ✂ What is Sustainable Public Procurement?
- ✂ Why We Need Sustainable Public Procurement?
- ✂ How to Make Better Purchases
- ✂ What Is an Ecolabel?
- ✂ Inspiring Case Studies
- ✂ Fighting the Good Fight Against Greenwashing
- ✂ Who is Global Ecolabelling Network and How Do They Support Better Public Procurement
- ✂ Examples of Best Practices
- ✂ Next Steps

This brochure is your comprehensive guide to sustainable procurement and ecolabelling. Join us in the fight for a greener, more responsible world!

More details at [GEN news webpage](#).





ISO Endorse China Environmental Labeling Program as A Typical Case of Conformity Assessment Conveys Trust



Lately, at the “**2023 Conformity Assessment Service Trade Facilitation Forum**” of the China International Fair for Trade in Services, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) “[Conformity Assessment Convey Trust for Industry Chain](#)” of [Chinese version and promotional video](#) were released which China Environmental labelling Program was endorsed as a typical case.

China Environmental Labelling Certification commits to advocate consumption, selection, promotion of environmentally friendly technologies and products, and promote green consumption. Since the implementation of China Environmental Labelling program, more than 130 standards have been issued, and more than 7,000 enterprises have been certified, involving more than 300 products categories, and the number of certified product models has exceeded 2 million, covering all aspects of consumer life such as automobiles, clothing, household, electronics, and daily chemicals.

Since 2006, the certification results which under the participation and implementation of China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC)., have been adopted by government green procurement, which has laid a positive role in leading the green production and consumption transformation.

GPN Launches Sustainable Goods and Services Website

In September 2023, **Green Purchasing Network (GPN)** launched a new website for sustainable products and services.

GPN has collected and provided environmental information on more than 13,000 products through "Eco Products Net". In addition to "Eco Products Net," GPN has launched the "Sustainability Products Service" website as a feature page for products that seek sustainability, taking into consideration not only environmental aspects but also social aspects (legality and sustainability of raw materials, human rights and safety of producers in the raw material producing areas, etc.).

The first issue features "yuimori" from Kokuyo Co., Ltd. and "recycled ink cartridges" from Ecolica Co. The "yuimori" product utilizes thinned Japanese cypress and beech wood to help conserve forests and revitalize local communities, while the "Recycled Ink Cartridge" product contributes to the spread of products made from recycled plastic (production and sales of environmentally friendly products) through the establishment of a collection and circulation system (procurement) for used ink cartridges. The "Recycled Ink Cartridge" is a product that contributes to the spread of products made from recycled plastic (production and sales of environmentally friendly products) through the establishment (procurement) of a recycling system for used ink cartridges.



サステナブル商品・サービス

買うから始めるエコ、サステナブルな未来へ

グリーン購入ネットワーク（GPN）が紹介する、サステナビリティを追求する商品・サービスの検索サイトです。

サステナブル商品・サービスとは？



2015年にSDGsが採択され、環境問題への対応だけでなく、企業活動もESGの観点から評価し、よりとする動きが次第に進んでいます。

企業のものづくりにおいても、リサイクル材の使用や省エネ等の環境配慮だけでなく、労働者の健康や安全等、社会への配慮も求められています。

そして、環境対策や社会貢献にも配慮された商品やサービスを選択し、持続可能な消費を実現することで、SDGsの目標達成にも貢献することができます。

このサイトは、サステナブル商品・サービスの検索を簡便にするために、グリーン購入ネットワーク（GPN）がGPN会員企業、団体の、環境配慮だけでなく、労働者の健康や安全等、社会への配慮も求められています。

このサイトで紹介する商品・サービスは、ライフサイクル全体にわたり、環境対策と社会貢献の両方から認識されていることをGPN内の会員間で確認したもののみを掲載しています。

グリーン購入ネットワーク（GPN）とは？

■ CONCEPT

森林があるべき姿を大切にするには、森林で育ち、国産材と木材をできる限り、無駄なく活用する取り組みが不可欠です。

この考えをもとに家具ブランド「Eisai」を立ちあげました。

木材をはじめとする国産素材の活用と同時に素材ごとにできる限り分別できる家具設計を行い、リサイクルや燃焼で廃棄につなげます。「Eisai」を通じて、自然負け社会への貢献を目指します。

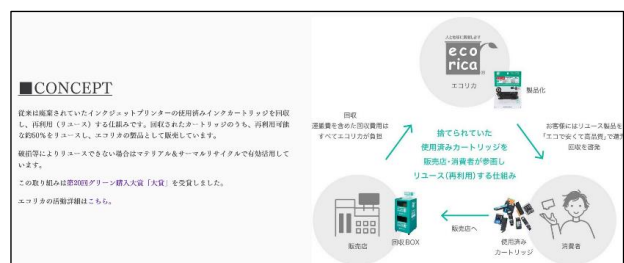


Outline of the website

Operator: Green Purchasing Network (GPN)

URL: <https://gpnsustainable.com>

Publication fee: Free of charge in FY2023.
(The fee for F2Y024 and beyond will be determined in the future)





30th Years TEI, Moving Forward with Partners towards a Sustainable Environment

For more than three decades on the environmental journey, the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) has played an important role in enhancing comprehensive environmental management in all dimensions both of nationally and regionally according to international standards that adhere to neutrality.

On the 30th anniversary, TEI has collaborated with partner organizations including the government, private sector, and civil society at the national and international levels to organize the celebration event.

Thailand Green Label (TGL), the only type I ecolabel in Thailand, has been initiated since 1993, to certify products and services that have a low environmental impact throughout the life cycle according to the ISO 14024 standard and operates the certification with transparency and impartiality according to ISO/IEC 17065 standard. For the 30th year, TGL has developed more than 126 criteria and certified for more than eight thousand models from the product group of office supplies, construction equipment, electrical appliances, automobiles, paper, clothes, furniture, cleaning products as well as cleaning service, etc.

In addition, a ceremony was held to present honorary plaques to companies that have received the Green Label certification for over 20 consecutive years, with 8 companies receiving the award as follows:

- Canon Marketing (Thailand) Company Limited
- Ricoh (Thailand) Company Limited
- Jotun Thai Company Limited
- Credo International Company Limited
- Siam Kraft Industry Company Limited
- TOA Paint (Thailand) Public Company Limited
- Nippon Paint Decorative Coating (Thailand) Company Limited
- Akzo Nobel Paints (Thailand) Company Limited.



Moreover, TGL also promote certified product to Green Public Procurement (GPP) by 100% of certified Green label products and services are the GPP list for government procurement in Thailand.

Green Label and Environmental Label Program organized a panel discussion under the topic “**Promoting Business for Sustainable Production and Consumption with Environmental Labels**” under this “30th Anniversary of TEI” event as well, with a ceremony to award green label certificates to environmentally friendly manufacturers and service providers in 2022-2023 over 50 companies. To congratulate and thanked them for their support of environmentally friendly production and services, which by Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, President of the Thai Environment Institute was the Chairman

and presented certificates. Dr. Phetmanee Daowiang, Deputy Director, The SMEs Business Promotion Department, Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion (OSMEP), is the one who presents certificates to manufacturers participating in the SMEs Promotion Project. Including the lecture on the topic “Green Public Procurement Policy” by Dr. Pinsak Suraswadi, Director-General of the Pollution Control Department.



Highlights, the panel discussion by representatives from relevant sectors exchanging and reflecting views in various dimensions such as Thai Industrial Standard Institute (TISI), Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion (OSMEP), Thai Health Promotion Foundation, Thailand Consumer Council, Krungthai Bank (KTB) and TOA Paint (Thailand) Co., Ltd, the representative of manufacturer as well.

Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards 2023 Celebrating Green Excellence



On the 17th of August 2023, the prestigious Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (SEAA), organised by the Singapore Environment Council, took centre stage at the Pan Pacific Orchard, an event that shone a spotlight on remarkable environmental stewardship. The Guest of Honour, Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, graced the occasion, emphasizing the government's commitment to recognizing and rewarding organizations that champion sustainability.

This year's SEAA marks a significant shift in its approach. In line with Singapore's evolving economic landscape, the awards sought to acknowledge the vital contributions of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). To better appreciate the environmental efforts of these SMEs, the SEAA introduced a two-tiered system. While the overall criteria for the awards remained unchanged, applicants were categorized based on organization size, allowing both multinational corporations (MNCs) and SMEs to compete and shine.

The evaluation criteria for these awards varied depending on the size of the applying organization. Large organizations and MNCs were assessed alongside SMEs, with the goal of recognizing excellence across the board. Applicants were encouraged to specify their organization's size during the application process to ensure fair and equitable evaluation.

The SEAA serves as a crucial platform for acknowledging and celebrating the efforts of businesses and organizations in Singapore that prioritize environmental sustainability. By expanding its scope to include SMEs, it not only recognizes their substantial contributions but also encourages more entities to adopt eco-friendly practices. In the pursuit of a greener, more sustainable future, the SEAA continues to inspire and set a benchmark for environmental achievement in Singapore and beyond.

Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards 2023

Celebrating Green Excellence

 Prize	 MNC Category	 SME Category
Green Finance Award		Merit Winner: Transport Capital
Green Hospitality Award	Award Winner: Singapore Island Country Club	
Green Transport Award		Merit Winner: SG Car Choice
Green Supply Chain Award	Award Winner: Seatrium Limited	
Green Innovations Award	Merit Winner: Kone	Merit Winner: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invosystems• Cundall
	Award Winner: Seatrium Limited	Award Winner: Just Dabao
Green Innovations: Buildings Award	Award Winner: Singapore Management University	
Green Innovations: Water Solutions Award	Award Winner: Digital Realty	Award Winner: SG Enviro
Regional Award	Merit Winner: PT. Sumatera Prima Fibreboard	
Outstanding Achievement Award	SG Enviro	





TCO Development and SDIA aim to develop a sustainability certification for cloud infrastructure

The organization behind the world-leading sustainability certification for IT products, TCO Development, and the Sustainable Digital Infrastructure Alliance (SDIA), now join forces to further push the boundaries for sustainability and transparency in cloud infrastructure.

The environmental impact of cloud services and data centers is growing, as more IT systems move from local computers to the cloud. With resource-intensive services such as AI on the rise, the demand for digital transformation, digital products and services, and sustainable solutions will continue to grow.

The collaboration between [TCO Development](#) and [SDIA](#) started about a year ago, to drive progress toward more sustainable data center solutions. Today, the relationship has intensified. The goal is to develop new criteria for cloud infrastructure as part of TCO Certified, comprising data center sustainability best practices, setting the standard for transparent and more sustainable digital resources.

“TCO Development has pushed the boundaries for more sustainable IT products for 30 years. By extending the certification scope to include services, we will be able to drive sustainability across a broader range of industries and influence the service providers to adopt more sustainable practices”, says Andreas Nobell, Development Manager at TCO Development.

“Reducing the environmental impact of IT is a strategic priority for organizations globally. As more organizations are moving away from generating their own digital resources, from on-premise IT infrastructure to procuring digital resources from external suppliers, ensuring environmental and social sustainability is critical”, says Max Schulze, CEO at SDIA.

TCO Development has certified data center products since 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

PROCURA+ CONFERENCE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIO NS DEADLINE EXTENDED!



The [Call for Contributions](#) deadline for the [11th Procura+ Conference](#) has been extended to **6 October 2023!**

The conference, which takes place **13-14 March 2024 in Lisbon, Portugal**, is an **ideal opportunity to showcase work on sustainable, innovation and circular procurement to over 250 attendees from across Europe and the world.**

The world, cities and public authorities are facing major environmental, economic and social challenges that require a substantial transformation across all aspects of society. Procurement has to play a key role in this transformation. **Now more than ever we need to hear from organisations that are making step changes to achieve big impact in sustainable, innovation and circular procurement!** It is also a great opportunity to showcase the interdisciplinary nature of procurement e.g. making food and energy systems more sustainable and advancing the just and circular transition.

The call is open to local, regional and national governments; public authorities; businesses, suppliers: policy makers; legal experts; scientific and research organisations; international and European institutions and agencies. Contributions on sustainable, circular and innovation procurement could include:

- Good practice examples of implementation, strategies and lessons learnt
- How procurement addresses societal challenges
- The latest projects, initiatives, research, guidance and tools
- Public and private sector working together
- Sustainable and innovative product or service solutions

Organizations can submit a contribution by completing [this form](#) by **6 October**.

For any questions send an email to: conference@procuraplus.org.

For more information on the conference, visit the conference website: <https://conference.procuraplus.org/>

IGPN Initiative Update

Green Purchasing Network Measurement Methodology Development

The initiative of Green Purchasing Network(GPN) measurement methodology development was launched this June during the of IGPN 2023Knowledge Sharing webinar.

This initiative initially proposed by Mr. Chair, intends to formulate a kind of measurement methodology by summarize the GPN model, and fulfill the IGPN mission implementation by promoting GPN practice through this measurable, reportable, and replicated methodology.

The duration of this initiative is 2 years from 2023 to 2024 and it is initially implemented in IGPN members. the planned output will include:

- A measurement methodology with feasible access of GPN definition, qualitative and quantity monitoring indicators;
- An excel calculator guide the pilot testing of the methodology;
- A pilot testing report of the methodology which brought performance overview of each Green Purchasing Network with recommendations

Based on the first batch collective suggestion, the <**Measurement methodology for Green Purchasing Networks (Version 2.0)**> has been revised by the Secretariat, based on the suggestions and comments provided by IGPN members including **GPN Japan**, **GPN Malaysia (GPN BERHAD)**, **GPN Thailand (Thailand Environment Institute)**, **GPN Singapore (Singapore Environment Council)**, **GPN China (China Environmental United Certification Center)** and **Green Council**.

Now the second batch for soliciting suggestions is under going! The scope for calling for contribution is extended to the external professionals from One Planet Network SPP program, and the timeline will be till 31st October.

Want to learn more on the initiative on GPN Measurement Methodology?

You or your organization are promoting environmentally friendly products or services and green purchasing, and you are interested in GPN measurement methodology? Why not join the International Green Purchasing Network?

Please contact the IGPN Secretariat via igpn.secretariat@igpn.org for more information!



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