



# NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION OF 2023 ANNUAL MEETING





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- GIZ: Brief introduction on regional project update on (Green) Public Procurement

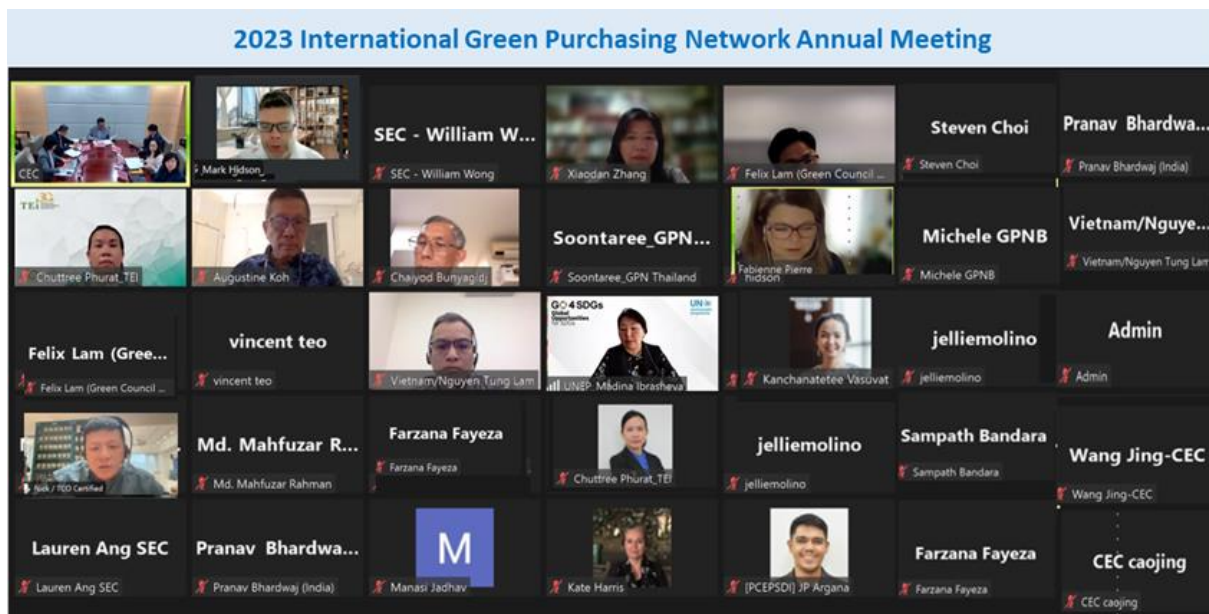
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## International Green Purchasing Network 2023 Annual Meeting Held for A Growing Community



**2023 International Green Purchasing Network(IGPN) Annual Meeting** was held visually on December 13th. Participants from national Green Purchasing Networks, IGPN Council and IGPN Advisory Board, invited guests from UNEP, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, GEN-Global Ecolabelling Network, TCO Development, GIZ Thailand office attended this meeting.



The meeting was hosted by the IGPN Secretariat, China Environmental United Certification Center–CEC, supported by the Green Purchasing Network Berhad Malaysia.

***The IGPN Met annually to recap progresses and share members' insights in green purchasing practices***



## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

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green and sustainable production and consumption are still the main course in line with balancing human development, combating environmental risks, and protecting a healthy planet. 2023, IGPN initiated the development of Green Procurement Network measurement methodology, the promising results has been made so far through the coordinating with members and partners led by the Secretariat. I hope all of you exchange progress and experiences, combined the on-going projects and trends of global sustainable public procurement practices, reflect the development of coming years.

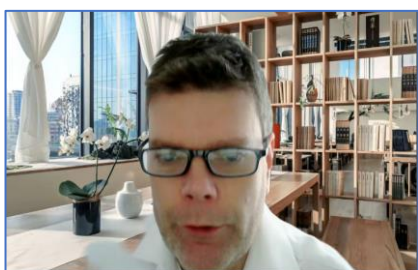
——Mr CHEN Yanping, Chair, the Internantional Green Purchasing Network



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In the context of global sustainable development, innovation, cooperation, research and scale up are themes of sustainable public procurement development. I hope IGPN can better utilize its network mode and expert resources, accelerate multi-collaborations, reach consensus on relevant contents to promote sustainable procurement practice

——Mr Mark Hidson, Vice Chair of the IGPN, Director of Global Sustainable Procurement Centre, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability



# Mainstream circularity in the construction sector through Sustainable Public Procurement



**The** flagship initiative “Mainstreaming circularity in the construction sector through sustainable public procurement” responds directly to [the Global Strategy for Sustainable Consumption and Production \(2023-2030\)](#) and is a key element of the [10YFP results framework \(2023-2024\)](#), adopted by the 10YFP Board in December 2022 to kick-off the implementation of the Strategy through action-oriented partnerships and approaches.



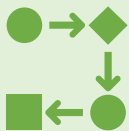
## AMBITION

Secure, by 2024, commitments from 50 partners, including governments (national & local) and key market players, to adopt and/or implement SPP principles, including circularity/material efficiency criteria, in the construction sector.

Based on <Catalyzing science-based policy action on sustainable consumption and production: The value chain approach and its application to food, construction and textiles (OPN/IRP, 2021)>, apply a **whole lifecycle approach** focused not only on “how” we build (materials) but also “what is built and where,” and “how much is built and why.



## APPROACH



## PROCESS

**Critical pathways and recommendations:** A stocktaking exercise conducted with UNOPS and multi-stakeholder consultations; **Co-designing of the flagship initiative:** with engaging key partners and organizations; **Promoting the initiative and securing commitments:** in the context of relevant international processes, events and partnerships.

## Strategic Group



**International Advisory Group** :Will be Champion countries; Expert international organizations and networks; Private sector; and Financial institutions.

--Presented by Ms. Fabienne Pierre, Lead, OPN Programmes & Flagship Initiatives, One Planet Network Secretariat, UNEP



Advancement of Sustainable Public Procurement in Central Asia



**Introduce** the sustainable public procurement practices from the perspectives such as capacity building, ecolabelling in SPP, pilot tender, legislation, and collaboration in countries including Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan of Central Asia.



UN environment programme SPP INVENTORY IN CENTRAL ASIA GO4SDGs					
	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
1. Strong political and organizational leadership and effective PP top-down management in place	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
2. National "green" growth and climate change commitments	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
3. Advanced SPP legislation/in progress	xxx	xxx	-	-	xxx
4. Public procurement environmental, social and economic criteria/ in progress	xxx	xxx	-	-	xxx
5. Categories of products or products are selected based on certain criteria	xxx	xxx	-	-	xxx
6. SPP Capacity building (mostly ad hoc)	xxx	xxx	-	-	xxx
7. SPP Guidelines and Action Plan are in place or under development	xxx	xxx	-	-	-
8. Market engagement	-	-	-	-	-

**Reflected** the challenges as follows based on the SPP inventory in central Asia, especially insufficient expertise, poor understanding of the SCP concept at the implementation level, lack of interagency cooperation, lack of products with stable characteristics, lack of adequate monitoring and evaluation system etc.

**Consider** the favorite environment in Central Asia, such as have developed overarching national strategies and programmes on green economy, political will in place to implement appropriate reform in SCP, SPP best practices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan; collaborative ideas were proposed.





программа по устойчивой среде

GO4SDGs

**Donors’ collaborative ideas and shared leadership are needed to ensure:**

- Systematic application of SPP in the Central Asian countries.
- Stimulation of the market of goods and services with improved environmental and social performance.
- Promotion of greater demand for these products and more sustainable companies.
- Greater return on public expenditure.
- Reduction of negative impacts and support for achieving sustainable development.

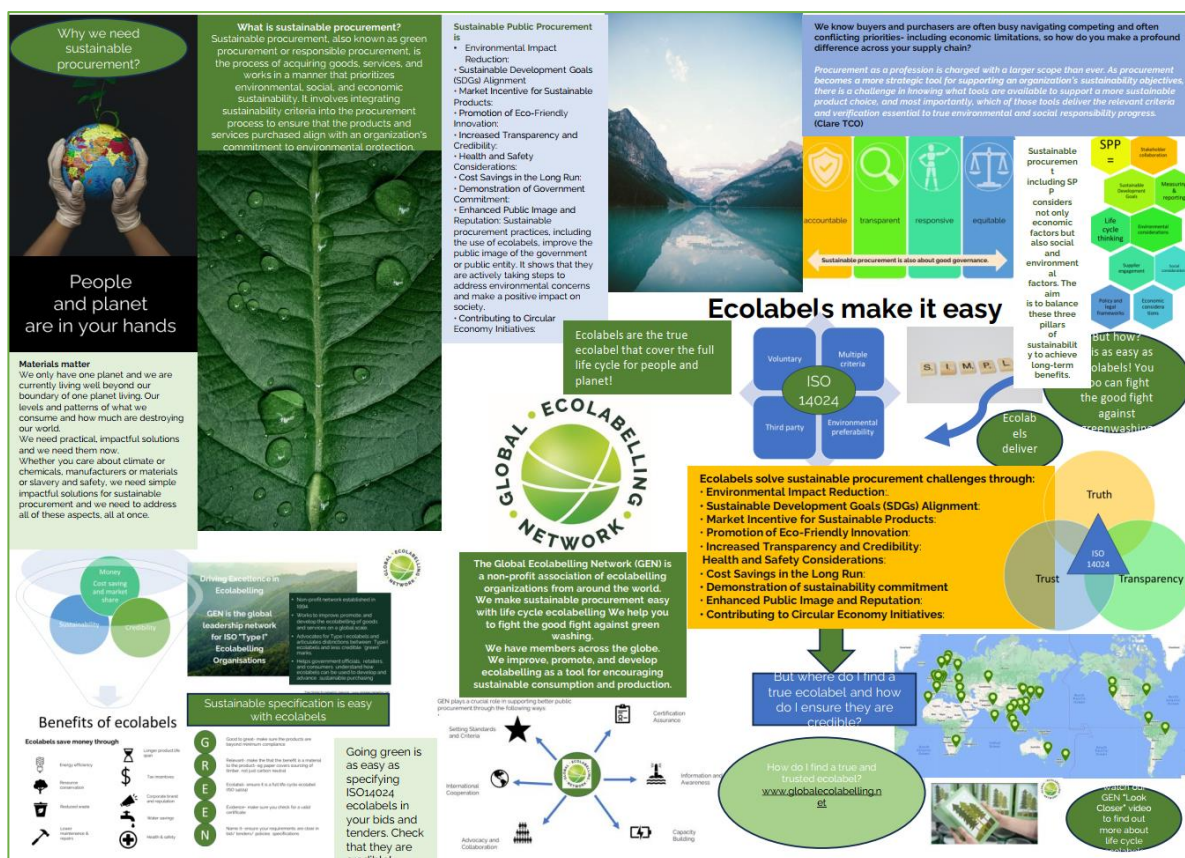
# The Power of Procurement for People and Planet:

## The role of ecolabels in green market formation, and the power of sustainable procurement



**Introduced** the new Sustainable Procurement Information Brochure-<Procurement for People and Planet: the role of ecolabels in green market formation, and the power of sustainable procurement>; **Explained** how type I Ecolabel used in SPP, such as voluntary guidelines, developing mandatory product lists, reference tools to formulate criteria for products, and verification for product claims meet purchasing criteria; **Illustrated** GEN's crucial role in supporting better public procurement in line with setting standards and criteria, international cooperation, advocacy and collaboration, certification assurance, information and awareness, and capacity building.

—Presented by Ms. Kate Harris, Secretariat, Global Ecolabelling Network



## Brief introduction on regional project update on (Green) Public Procurement



**Introduced** the on-going GIZ project to provide assistant in 5 countries for implementing SCP framework in particular for green public procurement and ecolabels. The policy framework for these 5 countries are as follows:

### **BUTAN**

The Ministry of Finance adopts Procurement Rules and Regulation 2023 which effect from 1st July 2023.

### **Cambodia**

The new Law on Public Procurement (“New PPL”) was promulgated by Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0112/005 to regulate the rules, methods, procedures, and structures for the management and implementation of all public procurement (May 2023)

### **Lao PDR**

<Decree of the Prime Minister on Government Procurement of Goods, Works, Maintenance and Services>(No. 03/PM, 2004) and <Law on Public Procurement>(No. 30/NA, 2017 and 2019) enacted in context of National Socio-Economic Development Plan for 2030 green growth vision.

### **Sri Lanka**

The National Policy on SCP (2019), as well as the National Environment Action Plan (2020) contain provision on GPP, required all public institutions implement GPP policy.

### **Vietnam**

Regulations new bidding law such as Incentives in contractor and investor selection, and Bid evaluation method are issued in 2023.

--Presented by Ms. Kanchanatetee Vasuvat, Regional Coordinator for SCP Outreach,  
GIZ Thailand





## GPN activity report for FY2023

**The Green Purchasing Network (GPN)** is a nation wide network of purchasers and others contributing to the realization of Carbon Zero, SDGs, and the Circular Economy through the promotion of sustainable procurement (consumption and production). Since its establishment in 1996, **1,303 members** including businesses, local authorities and NGOs, with its main secretariat office and six local networks, offer opportunities to know and learn, dissemination, practice, PR and network.

**Opportunity for Know and Learn:** expand content of workshops and seminars on the latest; the scale is extended some reach to 300 persons

**Opportunity for Practice and PR:** The 24<sup>th</sup> Green Purchasing Award since 1998, especially enlarge organization categories “agriculture, forest and fisheries” with 13 organizations awards

**Opportunity for Information:** Green purchasing guideline with new paper towel, revised Toilet paper and Tissue paper;

**Eco product Net:** Eco product and service database, environmental information on about 13,000 products;

**A new website for sustainable products and services** launched to introduce sustainable products;

**New website for Renewable energy 100 solution website** launched to help decarbonization management

**Network expansion:** Mie GPN network was established as the 7<sup>th</sup> GPN in Japan.





## Development of a Certification System based on Tracking and Traceability within a Blockchain Environment

**GPN Berhad Malaysia** in partnership with industry players (tracking system developer and recycling company), a certification body and relevant experts met regularly to develop a Certification Scheme based on the system of tracking and traceability in a Blockchain environment.



### GPx Certification Scheme -Tracking and Traceability System Within a Blockchain Environment

- ✂ Addressing global environmental trends and issues in waste management
- ✂ Market based instruments to complement GPN's measurement methodology

### Key Activities

- ✂ Organized regular on-line meetings with all stakeholders
- ✂ 5-Day Expert Meeting Development of Certification Standards and Scheme
- ✂ On Site visit Wongpanit Krabi for discussion and Pre assessment of Ocean Plastics Recycled content project



### 2024 Priority

- ✂ Pilot MOU signed for pilot projects, to test the scheme, will be implemented in year 2024.
- ✂ Support and collaboration with IGPN/GPNs Development of Certification for Industries involved in supply chains (eg. Palm Oil Industries)

--Presented by Mr. Augustine Koh, Director, GPN BERHAD, Green Purchasing Network Malaysia, Council member of the IGPN, Jointly with Dr. Chaoyod Bunyagidj, adviser to GPN BERHAD, Advisory member of the IGPN



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**Quality and maintain certification capabilities**

- Got certified ISO/IEC17065
- Training Lead Auditor
- MOU with laboratories for testing ISO17088, TIS384, and IEC 60076

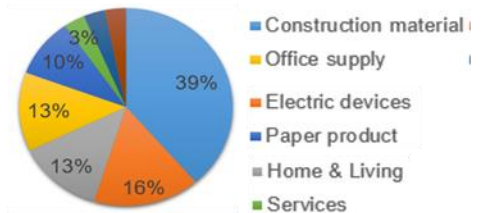


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**Certification promotion**

- Database development & Online application
- 3 New product certification :biobased plastic straw, wire cable, and PE pipe
- 4 New criteria being developed: Office building construction and renovation, Cement and concrete pipe, Steel for construction, and Electric Vehicle

Number of certified products



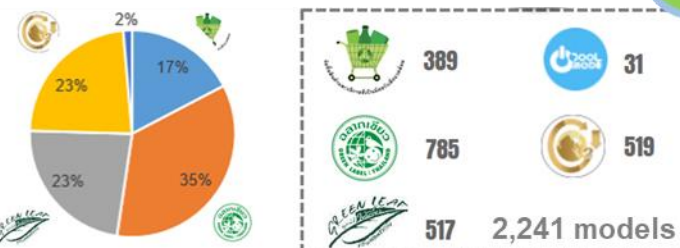
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**Networking collaboration**

- MOU with SCP partners
- GPP & SPP knowledge sharing



**Thailand Green Products**



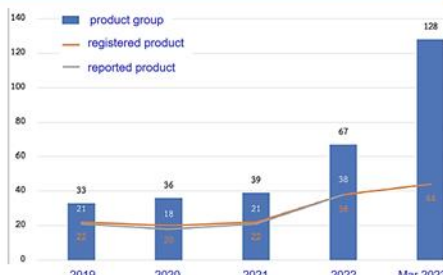
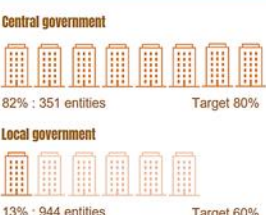
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**Business opportunity**

- Developed new Eco labeling
- Fee reduction for SMEs
- All Green labeled certified products/services are update to GPP database automatically

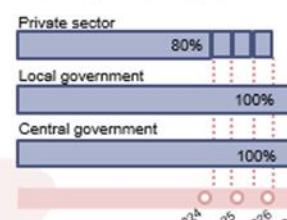
**Thailand Green Public Procurement**

Reported 2022

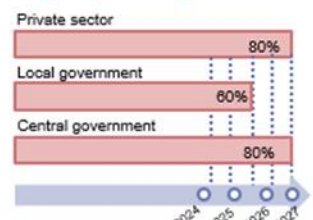


**Thailand Green Public Procurement Plan 2024-2027**

**Target of participating agencies**



**Target of purchasing value**

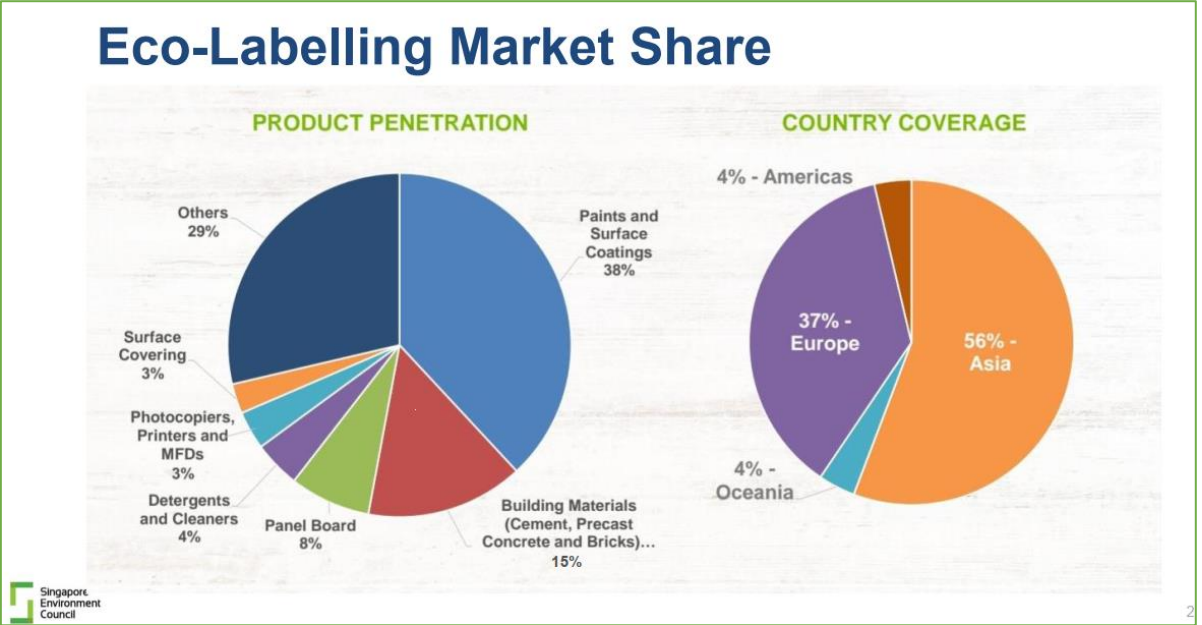




# Recap of SEC 2023 Annual Work

## MOU-MRA Updates

**From** perspective of Eco-label market share. provide an landscape of SEC’s Green Label international collaboration especially for the MOU updates of SEC with JEA Japan Eco Mark, KEITI Korea Eco-Label, SEC-GECA MOU Action Plan, SEC-TCO MOU for Collaboration .



--Presented by Mr. William Wong, Assistant Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council, GPN Singapore





## Green Purchasing Alliance Movement

## Furthering GPP in the Philippines

### Building New Connections



The organization participated in the LogiSYM Transportation and Logistics Exhibit held last August 17-19. In this event, PCEPSDI was able to share its programs and projects, including the Green Purchasing Alliance Movement, and connect with industry players and stakeholders.

- ✳ PCEPSDI, acting as the consultant for the project, will be spearheading the active market readiness analyses (MRAs) for the pilot agencies.
- ✳ Technical specifications with environmental considerations for select Common-and NonCommon-Use Supplies and Equipment (CSEs and Non-CSEs) have already been drafted and proposed.

### Technical Assistance



### Capacity Building



PCEPSDI has recently formalized its engagement with the United Nations Development Programme for the Accelerating Circular Economy in Cities (ACE) Project. A series of awareness sessions and workshops are being conducted, with topics ranging from concepts on CE and GPP to life cycle costing, capacity needs assessment, and vision-setting.

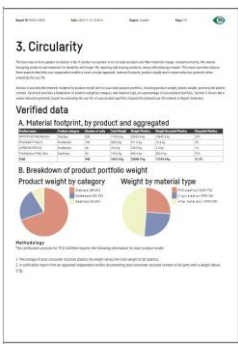
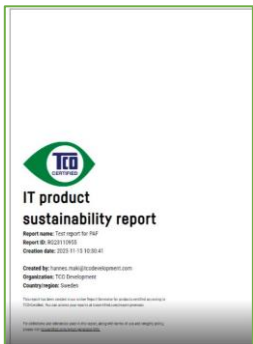
-Mr. Jose Peregrine Argana, Programme Research Assistant - Green Public Procurement, Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, GPN the Philippines





# Next Big Things in 2024

## Preview-Report Generator

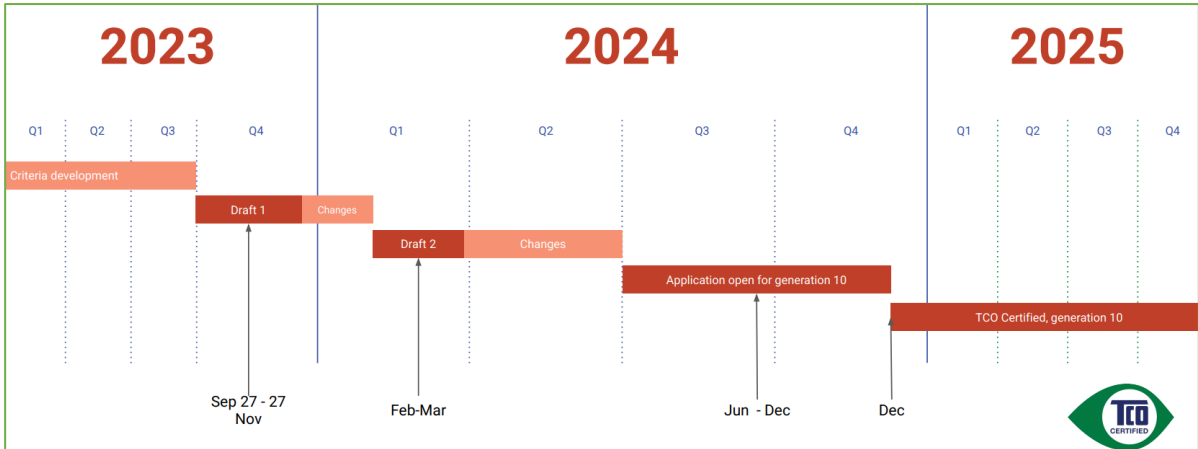
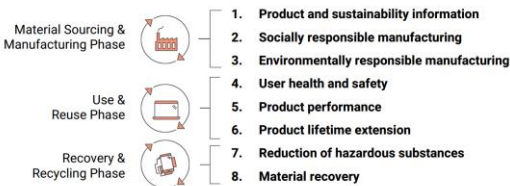


- ✂ Customized IT Product Sustainability Report
- ✂ Build your product portfolio
- ✂ Metrics / language on:
  - Climate - Carbon emissions (scope 2,3)
  - Product Carbon footprint
  - Substances - Inclusion of safer substances
  - Circularity - Material footprint, lifetime extension and e-waste reduction potential
  - Supply chain - social, environmental responsibility;

## TCO Certified Generation 10

- ✂ The first draft of TCO certified, Generation 10 is released in September;
- ✂ The application open will be from June 2024;
- ✂ The main theme will be included climate, supply chain, substances, and circularity.

### Chapters - TCO Certified generation 10



--Presented by Mr. Nick LIU, Manager, Sustainable Purchaser Engagement, Asia Region, TCO development



## Recap of 2023 China Environmental Labelling and Green Purchasing



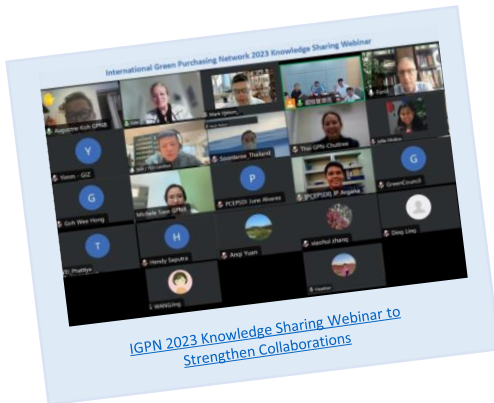
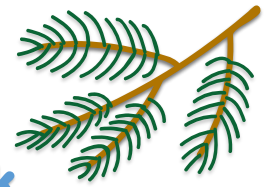
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- ✳ The green procurement practice of China Environmental Labelling has once again won the "Annual Green Procurement Pioneer Award" at the China Government Procurement Awards.
- ✳ It achieved a maturity level 3 maturity (second to the highest) in the latest biennial exercise measures toward the achievement of SDG Target 12.7 ("Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities") conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme.
- ✳ Re-awarded as Co-lead entity for the One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme ;
- ✳ Re-appointed as broad member of the Global Environmental Labelling Network;
- ✳ Won the "Environment Award of the Tripartite Environment Ministers' Meeting" for outstanding contribution to environmental labelling cooperation in China, Japan, and South Korea's green economic transformation.

-Summarized by Mr. LIU Zunwen, General Manager, China Environmental United Certification Center, GPN China

# IGPN Secretariat

## A Brief Introduction of Annual Work



[IGPN 2023 Knowledge Sharing Webinar to Strengthen Collaborations](#)



Launch the GPN measurement methodology development initiative



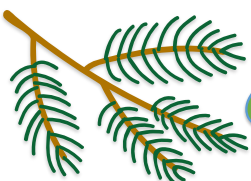
Participate in GEN 2023 AGM introduce IGPN role to Drive Green Purchasing through Partnership



**The IGPN Secretariat** continuously focus as the Bridge with GPN members and partners together; Accelerator for strengthening collaborations; Vehicle to facilitate the IGPN mission which is promoting environmental friendly products/services and green purchasing activities, knowledge and practices.

The 2023 activities mostly focused on the IGPN project initiative of Green Purchasing Networks measurement methodology development (2023-2024), on the basis of the platform and network operation which become daily routine.

The 2024 priority will carry out the project initiative, conduct pilot testing of methodology, meanwhile use this opportunity to integrate the methodology into the ongoing global SPP initiatives and project as well.



*Coming through seasons*



## Pilot Testing of Measurement Methodology for GPNs

On December 13, the pilot testing of measurement methodology for Green Purchasing Networks was launched at the [2023 Annual Meeting](#) to verify the applicability and feasibility when measuring the implementation level by using the GPN measurement methodology, which is milestone for the IGPN initiative of Green Purchasing Network measurement methodology development.

After 3 batches comments collection, the has been formulated by **the Secretariat**, together with 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), Green Council** and experts from the **United States EPA**.

The pilot testing scope will be:

- ✂ Any interest participant organization which belongs to the concept of Green Purchasing Network
- ✂ Green Purchasing Network members of the International Green Purchasing Network.

The Pilot testing timeline:

- ✂ From December 13, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Learn more at [the IGPN website](#).



*IGPN Promotes green purchasing around the globe by coordinating those who take the initiative in implementing green purchasing towards sustainable consumption and production*



Since CEC holds the IGPN Secretariat in 2018, it consistently works on the IGPN operational and members' collaboration activities.

"The GPN model could be a useful complement to global sustainable public procurement projects and initiatives";

"Next, the secretariat will continue engage in practical work including platform construction and technology application, formulate pilot reports and release the methodology, expand membership. In the near future, the GPN measurement methodology will be formed as mechanism to effectively advocate application of green procurement and environmentally friendly products and services ."

——Summarized by Mr. LIU Zunwen, General Manager, China Environmental United Certification Center, GPN China



*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year*

