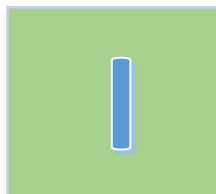


NEWSLETTER



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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Next Step

International Green Purchasing Network 2025 Annual Meeting

2025 annual meeting of the International Green Purchasing Network-IGPN was held on the theme of environment friendly products/services low carbon of integrated management and green purchasing practice virtually on December 11st. Participants from national Green Purchasing Networks (GPN), and IGPN Advisory Board, invited

experts from UNEP One Planet Network Secretariat, Global Ecolabelling Network, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability attended this meeting.

The meeting was hosted by the IGPN Secretariat, China Environmental United Certification Center–CEC.



The community meet to stimulate low carbon integrated management and green purchasing



Greetings from the chair



Public procurement has been increasingly positioned as one of the most powerful levers for tackle climate change. 2025, the IGPN in collaboration with UNEP One Planet Network, launched the supply chain management innovative practice collection activity which achieved periodical progress. I hope participants exchange fully for the achievements and expectations, plan for next year development by considering the global trends.

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



Procurement is recognized as an essential implementation level. to achieve tangible sustainable goals, let's strategically align IGPN's work with major global agendas, we should actively build synergies between sustainable procurement with the critical discussions on planet biodiversity and the sustainable development goals. By focusing on this strategic areas, the IDPN will further strengthen its role as a global hub for sustainable purchasing.

——Mr. ZHU Shu, Vice Chair of the IGPN, regional director of ICLEI East Asia, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability





One planet
handle with care



One planet
procure with care



COP30 strengthens global momentum on sustainable public procurement

The COP30 closed with a clear message: sustainable public procurement is now central to global climate and circular-economy action. Across the negotiations, governments highlighted procurement as a practical lever to transform markets, spur innovation and deliver resilient infrastructure.

Under Axis 4 on cities, infrastructure and water, delegates advanced Objective 12 on sustainable and resilient buildings. [The Buildings Breakthrough](#)—coordinated by UNEP and the GlobalABC—reported progress on a package of global deliverables, from shared definitions and procurement guidance to finance solutions and capacity-building tools. Together, these aim to support countries in scaling near-zero emission and resilient buildings.

A major milestone within this package was the [Global Framework for Action on Sustainable Public Procurement](#). Advanced through an endorsement campaign led by UNEP's 10YFP, the framework gained eight new country endorsements and five formal acknowledgments, receiving strong recognition during the first Ministerial Meeting of the [Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate](#).

Axis 6 also saw the launch of the Belém Declaration on Sustainable Public Procurement. Momentum continued under Axis 6 on enablers and accelerators, where COP30 spotlighted the Plan to Accelerate Solutions (PAS) on Public Procurement. Led jointly by UNEP 10YFP and partners in Brazil, UNIDO IDD and OxGAP, the PAS positions procurement as a key instrument for integrating climate considerations across government decision-making.

Axis 6 also saw the launch of the Belém Declaration on Sustainable Public Procurement, which outlines concrete steps to align major supply chains with the 2030 Agenda. With procurement accounting for 15–30% of national GDP, the declaration—already signed by Brazil and the Netherlands—is expected to draw additional supporters in the months ahead.

Discover more of the Outcomes of COP30 in the [event outcomes document](#).



Preliminary Insights of SDG 12.7.1 2025 Data Collection Exercise



As custodian of SDG 12.7.1 indicator, UNEP collects contributions and data from national governments on the results of their SPP policy implementation.

This biennial exercise measures progress toward the achievement of SDG Target 12.7 (“Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities”), while also providing national governments with an opportunity to monitor their SPP efforts.

The third data collection exercise for this indicator commenced in July and run through the end of November. Over 183 countries have already been contacted, 58 have submitted their questionnaires, along with several more countries which nominated focal points and alternates to coordinate data collection activities within their respective governments.

From the preliminary analysis, the highlighted points are:

- Target Setting, Monitoring and Measuring Impact are the main challenges globally.
- Most countries stayed within the same compliance category or moved up, SPP is strongly embedded in legal frameworks worldwide!
- New categories found that will be implemented in: Wood Products, Rubber Products, Data Centers, Server Rooms and Cloud Storage. Rise of AI, Big Data Processing, Digital Sovereignty and its social and environmental implications reflected in new product category Data Centers, Server Rooms and Cloud Storage.

The analysis report expected to be drafted by January, 2026. Next will focus on methodology enhancement, questionnaire translation and capacity building.

--Ms. Paulina Boéchat, Representative from UNEP One Planet Network Secretariat

<p>TARGET 12-7</p>  <p>PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PRACTICES</p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p>  <p>SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.</p> <p>SDG target 12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.</p> <p>SDG indicator 12.7.1: Number of countries implementing Sustainable Public Procurement policies and action plans.</p>
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New Green Purchasing Strategy

Mission Evolution and IGPN Collaboration

Global ecolabelling network (GEN) is the leading network of the world's most credible and robust ecolabels. GEN is a mission driven organization founded in 1994 setting the benchmark for ecolabel excellence. GEN has [38 members across nearly 60 countries](#) connecting leading ecolabels around the world.

7 Strategic pillars

Pillar 1: Ecolabel with Carbon Labelling

Pillar 2: Global Adaptation Certification Scheme (GACS)

Pillar 3: Policy Training & Government Support

Pillar 4: Green Trade enablement

Pillar 5: GEN Global Green Consultancy

Pillar 6: Research

Pillar 7: Collaboration with International Organizations

GPP sector

In Pillar 1: Develop carbon labelling standards at a start, establish global standards, integrate into supply chains and government policies in the near future;

In Pillar 3: Provide training, technical assistance, and regulatory support to countries;

In Pillar 4: Expand mutual recognition, implement blockchain based verification, Track sustainability and climate risk across global supply chains

In Pillar 7: integrate the relevant organization into the GEN, and collaborate with SPLC & IGPN, SGTech and many more

Joint impact between GEN and IGPN laid in three sectors, which are promote ecolabel use in green procurement; knowledge sharing and best practices joint program implementation. Meanwhile, the proposal was provided to strengthen GEN and IGPN's relationships for joint effort:

- Co-locating IGPN's Annual meeting with GEN AGM in 2026
- Establishing a joint working group and ensuring IGPN's voice is represented as GEN expands its global partner Network

--Presented by Ms. Isabella Huang-Loh, Vice-Chair, Global Ecolabelling Network

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).



Development of GPN Green Purchasing Guidelines

Two new category guidelines are added, and up to present 26 product category for green purchasing guidelines.

- Storage Battery
- Disaster Preparedness Supplies

Renewal of “Clear Sky Navi”

- The information on office furniture and printing cartridge are newly released.
- Outdoor products and services can now be registered.
- Approximately 400 products are currently listed.



Recognize initiatives that contribute to the expansion of green markets and the achievement of SDGs goals through “sustainable procurement”



Enhancing to Promote Environmentally Conscious Products:

JAN Code of “Eco-products Database” is Now Available to Retailers

GPN Japan, released new service for September, December), and we will begin retailers with “Eco-products Database”. This providing JAN code information starting in database lists approximately 13,000 March 2026. products and services, providing detailed environmental information such as compliance with Act on Promoting Green Procurement, acquisition of environmental labels, and use of energy-saving and recycled materials, in addition to information that complies with our [“Green Purchasing Guidelines”](#).

Products listed in “Eco-products Database” are indicated as “Products listed in Eco-products Database” on the websites and catalogs of eight office supply mail order companies, and are widely used as reference information for companies, local governments, consumers, and others when making green purchases. On the other hand, since “Eco-products Database” lists representative model numbers for series products that come in different colors and sizes, it was a burden for office supply mail order companies to confirm which model numbers were listed in “Eco-products Database” when indicating that a product was a “Eco-products Database” listing in their catalogs.

Therefore, our company has decided to provide the JAN codes (Japanese 13-digit code identifying the product) for products listed by “Eco-products Database” listing providers to office supply mail-order businesses and other retailers. “Eco-products Database” updates its listing information four times a year (March, June,

Attention is increasingly focused on environmental information for products and services, such as carbon neutrality, the circular economy, and nature positivity. Changes in consumption behavior are being sought not only from organizational purchasers but also from individual consumers.

By providing the JAN codes for products listed on “Eco-products Database,” we aim to facilitate verification by retailers, increase consumer exposure to products listed on “Eco-products Database,” and promote green purchasing. We will continue to collect environmental information on products and strive to expand the green market by disseminating useful information to organizational purchasers and individual consumers.



“Eco-products Database” URL:
<https://www.gpn.jp/econet/>

Sustainability in the Textile Value Chain

Promoting Ecolabel and SPP in China

CEC and UNEP Forge Partnership for Textile Industry Project Collaboration on "[Sustainability in the Textile Value Chain Promoting Ecolabel and Sustainable Public Procurement in China](#)" started from last April, focuses on **minimizing impacts on human health, climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and social issues** by promoting sustainable standards across the value chain of the Chinese textile industry. It aims to **foster sustainable procurement practices** and influence both suppliers and procurers to advance sustainable public purchasing of Chinese textiles.

Output 1-Compile the Textile Industry Research Report through analytical findings from over 40 policy documents and more than 50 green low-carbon product standards, visits to over 20 textile companies, identifying key control points in the product value chain.

Output 2-Developing Technical Specification -products Certification adopts a lifecycle-based approach, encompassing the entire textile value chain—from cotton cultivation to finished garments. It establishes high-level requirements across critical sustainability areas, including raw material traceability, low-carbon production and pollution control, and corporate social responsibility and labor protection.



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Output 3-Launching Promotion and Application Initiatives: Kick-off Meeting/Thematic Promotion Event for Eco-Textile Product Certification; Qingdao Ecolabelling for Green Transition: A New Pathway for Sustainable Development in the Textile Sectors; Qingdao "Quality Month" Thematic Event-Quality: Empowering New Quality Productive Forces.

Output 4-Pilot Certification Launch: three pilot textile enterprises successfully piloted certification, indicated that the indicator system covered by this standard is systematic, comprehensive, and scientific, providing strong guidance for their future green and low-carbon development.

Future outlook

- Deepen Knowledge Sharing and Case Documentation: titled *"Towards a Sustainable Textile Value Chain: Case Study on the Practice and Impact of Eco-Textile Technical Specification Certification"*
- Strengthen International Promotion and Experience Export: establishing an international demonstration model for the green transition of China's textile industry;
- Expand Certification Coverage and Ecosystem Synergy: encouraging public procurement bodies to prioritize eco-textile certification results and thereby facilitating the market transition of green products;
- Advance Standard Iteration: to continuously optimize technical indicators and certification processes

Procurement Sustainability-Tracking Scop 3 Emissions

Driving low-carbon value chains through responsible procurement



Introduced starting from the importance of sustainable supply chain and how the concept of sustainable supply chain has evolved over the years. Illustrated that at present, scope 3 emissions or climate action has been the main focus of the sustainable supply chain, the focus is more on the carbon reduction or decarbonization of the supply chain targets.

Analyzed the reason are including:

- 70–90% of a company's total emissions lie in Scope 3;
- Increasing regulatory expectations (CSRD, SEC Climate Rule, ISSB).
- Helps identify high-impact opportunities for decarbonization.
- Builds resilience and cost efficiency across the supply chain.

The procurement's role:

- Embed sustainability criteria into RFPs, code of conduct and supplier scorecards.
- Use Science-Based Targets and require supplier SBTi alignment.
- Run supplier engagement programs (training, decarbonization roadmaps).
- Integrate low-carbon alternatives and circular materials.
- Partner with logistics providers to reduce transport emissions.

- Boost data transparency via digital platforms

- Renewable procurement

However, challenges laid in tracking scope 3, hotspots identification of the emissions are described from three cases:

- Case Study: AstraZeneca - Scope 3 Emissions Strategy
- Case Study: Bayer AG - Scope 3 Emissions Strategy
- Case Study: Sustainability Assessment Framework – Key Steps.

-----Presented by Ms.Krupa Desai,
Environmental Management Centre Pvt.
GPN India



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Green label and Ecolabel Products And Thai Green Procurement

Green label and Ecolabel

Green label (Type I) robust increasing roughly 300% in product model and 164% in company participating: construction building material come the first; follow by the electric appliance; paper products, supply of office material; the cleaning service

Circular mark (Type II) : Growing trend with eight model and three product groups underwear product from Wacoal Public Company; coffee capsule ;Plastic Flake product

EPD (Type III) : Growing trend with about 76 model from four companies, mostly the construction building material.

Thai GPP 2023-2024

Green label is the most registered in the GPP list, building material is the major product, come from the water saving device pens, chemical paints and the other product has various share of the product certification;

Participating agency most comes from the government agency and local administrations which with the big procurement value, the most purchased by government agency is the fuel, cleaning service and A4 paper; whereas slightly differ by local administrations which is vehicle, A4 paper and cleaning service.

Ecolabeling program strategy

Quality development: neutrality and transparency, join the network, training for capacity, maintain satisfaction, register testing laboratories, continuously monitor.

Proactive promotion: Increase the number of certifications, develop/improve specifications, training on criteria, expand cooperation, promotion SMEs, consumer relations.

Cooperation with partners: Participated in GEN Event and regional, national event on procurement.

Research: Eco-advance project of Greening supply and demand of construction materials: Advancing Eco -Labels and Sustainable Public Procurement for climate and biodiversity protection



Recap of 2025 annul work

Eco advance project-Promoting Sustainability in the Building and Construction Sector in the Philippines: started from last March with the aim of having strong criteria for construction products through the revision of existing ecolabelling criteria of the National Ecolabelling Programme-Green Choice Philippines (NELP-GCP) and the development of new criteria in this sector; and raising awareness with key stakeholders about the role of SPP and NELP-GCP in the building and construction sector. The highlighted:

- The participation of the selected national government agencies (NGAs) and local government units (LGUs) in the SPP and Ecolabels Awareness Session and Workshop was vital in introducing the fundamentals of SCP and its tools and practices,
- The revision of the cement criteria reintroduced the concept and benefits of ecolabelling to the local cement companies
- The development of steel criteria was supported by a major industry player in the country.

SPP Course participation: recent engagement which started from last November finished December 9th, a certificate programme or in the participant gain skills to understand the full scope of the new sustainability provisions which incorporated the sustainability and inclusive procurement in the new law. The two assignments:

- Draft a sustainable tender design for e-vehicles
- Develop a procuring guide for wood-based and composite office furniture.

2026 Plans:

- Focus on expanding the number of ecolabelled products and services in the Philippines;
- Implement the project on methane reduction and GPP tracking in the Philippines.
 - Develop technical specifications of low methane products

——Presented by Ms. Brenda Hazel D. Butardo, Programme Officer, Green Choice Philippines, Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc.

IGPN Secretariat

A Brief Introduction of Annual Work



The **IGPN Secretariat** continuously commits to the IGPN mission, engage in cooperation and technical models, through the expansion of membership scale, strive to promote the practice of sustainable procurement at the national and regional levels.

The 2025 activities mostly focused on the [IGPN and UNEP SPP program collaborative activity on carbon label-based supply chain management innovative practice cases collection](#), on the basis of the platform and network operation which has become daily routine.

The next step will be Optimize platform, details oriented to differ its resources and the characters; integrate activities among members and stakeholders, which to be connected, supported and benefited; Stabilize cooperative activities, continuous effort for the joint case collection activity, measures for [GPN measurement methodology](#); New members and areas development, new concept for a vibrant network.



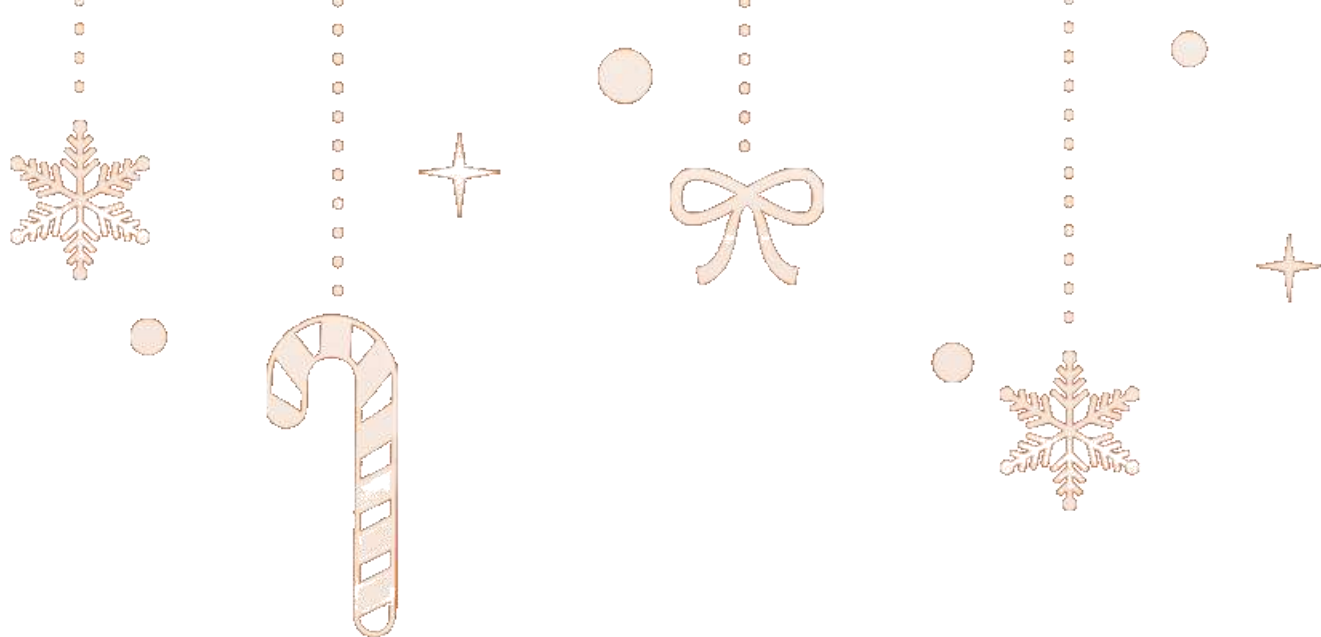
Coming through seasons



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

"Next, IGPN Secretariat will mobilize member's needs, enrich its activities, optimize the platform of information and knowledge; meanwhile, incorporate global trend of sustainable public procurement, carry our in-depth collaborations with the GEN, and One Planet Network, ac to achieve IGPN mission which is prevail of green purchasing and environmentally friendly products or services."

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



Merry Christmas
Happy New Year



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