

Year-in-Review 2024

From the Coordination Desk of the Programme

Since the Earth Summit in 1992 highlighting the potential of public procurement to contribute to sustainable development, there has been a significant rise in policies and legal frameworks aimed at promoting its implementation. With its constantly evolving concept and practice, Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) has been at the center stage of the One Planet Network of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), the mandate by the UN General Assembly to accelerate the shift to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

In 2024 the One Planet Network SPP Programme continued work in its three prioritized sectors: construction, food and ICT; recognizing SPP and circularity as key enablers in the transformation of these high-impact sectors and value chains. The core partners formally renewed their commitment to the Programme by reaffirming their support to guide the programme's priority sectors and workstreams. Core partners form the advisory body of the SPP Programme on the occasions of the bi-annual meetings convened by the Co-leads, with support of the 10YFP Secretariat. The advisory body, also known as the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee or MAC, offers crucial technical and strategic advice, helping shape the overall direction of the Programme. We express our most sincere gratitude to our core partners for their continued support and spirit of collaboration: **City of Malmö, ECPAR, FAO, ICLEI, IISD, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development**

of Mauritius, NGO GOLOCAL, OECD, SPLC, US EPA, as well as our strategic and funding partner, **Rijkswaterstaat**. Our progress would not be possible without the dedication of our partners.

Partners of the SPP Programme as well as from across the network convened at the 2024 One Planet Network Forum and demonstrated the value of fostering dialogues across disciplines. Considering that SPP encompasses areas such as circularity, systems design, financial management, social and environmental safeguarding, in addition to procurement officials, dialogues surrounding SPP should be inclusive of and tap into the expertise of a broader network of professionals to drive innovative solutions and progress toward sustainable procurement.

The 2024 Year-in-Review offers a snapshot of the activities of the Programme, but beyond reflection, it is a call to action. In 2025, the 10YFP Secretariat is committed to the implementation of the Global Framework for Action on SPP & Construction through capacity building initiatives and a global outreach. The launch of an SPP Framework for the food sector is anticipated, while the Secretariat continues to coordinate with the Circular and Fair ICT (CFIT) Pact in strengthening the implementation of the CFIT framework. We warmly invite you to collaborate with us. Let us continue forging ahead, pushing the boundaries of what is possible in sustainable public procurement and circularity.



Programme Leadership

WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT JOINS AS A CO-LEAD

South Africa's Western Cape Government (Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning, Directorate: Sustainability) joins the Environmental Development Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of **China** in co-leading the Programme. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of **the Netherlands** (Rijkswaterstaat) remains a strategic and funding partner to the Programme. We express our deepest appreciation to **ICLEI** for their leadership and commitment to the development of the Programme as an outgoing Programme co-lead. ICLEI continues to co-lead the [Interest Group on Sustainable Public Food Procurement](#) with FAO.

Circular and Fair ICT Pact

A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

The Circular & Fair ICT (CFIT) Pact continues to grow as a dynamic, participant-driven collaboration, bringing together organizations worldwide to work toward a sustainable, fair, and circular future for the ICT sector. With procurement as a key driver of change, the Pact's global network of coordinating, procuring, and supporting organizations is collectively shaping impactful solutions.

In 2024, the CFIT Pact welcomed three new procuring members: the United Nations Office for Project Services (**UNOPS**), the Pan American Health Organization (**PAHO**), and the **City of Malmö**. Additionally, the Government of **Ireland**, through the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), joined as a coordinating member.

These additions strengthen the Pact's ability to promote responsible ICT procurement and implement practical solutions. New national and regional case studies now demonstrate the application of the CFIT framework, offering actionable insights grounded in its principles: Buy Less, Buy Better, Use Better, and Use Longer. These real-world examples serve as valuable guides, showcasing what sustainable procurement can achieve within the ICT sector.



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Food

SPP FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

In collaboration with FAO, the Programme's work in the food sector focused on a regional pathway for sustainable public food procurement that integrates environmental and social considerations holistically. With a focus on school meals and initially scoped for the Latin America region, the project is laying the groundwork for future collaborations and in-country technical support, with recommendations set to be shared across platforms. Through consultations, the project brought together 90+ participants from 12 countries, all contributing to shaping the future of public procurement for food systems transformation.



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Construction

NEW PARTNERSHIP, NEW FRAMEWORK

Initiated under the OPN Flagship Initiative on *Mainstreaming Circularity in the Construction Sector Leveraging the Power of Public Procurement*, the Global Framework for Action on SPP & Construction was launched at COP29. The [5 Common Principles of the Framework](#) have been developed through consultations with 200+ experts, including the Demand Creation Working Group of the Buildings Breakthrough. With the 10YFP Secretariat assuming the role of the Lead Partner of this Working Group, it provides the Programme a strategic opportunity to drive SPP in the construction sector.



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2024 Recapped

REVIEWING SPP EVENTS IN THE PAST YEAR

From Rio de Janeiro to Beijing, the Programme and its members organized, supported and participated in numerous key events promoting sustainable procurement practices. Some of them are highlighted below.

[Buildings & Climate Global Forum in Paris](#): Co-organised by France and UNEP, with the support of the GlobalABC, from 7-8 March 2024, the Forum gathered for the first time ministers and high-level representatives of key organisations, to initiate a new momentum in international collaboration for building decarbonization and resilience, including through green demand creation. **[ICLEI Procura+ Conference in Lisbon](#)**: In mid-March 2024, more than 220 attendees including representatives of the European Commission, mayors of leading cities, business leaders, researchers and some of the brightest procurement minds got together to exchange experiences and knowledge. Procura+ 2024 presented good practices and approaches for strategic procurement across thematic areas, key product and service sectors such as biodiversity, buildings, construction, energy, food & catering, ICT, mobility and textiles. **[2024 OPN Forum in Rio de Janeiro](#)**: The 2024 edition of the One Planet Network Forum took place in September 2024. Co-hosted by the Government of Brazil, it brought together 500+ delegates from more than 40 countries for taking action on SDG12. **[IGPN Annual Meeting in Beijing \(hybrid\)](#)**: Towards the end of the year, the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) held its Annual Meeting 2024 where members shared their updates and discussed global SPP trends, including IGPN's **[Green Purchasing Network Impact Measurement Methodology](#)**. The China Environmental United Certification Center which hosts the IGPN Secretariat also organized the **[2024 IGPN Knowledge Sharing Webinar](#)** focused on bridging SPP practices in Asia and contributed to the initiative, **[Sustainability in the Textile Value Chain Promoting Ecolabel and Sustainable Public Procurement in China](#)**, under the EcoAdvance project implemented jointly by GIZ, UNEP and Öko-Institut and funded by Germany (BMUV) through IKI.

QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK?

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