The 10YFP Programme on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) is a global platform that supports the implementation of SPP around the world. It brings together a variety of stakeholders, building synergies & leveraging resources to achieve mutual objectives.

**Objectives**

1. **Build the case for SPP**: improve the knowledge on SPP and its effectiveness as a tool to promote sustainable consumption and production, support greener economies and sustainable development.

2. **Support the implementation of SPP on the ground** through increased collaboration, and better access to capacity building tools and support through SPP experts.

*“It is vital to promote sustainable public procurement as a catalyst for change, to redirect unsustainable production and consumption patterns.”*

Gro Harlem Brundtland, 17 June 2012, Sustainable Development Dialogue Days, Rio

**What is Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)?**

It is “a process whereby public organizations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life cycle basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organization, but also to society and the economy, whilst significantly reducing negative impacts on the environment.”

**Why implementing SPP can make a difference**

Public spending, which accounts for an average of 12% of GDP in OECD countries and up to 30% in developing countries, wields enormous purchasing power. Shifting that spending towards more sustainable goods and services can help drive markets in the direction of innovation and sustainability, thereby enabling the transition to a green economy.

**Benefits of SPP**

Through SPP, governments can lead by example and deliver key policy objectives. Sustainable procurement allows governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve resource efficiency and support recycling. Positive social results include poverty reduction, improved equity and respect for core labor standards. From an economic perspective, SPP can generate income, reduce costs and support the transfer of skills and technology.

*The proposed SPP programme is voluntary. The materials, documents and activities developed under the programme could be developed by a set of members and would not necessarily represent and require the endorsement of the full SPP membership.*
Joining Hands for SPP Implementation – Work plan of the 10YFP SPP Programme

To support the uptake of sustainable public procurement on the ground, the SPP Programme consists of Core Activities and results-oriented Working Groups that are organized into four main areas of work:

### Core Activities

- **An SPP Community** is established on the Global SCP Clearinghouse
- **An SPP Forum** is organized every two years
- A **Biennial report** reviews the implementation of Sustainable and Green Public Procurement

### Implementation

1. **Implementing SPP on the Ground**
   - Harmonizing and improving SPP implementation methodologies
   - Improving and exchanging capacity building and information tools
   - Collaborating with Central and Local Governments
   - Collaborating with Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)

2. **Assessing Implementation & Impacts**
   - SPP Ground Projects: UNEP’s SPPEL, ICLEI’s Procura+, IISD’s SPP Programme etc.
   - Monitoring SPP Implementation
   - Measuring Impacts & Communicating Benefits
   - Promoting best SPP practices

3. **Addressing Barriers & Promoting Innovative Solutions**
   - Addressing legal barriers
   - Implementing Product-Service Systems
   - Including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

4. **Collaborating with the private sector**
   - Greening supply chains
   - Ecolabels & Sustainability Standards

### Areas of work

- Implementing SPP on the Ground
- Assessing Implementation & Impacts
- Addressing Barriers & Promoting Innovative Solutions
- Collaborating with the private sector

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**Saving Resources, Supporting Waste Pickers**

**Recycled Notebooks in Sao Paulo**

In Brazil’s State of Sao Paulo, the Foundation for Education Development succeeded in saving 8,800 m³ of water, 1,750 tonnes of waste and 250 kg of organohalogen compounds, providing the equivalent of one month economic activity to 454 waste pickers, through its decision to replace regular notebooks with ones made of recycled paper in 2010.
Structure of the 10YFP SPP Programme

The 10YFP SPP Programme is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and co-led by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI). A Multistakeholder Advisory Committee oversees the programme implementation, and work area coordinators carry out each working group’s tasks.

SPP Programme Partners around the Globe
As of 9th June 2015

The SPP programme is implemented through an extensive network of 80 partners in over 39 countries, including governments, international organizations, NGOs, consultancies, private sector representatives, and SPP experts.

Legend
- GOV: Government Organization
- IGO: International Govt. Organization
- NGO: Non-Governmental Organization
- FED: Federation of local governments
- BUS: Private Sector Business
- EXP: SPP Experts
- FOUND: Foundation
- CONS: Consultancy

Stimulating SMEs’ access to SPP Scotland
The Scottish Government is working to remove barriers to SME participation in public procurement; in 2011, 15 SMEs were awarded contracts as suppliers of temporary staff & business management consultancy on national collaborative sourcing agreements (out of a total of 53 primary contractors), where none were named previously. This affected a total annual spend of $144 million. A total of 33 SMEs also gained access to public sector business opportunities through either consortium or subcontracting.
Join the 10YFP SPP Programme!

Why should I join?
- Access a broad network of organizations and individuals working together to extend the implementation SPP.
- Share your experience and learn from others
- Benefit from advice and technical support on SPP implementation
- Apply for financial support for SPP activities in developing countries through the 10YFP Trust Fund.

How can I get involved?
The SPP Programme is open to all organizations and individual experts that are interested in joining a collaborative platform to support the implementation of SPP. Download the application form today at www.unep.org/10yfp/procurement

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saving energy, reducing emissions
Clean light bulbs on Indian Railways
Indian Railways took a lifecycle costing approach to promote the mass purchase of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). Starting in 2008, the rail company replaced over a million incandescent light bulbs with more efficient CFLs in 400,000 households of railway employees, saving more than 100,000 MWh of energy per year and reducing annual CO2 emissions by 90,000 tonnes.

*Compendium of GPP Case Studies, under preparation, UNEP & OECD, 10YFP SPP

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