

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)

Actions by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Organization: United Nations Environment Programme

Title:

Supporting countries to promote and implement sustainable public procurement through Ten Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (SCP), Programme on Sustainable Public Procurement

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards more sustainable consumption

Description of the action: The Rio+20 adopted Ten Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is a global framework for action to accelerate the shift towards SCP in both developed and developing countries. The framework supports the development, scaling-up and replication of policies, voluntary measures, management practices and consumer information tools that promote resource efficiency and decouple countries' economic growth from environmental degradation. It also aims to enhance international cooperation, facilitate access to technical and financial assistance and build countries' capacities to increase the net contribution of their economic activities to poverty eradication and social development. At present, over 125 countries have appointed national 10YFP focal points and are actively participating in this inter-governmental initiative.

The 10YFP Programme on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) brings together a variety of SPP stakeholders to foster communication, focus action and help leverage resources to achieve the common objectives of the framework and this Programme. The 10YFP on SPP is also a knowledge hub for exchange and cooperation driving the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP).

The Programme, led by UNEP, and co-led by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), supports the SPP implementation on the ground by:

- i) Developing and sharing SPP tools (methodologies, capacity-building tools, etc.),
- ii) Policy advocacy and awareness raising
- iii) Technical support for countries
- iv) Facilitate exchange of knowledge, information and experience

Time frame/milestones, for the action, as appropriate: Till end of 2022

Type of action: All three types of actions are relevant within the programme, whereby a main focus lies on “type (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments”.

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources:

http://www.unep.org/10yfp/Portals/50150/10YFP%20SPP/1Brochure_SPP%20Programme_10YFP_June_2016.pdf

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:

Through SPP, governments can lead by example and deliver key policy objectives and send strong market signals while increasing the demand for sustainable products and services. Sustainable procurement allows governments to meet environmental goals, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving resource efficiency and supporting 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, support the transfer of skills and technology and promote innovation by domestic producers.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 12 (especially 12.1, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7), 7.3, 8.4, 11.b

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: To be derived from the relevant SDG indicators

Partners: 93 partners of the programme: Please refer to <http://www.unep.org/10yfp/Portals/50150/10YFP%20SPP/10YFP%20SPP%20Programme%20Partners.pdf>

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