



## 2019 Southeast and Northeast Asia Policy Dialogue and Training on “Harmonizing SPP practices and Measuring SPP benefits”

Date: 23,24,25 October 2019

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Four Points, By Sheraton Suzhou

The activity will take place in parallel with a series of events related to green procurement organized by the China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC).

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*“Sustainable public procurement (SPP) 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.”*

Source: UN Environment, 2006

### Background:

Governments spend on average between 12 and 30 per cent of their GDP for procuring goods, services and infrastructure. This enormous purchasing power needs to be reformed to ensure that the state is buying the most sustainable solutions to today’s challenges. This is also highlighted in SDG Target 12.7.

**Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)** has been one of SWITCH Asia’s priority topics since the beginning of the programme. Regional, sub-regional and national activities have been carried out by the **SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC)** at both political and technical levels.

These activities, combined with an ecosystem of other activities and programmes in SPP supported by national and international organizations in the region, have led several countries to developed sustainable public procurement policies and national governments to increasingly recognize public procurement as a tool to incentivize the development of markets for green and sustainable products and services.

However, not all the countries in region are at the same level in relation with SPP and while some are well advanced other countries are still trying to understand how to implement SPP practices.

### Objectives

The main objective of this policy dialogue and training is to ensure that **“no one will be left behind” in the region in relation to SPP**. The 3-day event will focus on exchanging technical knowledge on SPP policy development and on measuring the benefits of SPP.

To achieve this main objective, the specific objectives are:

- Discuss the possibility of harmonizing the process of developing SPP policies including SPP criteria, monitoring, etc.
- Build capacity on: i) measuring of benefits achieved through SPP; ii) indicator SDG 12.7.1 monitoring and reporting.
- Showcase good practices of countries measuring the benefits of SPP.

### Who is invited?

This workshop is intended for officials from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. At least two participants directly working with the below mandates are expected for country:

- Design and implementation of sustainable/green public procurement policies.
- Selection of environmental criteria for the bidding processes

The **SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC)** is one of the three components of the **SWITCH-Asia II programme**, funded by the EU. RPAC is implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme and its overall objective is to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in selected Asian countries. More Information: <https://www.switch-asia.eu>



## Agenda Outline

**Date: 23 Oct. Wednesday**

Venue: Four Points, By Sheraton Suzhou

### SWITCH-Asia RPAC: Policy Dialogue on Harmonizing SPP at the sub-regional level

Time	Topic
9.00 - 9.15	- Welcoming and Opening Remarks – <b>Charles Arden-Clarke</b> , Head of One Planet
9.15 - 9.50	- Results of the SWITCH-Asia RPAC assessment of SPP – <b>Luz Fernandez</b> , SWITCH-Asia RPAC
9.45 -10.30	- How SPP practices can be supported across ASEAN to get all the countries at the same level – <b>Harimurti Harimurti</b> , ASEAN Secretariat
10.30 - 0.45	- Coffee Break
10-45 - 11.30	- Challenges and opportunities for SPP harmonization at the sub-regional level – Open dialogue moderated by <b>Mushtaq Memon</b> , SWITCH Asia RPAC
11.30 -12.00	- What to measure based on SPP existing policies - Open dialogue moderated by <b>Aure Adell</b> , Ecoinstitut

### International workshop on eco-labeling system and green procurement: practices and experiences sharing

Time	Topic
13:30 - 17:30	- Co-organized by GEN (Global Ecolabelling Network), IGPN secretariat and CEC (China Environmental United Certification Center)

**Date: 24 Oct. Thursday**

Venue: Four Points, By Sheraton Suzhou

### SWITCH-Asia RPAC: Sub-regional Training on measuring SPP

Time	Topic
9.00 -9.15	- Welcome and objectives of the session – <b>Luz Fernandez</b> , SWITCH-Asia RPAC
9.15 - 9.30	- Introduction to measuring and communicating SPP – <b>Aure Adell</b> , Ecoinstitut
9.30 - 10.00	- Why do you want to monitor and calculate benefits of SPP? – Open dialogue moderated by <b>Aure Adell</b> , Ecoinstitut
10.00 - 10.45	- Measuring the institutionalization of SPP - <b>Aure Adell</b> , Ecoinstitut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies from Europe, India and Korea</li> </ul>
10.45 - 11.00	- Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00	- Measuring the level of SPP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies from Europe, Japan and Korea</li> </ul>
12.00 - 13.30	- Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	- Estimating the benefits of SPP - <b>Aure Adell</b> , Ecoinstitut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies from Europe, China and Philippines</li> </ul>
15.00 - 15.15	- Coffee Break
15.15 - 16.00	- SDG 12.7.1 (SPP) monitoring and reporting – <b>Farid Yaker</b> , 10YFP
16.00 - 17.00	- Group exercise
17.00 - 17.30	- Summary and next steps

**Date: 25 Oct. Friday**

Venue: Kempinski Hotel Suzhou (within Suzhou Industrial Park)

### International forum on green consumption (Organized by Environment and Development Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (EDC))

Time	Topic
9.00 - 12.00	- Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to consider strategies on high quality development by green consumption</li> <li>• Key message on green transition based on special policy study by CCICED (China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development)</li> <li>• Panel Discussion</li> </ul>

