

# Supporting decision making on SCP through training on Sustainable Procurement



## Flash Report

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This regional Capacity Building on Sustainable/Green Public Procurement, organized by RPAC in partnership with the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), is aimed at contributing to further achievements on SPP/GPP in Asia and enabling the adoption of those practices by all countries in the region, without “leaving no one behind.”

The, which will take place back-to-back with a series of other events at the International Conference on Sustainable Energy and Green Technology 2019 from 11 – 14 December 2019, is a continuation of the SWITCH-Asia RPAC on-going training on SPP in the region, and it is part of the continuing policy dialogue discussions from Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement Workshop in Seoul, Republic of Korea in June 2019; and the 2019 Southeast and Northeast Asia Policy Dialogue and Training on “Harmonizing SPP practices and Measuring SPP benefits” taking place in Suzhou, China, in October 2019.

### Objectives

The main objective of this capacity building is to ensure that Asia countries build capacity on the institutionalization of SPP, including SPP criteria, guidelines, certification systems, reporting, etc. Other objectives include:

- To facilitate achievement of SDG Target 12.7 (Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement)
- To facilitate achievement of the SDGs.
- To provide governments with a tool to improve their people’s quality of life.
- To include all countries in the region without “leaving no one behind” in relation to SPP.

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## Highlights

### OPENING REMARKS

**Mr. Jerome Pons**, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

The event on “*Supporting decision making on SCP through training on Sustainable Procurement*” was delivered opening remarks by Mr. Jerome Pons in welcoming attended government officials from countries in Asia. Mr. Pons also highlighted key case studies of the European Union and EU-funded programme such as SWITCH programme, implemented in Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean as efforts of the EU to create more resource-efficient economy in which sustainable procurement can help achieving an important contribution to sustainable consumption and production (SCP).

**Dr. Isabelle Louis**, Deputy Regional Director and Deputy Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme

Dr. Louis delivered the opening remarks by highlighting the importance of sustainable public procurement to support the mainstreaming and uptake of sustainable consumption and production policies and practices in the region. 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 to increasingly recognize public procurement as a tool to incentivize the development of markets for green products and services in a ‘greener’ economy.



Participants from Asia Pacific countries joined the group photo with Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand and UNEP’s Deputy Regional Director and Deputy Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific during the training.

**TAKE AWAY MESSAGES:**

**Ms. Hyunju Lee**, Senior Researcher, Sustainable Lifestyle Office, Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI)

Ms. Lee was delivering the presentation on Green Public Procurement System of the Republic of Korea and the Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement Network during the event. She emphasizes that moving forward to sustainable consumption and production requires collective collaboration amongst government and public institutions where government's role is vital by its rational for green public procurement policy, with its purchasing power, to create demands on green products, and further drive the transformation of the sustainable markets. Key roles of Ministry of Environment and KEITI were elaborated by Ms. Lee that both agencies are in charge of, for example; collating GPP plan and records, monitor and evaluate the GPP results as well as formulating a master plan for GPP in every five years etc. Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement Network and its next steps were also introduced to attended governmental officials with objectives: to increase awareness and build capacity for policy makers and practitioners and to exchange knowledge and experiences on GPP in connection with 10YFP SPP Programme etc.

**Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon**, Resource Efficiency Sub-Programme Coordinator United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Dr. Memon facilitated two sessions for the attended government officials, one is on "*Institutionalization of the SPP*". The session was highlighted with case studies from Thailand and Viet Nam on each of key areas of the SPP including its criteria, guidelines, certification systems, incentive mechanisms, market readiness in responding to the GPP. Besides, another session was held by focusing on "*the Sector focused SPP*" by dividing participants into groups in order to collectively identify priority sectors for SPP and GPP such as manufacturing, agriculture, transport, housing, energy, blue economy, tourism, etc.



Dr. Memon facilitated each group to identify their priority sectors for GPP and SPP

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**Ms. Isa-Maria Bergman**, Director, Circular Economy and Sustainable Procurement MOTIVA, Finland

Ms. Bergman delivered the presentation on the session two of the event “*How to make a case for SPP and GPP*” with learning from Helsinki, Finland. Ms. Bergman emphasized four phases of assessment which are: a) the need for assessment of the impact b) defining objectives and identifying impacts & effects which to be assessed, c) development of indicators for measurement and d) the tendering process and procurement documents. Energy saving contracting was given as a case example that purchasing energy services with guaranteed energy savings is an example of outcomes-based contracting promoting environmental aspects. In addition, success factors for establishing new service concept was also described to create a long-term political commitment and resources.

## COUNTRY'S PRESENTATIONS

### CAMBODIA

**Mr. Sokhai Nop**, Deputy Director of National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment, Government of Cambodia

Mr. Nop presented on plastic pollution and combating in Cambodia that The amount of garbage produced in the country has surged at about 10% each year, resulted from population growth, economic growth, changes in lifestyle, ways of goods packaging, and limited understanding of the people on how to sort out wastes. Examples of the ongoing efforts of the government of Cambodia to address plastic pollution were also mentioned such as the establishment a special taskforce by the Ministry of Environment on plastic-focusing on four sets of actions: a) new regulations b) awareness raising, c) building a strategic coalition of stakeholders and d) business support for recycling, alternatives, and innovations.

### PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Ms. Li Zhu**, Principal Staff Member, Ministry of Finance, Government of P.R. China

Ms. Zhu gave the presentation by highlighting key principles area of the country's Green Public Procurement Policy, its implementation and performances. Ms. Zhu also emphasized the updates on the GPP in P.R. China that the country issued the notice on optimizing the implementation mechanism for government procurement of energy saving products and environmental labelling products, and category lists of energy conservation and environmental labelling products for government procurement. Next steps of the government were also outlined to strengthen the main role of purchasers, encourage purchasers to put forward higher requirements for environmental protection in procurement needs.

### INDONESIA

**Mr. Ari Sulindra**, Deputy Director for Business Climate Affairs National Public Procurement Agency (NPPA), Government of Indonesia

Mr. Sulindra delivered the presentation with roles and responsibility of NPPA that the governmental agency has recently issued a road map for SPP implementation. The SPP road map consists of two main phases of the implementation. The first phase is policy development that covers

five stages including the initiation of program development, development of a team for policy and strategic formulation, implementation of the results of the assessment, the implementation of legal review and the decision of category for priority of goods and services. Key challenges of sustainable public procurement faced by the country were also described by Mr. Sulindra which are, for example, lack of mandatory regulations, high cost and investment, database management and market readiness etc.

**Ms. Nurmayanti**, Head of Product Standardization Division, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Government of Indonesia

Ms. Nurmayanti gave the presentation on the SDG12: Implementation of the GPP in Indonesia, First Intervention Phase 2013-2019. The presentation was emphasized on the Ministry of Environment and Forestry's portfolio of standards where governmental agencies, businesses and society are engaging towards 'agenda for change'. Examples done by the government on Eco-office, Eco-label were also mentioned together with the steps on verification of green label and green technology.

## MALAYSIA

**Mr. Abd. Malik Atan**, Manager, Green Catalyst Division, Malaysia Green Technology Corporation

The country's presentation was given by Mr. Atan on Green Public Procurement in Malaysia. It highlighted the structure of the GPP in the federal government and its key implementation period since 2013-2015 as a pilot phase of the project. "MyHIJAU" was also mentioned as an example on the programme supports sustainability which includes MyHIJAU mark for the recognition of green products and services. Challenges and way forwards were also stated by Mr. Atan during the presentation.

## MALDIVES

**Mr. Mohamed Inaz**, Project Manager, Ministry of Environment, The Republic of Maldives.

Mr. Inaz delivered the presentation on "Promoting energy efficiency in the Maldives" with key messages on the Strengthening Low Carbon Energy Island Strategies (LCEI) project which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) aims to mainstream energy efficiency measures into policies, guidelines, standards and building practices in the Maldives and to achieve a substantial reduction of GHG emissions as a result of improved buildings and building management practices and to leverage substantial investment in activities leading to increased energy efficiency

## SRI LANKA

**Ms. Chandima Mohottige**, Programme Assistant, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Government of Sri Lanka

Ms. Mohottige presented on the Green Public Procurement by giving key emphasizes on the GPP status and its policies in Sri Lanka. Ms. Mohottige outlined the GPP-related development since 2006 that the Conventional Public Procurement Guidelines and Manuals developed National Procurement

Agency (NPA) which later Ministry of Environment initiated the development of National GPP Policy and was approved by the cabinet for the formulation of the GPP Policy in 2012. Following in 2016, National Procurement Commission (NPC) came into operation with a validation of GPP Policy. The recent development was seen in 2018 that NPC announced the inclusion of GPP in the revised Procurement Guidelines and Manuals respectively.

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