

## Full Report

# Supporting Decision Making on SCP through Training on Sustainable Procurement

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## List of Acronyms

<b>EU</b>	The European Union
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility
<b>GPP</b>	Green Public Procurement
<b>KEITI</b>	Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute
<b>SCP</b>	Sustainable Consumption and Production
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>SPP</b>	Sustainable Public Procurement
<b>SWITCH-Asia</b>	
<b>RPAC</b>	SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>10YFP</b>	10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production

## Key Messages

### 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.

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## Background

The SWITCH-Asia Programme - Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) was launched in 2007 with funding from the European Union to promote inclusive sustainable growth, contribute to the economic prosperity and poverty reduction in the region and to support the development of a green economy and the transition towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and circular economy. The second phase of SWITCH-Asia was launched in 2018 covering 19 Asian developing countries and five Central Asian countries. The Regional Policy Advocacy (RPAC), as one of the three components of SWITCH-Asia II, is implemented by United Nations Environment Programme (Asia-Pacific Regional Office). RPAC's overall objective is to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production in selected countries from the Asia region, thereby contributing to green growth and reduction of poverty in Asian countries.

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## Event Summary

### TAKE AWAY MESSAGES:

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 training, took 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, was a continuation of the SWITCH-Asia RPAC on-going training on SPP in the region, and it was 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.



**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

**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

The session was led by country's presentations with sixth national cases from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, and Sri Lanka. Country's establishment of green / sustainable public procurement policies, commitments, challenges, current and future plans and strategies which support the full implementation of GPP/SPP were exchanged and discussed which summarized in the following:

### 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.

## Detailed Event Information

### Location and Date

**Name:** Supporting Decision Making on SCP through Training on Sustainable Procurement

**Date:** 11 December 2019

**Venue:** Millennium Hilton Hotel Bangkok

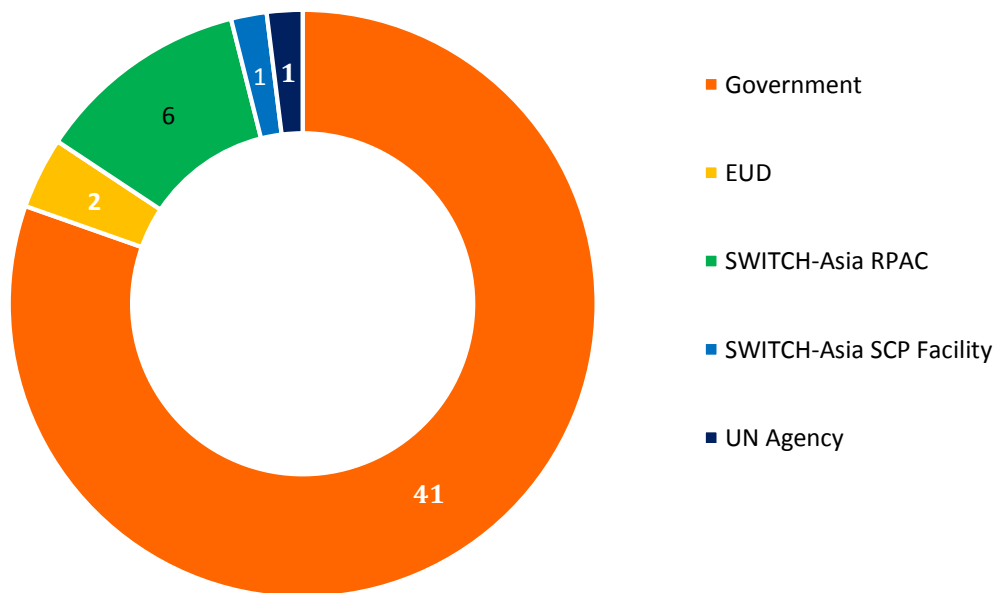
### Objectives

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

### Targeted Participating Organizations

The event Supporting Decision Making on SCP through Training on Sustainable Procurement involved participation with a total of 51 participants including governments, international organization, non-profit organization, UN agency as in the following diagrams:

**Participants by Category**



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## Participation of the European Union

- **Mr. Jerome Pons**, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand for delivering insightful opening remarks
- **Ms. Sutthiya Chantawarangul**, Programme Officer, Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

## Event Analysis

### a. Overview of the Analysis

This training was very well received as there was a big value added due to the contributions of Government of Finland on Lifecycle Assessment and Lifecycle Costing for Sustainable Procurement and applications of Sustainable Procurement through Circular Economy. The European Union and KEITI also shared examples from Europe and Korea respectively. The participants from various governments also shared case studies. Hence, this event turned into a good example of South-South-North knowledge exchange to leapfrog in creating enabling environment and establishing sustainable procurement.

The participants came from different parts of the government including Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance, and Public Procurement Departments. The participants also came from city level. Moreover, there were participants from academia and private sector. Hence, exchange of ideas was holistic on the challenges and opportunities for sustainable procurement. The training was very well appreciated and there is demand for now intensive training on sector by sector, product/service by product/service, and for different departments of governments where a lot of procurement is happening (e.g. Energy, Transport, Housing, Ports, Agriculture, etc.) and at also for city level as many cities in Asia and Pacific have either their own procurement or oversee/support the procurement within their cities.

### b. Lesson Learned

Following lessons were learned:

1. For this type of training event, the experience of working with an academic institute (university) and back to back with an international conference went well as various experts could join and share their inputs on various aspects of sustainable procurement including on the enabling environment to establish and operationalize sustainable procurement.
2. The countries are at different levels of establishing or practicing sustainable procurement. Hence, an advance plan for this type of training is needed to group the countries in different sessions in such a way that it co-fertilizes the knowledge based on their experiences for each aspect or stage of sustainable procurement.

3. Many countries are now seeking in-depth knowledge for each aspect and stage of sustainable procurement for priority sectors such as energy, housing, transport, industry, agriculture and so on. The countries are also seeking similar level of information for priority products and services. Hence, another round of survey is required to get the priority sectors, products and services and the type of knowledge for specific aspects of sustainable public procurement. Based on this survey the training event shall be designed and delivered.
4. The demand for this type of training and level of participation is increasing and many countries even sponsored their multiple participants. Hence, capitalizing on the interest frequent training shall be organized to meet the demand.

### c. Commitment of Partners for Future Actions

Both side of the partners, including donors and participating countries, are very committed to continue to build on the knowledge and experiences of sustainable procurement. The EU through Regional Policy Advocacy component of SWITCH-Asia is providing great support to mainstream sustainable consumption and production in Asia and sustainable procurement is one of the important mechanisms.

KEITI has been continuously supporting through various ways and means including through 10YFP and also through direct support. Government of Finland through Finnish Embassy in Thailand has also started supporting based on their very rich experiences. The countries in the region are sending their multiple participants supported by the governments. These governments have also started designing and establishing various aspects for sustainable procurement.

## Follow-Ups

Goal 12 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development aims to ensure SCP patterns. Paragraph 28 of the 2030 Agenda reads: “We (Countries) commit to making fundamental changes in the way that our societies produce and consume goods and services.” One of the important mechanisms for achieving SDG 12 is regional cooperation as the value chain for most of the products and services is spread across the countries. Hence, sustainable procurement requires regional cooperation. Regional cooperation will help to create enabling environment for mainstreaming SCP through various important tools such as sustainable procurement and eco-labeling. As a follow-up UNEP, the EU and KEITI can work with various regional and sub-regional fora to foster regional cooperation on sustainable procurement and eco-labeling.

The next training shall be designed and delivered soon to keep the momentum in the region and helping countries to leapfrog in establishing sustainable procurement



## Annex

Annex to this full event report are:

*Annex A: Programme Leaflet and Agenda*



## For more information

SWITCH-Asia event page:

<https://www.switch-asia.eu/event/supporting-decision-making-on-scp-through-training-on-sustainable-procurement/>

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