



## Background:

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 the EU, the UN and other international organizations in the region), have led several countries to develop sustainable public procurement policies with a focus on environmental issues and national governments to increasingly recognize public procurement as a tool to incentivize the development of markets for green products and services in a 'greener' economy.

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."** This event, 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<sup>1</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup>For further information, please visit the SEG's official website at [www.isegt.org](http://www.isegt.org)

## Supporting decision making on SCP through training on Sustainable Procurement

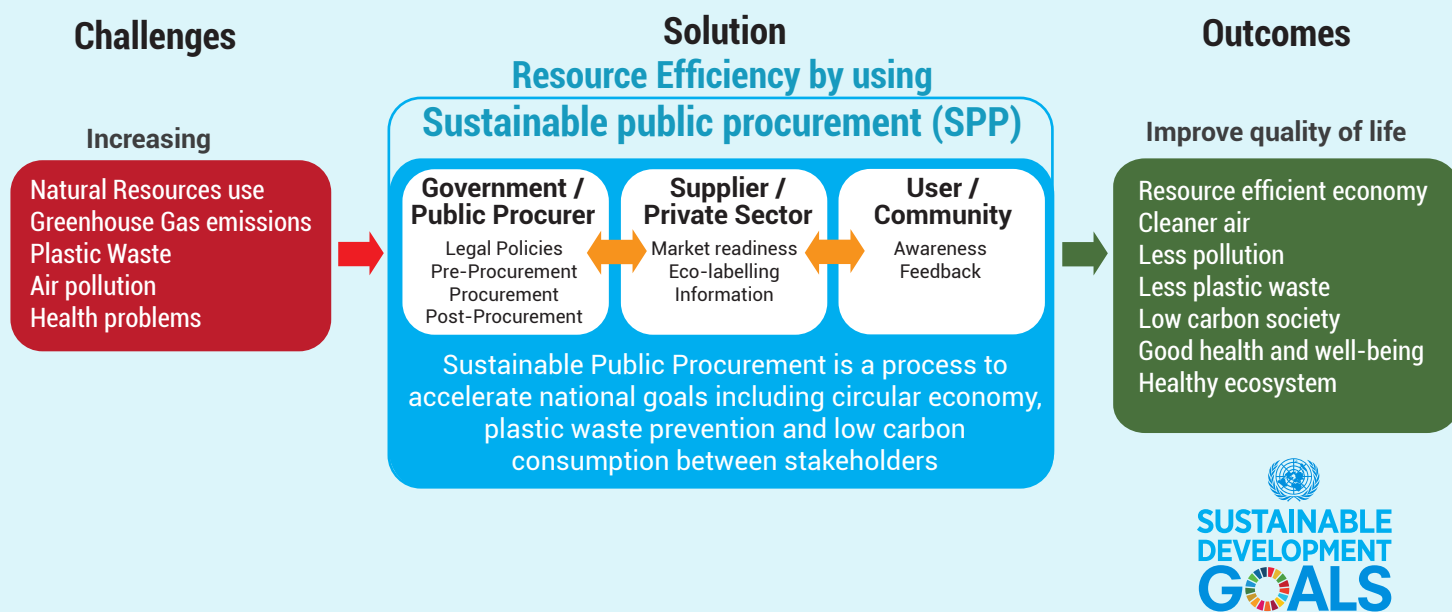
11 December 2019, Millennium Hilton Bangkok, Thailand

### What is SPP/GPP and why is it important?

**Sustainable public procurement (SPP)** is a process whereby public organizations meet their needs for goods, services and works 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 seeking to achieve the appropriate balance between the three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental - when procuring goods, services or works at all stages of the project. Green Public Procurement (GPP) is a branch of SPP which particularly focuses on the environmental impacts of those goods, services and works.

Developing on SPP/GPP represents a big opportunity for the Asian region as well as an important tool for governments to achieve SDG targets, as it is not only intrinsically linked to SDG indicator 12.7 but also related to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, waste, resource efficiency, poverty, gender equality, health, resilience, climate change, and many other issues that are part of the region's priorities. SPP/GPP would therefore facilitate governments to give solutions to their countries' challenges and achieve the expected outcomes as they improve the quality of life of their people.

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**The SWITCH Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC)** is one of three components under SWITCH-Asia II, a programme funded by the European Union to promote sustainable growth, to contribute to the economic prosperity and poverty reduction in Asia and to support the development of a green economy and mitigation of climate change in the target countries. RPAC is managed by UN Environment, and its overall objective is to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), thereby contributing to green growth and reduction of poverty in Asian countries.

More Information: <https://www.switch-asia.eu>

### What are the objectives of this event?

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.

### Who is invited?

This training is intended for policy makers, practitioners, and experts leading the design and implementation of public procurement in Asia.

## Programme Agenda

### Training: 11 December 2019 (Wednesday)

Time	Event
08:00 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jerome PONS, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand</li> <li>• Ms. Isabelle Louis, Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific Office, United Nations Environment Programme</li> </ul> Introduction of participants Outline of workshop Group Photo
09:30 - 09:50	Korea's Green Public Procurement System and Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hyunju Lee, Senior Researcher, Sustainable Lifestyle Office, Korea Environmental Industry &amp; Technology Institute</li> </ul>
09:50 - 10:20	<i>Networking coffee/tea</i>
10:20 - 12:30	<b>Session 1 – Institutionalization of SPP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPP criteria</li> <li>• SPP guidelines</li> <li>• Certification systems</li> <li>• Incentive mechanisms for SPP</li> <li>• Market readiness</li> <li>• SDG12.7 reporting</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Session 2 – How to make a case for SPP/GPP</b> How to measure benefits of SPP/GPP with learning from Helsinki, Finland Ms. Isa-Maria Bergman, Johtaja   Director kiertotalous, kestävät hankinnat   Circular Economy and Sustainable Procurement MOTIVA OY, Finland
14:30 - 15:00	<i>Networking coffee/tea</i>
15:00 - 17:30	<b>Session 3 – Sector focused SPP – Group Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Sector</li> <li>• Water Sector</li> <li>• Housing Sector</li> <li>• Mobility Sector</li> <li>• Agriculture Sector</li> <li>• Industry Sector</li> </ul>
17:30	<i>Close of Day</i>

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