



**Workshop on
Sustainable Public Procurement for SACEP Countries
25th Nov 2020, 1430-1600 (Indian Standard Time)**

Background:

Public procurement accounts for up to 30 percent of GDP in many developing countries¹. Leveraging this purchasing power by promoting public procurement practices that are sustainable can play a key role in achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG 12) and achieve environmental, social, and economic policy objectives. SPP has a potential for transformative impact as it can enable policy makers to 'lead by example' and drive markets and supply chains consisting of both producers and consumers. The SDG 12 has reiterated the strong link between environmental protection, sustainable development, and public procurement with target – 12.7 on the promotion of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) practices.

The SWITCH-Asia Programme aims at increasing better understanding of the benefits of Sustainable Consumption and Resource Efficiency for targeted countries in Asia and linking SCP objectives with relevant cross cutting thematic areas. So far, the region is progressing in adopting SPP policy or policy measures, however national governments continue to find challenges in monitoring and implementation of SPP. Capacity building is the key to support implementation and wider adoption of SPP measures.

As part of its capacity building support, SWITCH Asia in partnership with South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is offering a virtual workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement for SACEP member countries.

The key objectives of the workshop are to:

- Improve the knowledge and raise awareness on SPP and its effectiveness as a tool to promote SCP and greener economies
- Support the implementation of SPP at the national level through capacity building tools and increased collaboration and network
- Introduce global survey on SPP

Participants/Target audience

- This virtual workshop is developed for national experts from SACEP member countries who are involved in Public Procurement activities.
- This virtual workshop will be complimented by a face to face workshop which will be organized in the due course.

¹ OECD, 2002b.



Agenda

Time (IST)	Theme
1430-1435	Welcome and Opening Remarks Ms. Jacintha S.Tissera, Charge d' Affaires/ Head of Chancery South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)
1435-1440	Keynote Speech Dr Young Woo Park, Former Senior Advisor for Environmental Policy and Project Development, (SACEP)
1440-1450	SPP in the EU Ms. Alessandra Lepore, International Cooperation Officer – SWITCH Asia Programme, European Commission
1450-1500	Benefits and Basis of Sustainable Public Procurement Dr Mushtaq Memon Regional Coordinator Resource Efficiency UNEP Asia Pacific Office SWITCH-Asia RPAC Project Manager
1500-1510	SDG 12.7 Monitoring & Reporting Mr. Farid Yaker Programme Officer, UNEP
1510-1520	Case study 1: Sustainable Procurement of Construction/Infrastructure in India Mr. Sanjay Kumar Ministry of Railways, Government of India
1520-1530	Case study 2: European Best Practice - Examples on SPP Mr. Walter Kahlenborn Managing Director, adelphi
1530-1535	Key findings of the Survey on Role of Businesses in Promoting SCP in Asia Ms. Archana Datta National Coordinator for India, SWITCH- Asia RPAC
1535-1540	Introduction to Global SPP Survey Mr. Farid Yaker Programme Officer, UNEP
1540-1555	Q & A
1555-1600	Closing Remarks Ms. Priyankari Alexander Programme Officer, SACEP

The session will be moderated by Ms. Tunnie SRISAKULCHAIRAK, UNEP Programme Management Officer, implementing the EU-funded SWITCH-Asia.

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