

## Regional Training on Promoting the Effective Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement in Asia

22 - 24 February 2022  
14:00 - 16:00 (Bangkok Time)

### BACKGROUND

The SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC), implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme, is designed to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national levels to promote Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and thereby contributing to green growth and poverty alleviation in Asia.

With the SWITCH Asia Programme's implementation, Asia has made progress in preparing SCP action plans and mainstreaming SCP into their national plans. The advancement of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) practices is thus recognized as a key strategic approach of the global efforts towards achieving more sustainable consumption and production patterns.

By greening public procurement, the region could wield a key strategic tool to achieve sustainable development. Nevertheless, limited technical knowledge, awareness and capacity are potential hindrances toward achieving meeting the targets of SPP.

Through a partnership with SWITCH-Asia and UNEP, The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand, is pleased to invite you to:

1. Participate in a regional training on promoting the effective implementation of SPP in Asia
2. Contribute in the training that will be made online with multiple stakeholders

## AGENDA

### 22 February 2022: Introduction to SPP

1400 – 1405	Introducing the agenda of the session
1405 – 1415	Opening remarks <i>Ms. Francesca Gilli, Cooperation attaché, European Union Delegation to Thailand</i>
1415 – 1440	Introducing SPP drivers, challenges, and opportunities <i>Dr. Farid Yaker</i>
1440 – 1505	SPP circular economy and climate <i>Prof. Dr. Shabbir Gheewala</i>
1505 – 1530	Lesson learned from experience <i>Ms. Anna Lupi, Legal and Policy Officer, Public Procurement Unit, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG-GROW), European Commission</i>
1530 – 1555	Lessons learned from Asia by SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility <i>Dr. Lunchakorn Prathumratana</i>
1555 – 1600	Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Mushtaq Memon</i>

### 23 February 2022 : SPP in Energy and Plastic sectors

1400 – 1405	Introducing the agenda of the session
1405 – 1415	Opening remarks <i>Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva (SCP Facility)</i>
1415 – 1450	Green public procurement in Energy sector and case study <i>Ms. Soledad Garcia (U4E)</i>
1450 – 1525	Green public procurement in multiple sectors – case of Mauritius <i>Mr. Santanu Roy</i>
1525– 1550	Panel discussion
1550 – 1600	Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Mushtaq Memon</i>

### 24 February 2022 : SPP in Building and Mobility sectors

1400 – 1405	Introducing the agenda of the session
1405 – 1415	Opening remarks <i>Dr. Wijarn Simachaya</i>
1415 – 1450	Green public procurement implementation in Thailand to support the BCG Policy in Action <i>Dr. Rattanawan Mungkung</i>
1450– 1525	Green public procurement in the Mobility sector and case study <i>Dr. Mushtaq Memon</i>
1525 – 1550	Panel discussion
1550 – 1600	Conclusion and closing Remarks <i>Dr. Mushtaq Memon</i>

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Ms. Francesca Gilli**  
*Cooperation attaché, European Union  
Delegation to Thailand*

Ms. Francesca has been Cooperation attaché in the EU delegation to Thailand since 2018. Prior to that, she was Desk Officer for Tunisia, European Commission Headquarters in Brussels from 2013 to 2017 and worked for international non governmental organisations in the Middle East and North Africa from 2005 to 2013. She holds a BA degree in Oriental languages and civilisations and a master degree in Development studies.



**Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon**  
*Regional Coordinator for Chemicals, Waste,  
and Air Quality Subprogramme  
Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency  
and SWITCH-Asia RPAC Project Manager  
United Nations Environment Programme,  
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*

Dr. Memon is working with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency and Regional Coordinator for Chemicals, Waste, and Air Quality Subprogramme in Asia Pacific Office located in Bangkok. He is supporting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, green economy, green financing, sustainable public procurement, sustainable tourism, sustainable industries and various areas for Asia and the Pacific. Dr. Memon is also Project Manager for the Regional Policy Advocacy Component of the EU-funded SWITCH-Asia Programme to promote sustainable consumption and production and uptake of SDG 12 in Asia.

Dr. Memon has a Doctorate degree in environmental and resource economics from Hiroshima University in Japan, a Master's degree in national development and project planning from University of Bradford in UK, a postgraduate diploma in Transport from Karachi University and Chartered Institute of Transport, Bachelors in civil engineering from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro and schooling at Cadet College Petaro in Pakistan. He has also published various papers in international journals and has delivered various training programmes.



**Dr. Farid Yaker**  
*Programme Officer, Economic and Trade  
Policy Unit, Economy Division UNEP/One  
Planet Network*

Dr. Farid has been leading the work of UNEP in the area of Sustainable Public Procurement since 2008. He taught Agricultural economics at the University of Blida, Algeria from 1988 to 1990 before joining the international NGO Enda (Environmental Development Action) after the Rio summit that he attended in 1992. After managing an international programme on the promotion of participatory approaches in the field of urban environment from 1994 to 1999, Farid took the direction of the European office of Enda before joining UNEP in 2008. He holds a master's degree in Agricultural economics from the University of California at Davis, USA.



**Prof. Dr. Shabbir H. Gheewala**  
*The Joint Graduate School of Energy and  
Environment (JGSEE)*

Prof. Dr. Shabbir H. Gheewala teaches Life Cycle Assessment and heads the Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment Lab for almost 15 years. He also holds an adjunct professorship at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, USA, and a Distinguished Adjunct Professor position at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. His research focuses on sustainability assessment of energy systems; sustainability indicators; and certification issues in biofuels and agro-industry. He is a national expert on life cycle inventory as well as product carbon footprinting in Thailand. He is also a member of the international Life Cycle Academy. Shabbir mentors the research network on LCA and policy for food, fuel and climate change in Thailand.



**Ms. Anna Lupi**  
*Legal and Policy Officer, Public Procurement  
Unit, DG for Internal Market, Industry,  
Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG-GROW),  
European Commission*

Ms. Anna has been working in DG GROW on public procurement law and policy for 6 years. She is in charge of the Commission's policy on sustainable public procurement, coordinating awareness-raising initiatives on the topic and the creation of support tools for public buyers. She has also dealt with a number of EU Member States as a desk officer. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked in Brussels on issues related to the EU internal market and to fundamental rights. She holds a law degree from the University of Pisa and an LL.M. in Public International Law from the George Washington University.



**Dr. Lunchakorn Prathumratana**  
*Project Manager, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility  
Programme*

Dr. Lunchakorn Prathumratana is the Project Manager of the SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility. She has been working in the field of Green/Sustainable Public Procurement and Eco Labelling for ten years. Before joining SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility, she was in charge of managing and developing international collaborations in projects relating to Green Public Procurement and ECO Labels. She was also former project manager of the Thai Green Label programme and technical expert at GIZ.



**Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva**  
*Team Leader, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility*

Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva is the Team Leader of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility (SCP Facility) of the SWITCH-Asia Programme. Zinaida has over 25 years leading international professional experience in policy for and practice of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and Education for Sustainable Development, amongst others working with the

United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). Her work has focused on diverse topics such as tourism, plastics, construction, small and medium enterprises, procurement and lifestyle. Zinaida has worked extensively with governments, private sector, international organisations and academia in East, South East, South and Central Asia.



**Ms. Soledad Garcia**  
*United for Efficiency*

Soledad is responsible for the technical support and daily coordination of different national and regional energy efficiency projects within UNEPS's United for Efficiency initiative (U4E) portfolio, providing assistance in the development and implementation of energy efficiency policies, regulations, technical standards and related tools in emerging and developing countries, such as in Pakistan, Ivory Coast, Tunisia and Bolivia, among others. She is also involved in the development of U4E's Global resources, including the recently released Green Public Procurement Technical Guidelines and Specifications for Energy Efficiency Lighting and Cooling products. Soledad holds an MSc in Industrial Engineer from the Technological University of Buenos Aires, has a Master in Systems Optimization from the University of Troyes in France, and an MBA in Energy and Sustainable Development.



**Mr. Santanu Roy**  
*Environmental Management Centre LLP  
(India)*

Santanu's professional career spans about 25 years in the Environmental and Social Governance and Sustainability domain. Additionally, he has exposure to interdisciplinary aspects such as occupational health & safety and energy management. His work covers both national and international assignment, and in various capacities, in the areas of Environmental and Social Governance, Policy and Strategic Planning, Carbon Management, Industrial Environmental Management and Cleaner Production, Wastewater Treatment and Management, GHG Management, Sustainable Consumption & Production, etc. He has worked for various National and International agencies as a Consultant, Resource Person and Trainer. Besides India, he has worked in various countries, mostly the LDCs, and the developing countries, and under different organizational settings like Corporates, Financial Institutions, Multilateral Organisations and Government institutions.



**Dr. Wijarn Simachaya**  
*President of Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), the Secretary-General of Thailand Business Council for Sustainable Development (TBCSD), and a President of Thai Sustainable Consumption and Production Network*

Dr. Simachaya has also served as an environmental expert in various national committees such as Bio-Circular-Green Economy Model, Chairman of TGO, etc. He used to serve in several high ranking positions under Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, including Director-General of the Pollution Control Department for 2 times and the Secretary-General of the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning. His last position with government was the Permanent Secretary until his retirement on 30 September 2019. He holds a Ph.D. degree in Environmental Engineering from University of Guelph, Canada in 1990. He also received honorary doctoral degrees in Environmental fields from 7 leading universities in Thailand.



**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rattanawan Mungkung**  
*Director at Centre of Excellence on Environmental strategy for GREEN business (VGREEN), Kasetsart University*

Dr. Mungkung is the founding director of VGREEN (Center of Excellence on Environmental strategy for GREEN business) and a senior lecturer at the Department of Environmental Technology and Management faculty of Environment, Kasetsart University, Thailand. She is a leading Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) expert at the regional and international levels. She has been working on LCA, Ecolabels and its application for Sustainable Development Goals with intensive practical experiences for more than 15 years. She has contributed substantially in Sustainable Product Procurement (SPP) via academic services for private companies on various ecolabels and serves as a senior national expert in the EU SWITCH ASIA project on SPP implementation in Thailand.

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