



Discussion

Accelerating the shift to greener economies through sustainable procurement

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Public procurement wields enormous purchasing power, accounting for an average of 12 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in OECD countries, and up to 30 percent of GDP in many developing countries. Leveraging this purchasing power by buying more sustainable goods and services can help drive markets in the direction of sustainability, reduce the negative impacts of an organization, and produce positive benefits for the environment and society.

This was acknowledged by the international community when it included a target on sustainable public procurement in the Sustainable Development Goals. Target 12.7 focuses specifically on promoting “public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities”.

The UN Environment-led 2017 Global SPP Review confirms that sustainable public procurement is progressively embraced by both national and local authorities. The Review also recognizes that, in order to transform production and consumption patterns, it will be necessary to foster collaboration among stakeholders throughout the entire value chain.

But what are the keys to making this happen? Which are the drivers, barriers, needs and expectations that promote or hold back sustainable procurement? How can we mainstream SPP in relevant fiscal, thematic and sectoral policies to increase its impacts? How do we measure the sustainability and market transformation impacts of SPP? How is UN Environment supporting member states embark on SPP?

You are cordially invited to attend a discussion, organized within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network, where we will try to respond to these questions, and debate on the best way to seize the opportunities of SPP and address its challenges.

AGENDA

Welcome & Introduction

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Accelerating the shift to greener economies through sustainable procurement: opportunities and challenges

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Closing Remarks

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