



PRACTICES AND TRENDS IN SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT 2019

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UN Environment and SPP



- UN Environment promotes the worldwide implementation of SPP, a powerful instrument that has the ability to accelerate the **shift to greener economies**
- Through its various projects, UN Environment supports the **development and implementation of SPP policies in member states** and fosters **regional cooperation** and exchange of know-how
- UN Environment co-founded and led from 2014 to 2018 the **One Planet SPP programme**, an international collaborative platform that aims at accelerating the shift to SPP. UN environment is in charge of the **SPP monitoring** work area.



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Achieving SDG12, serving Agenda 2030

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Target 12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable in accordance with national policies and priorities

Indicator 12.7.1 Number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans



Index for the measurement of SDG 12.7.1.

Proposed index for the measurement of SDG 12.7.1:

$$S = A (B+C+D+E+F+G+H+I)$$

- Where S is a **Composite Index**, and A to I are sub-indicators presented hereafter.
- A **threshold** would have to be agreed upon. The value of indicator 12.7.1 will correspond to the number of countries above this threshold.
- **3 options** are proposed to distinguish the **administrative levels** where SPP may be implemented (federal/national government vs regional/local government or both).

Sub-indicators

A: Existence and implementation of an SPP action plan and/or SPP regulatory requirements

B: Consideration of the three dimensions of sustainability, alignment with national strategies and compliance with international commitments

C: The public procurement legal framework includes SPP provisions

D: Staff is dedicated to supporting the implementation of SPP policy or SPP practitioners.

Specific staff is overseeing SPP implementation, and/or monitoring the SPP action plan implementation, or a specific unit dedicated to SPP has been created and is operational (name and responsibilities of staff have to be provided).

E: Training/Capacity-building of public procurement practitioners on SPP/GPP9 (national, state and city levels).

Sub-indicator F:

SPP Practical support

F: Practical support delivered to public procurement practitioners for the implementation of SPP/GPP

- Guidelines and tools have been developed and are periodically revised.
- Website dedicated to providing support and resources on SPP/GPP (possibly integrated within the e-procurement platform).
- Newsletter is sent on a regular basis.
- A helpdesk is available for procurement practitioners.
- Best practice or case study sharing (at least 3 case studies...).
- National/Local networks of procurement practitioners are facilitated.

G: SPP purchasing criteria/ buying standards / requirements identified

SPP purchasing criteria are being developed, or specific sustainability standards or ecolabels are recommended for use by governments for up to 20 product groups

Sub-indicator F: SPP Practical support

H: existence of an SPP monitoring system

The system monitors the percentage of public procurement considered as “sustainable” (in line with the previously set criteria/standards/requirements)

I: Percentage of successful sustainable purchase of priority products/services (output monitoring)

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GLOBAL REVIEW OF
SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

2017



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2017 Global SPP Review

A global report
periodically reviewing the
implementation of SPP

<http://www.spcclearinghouse.org/resource/sustainable-public-procurement-global-review-2017>

Main findings of the 2017 Global SPP Review





Key Lessons

- Governments are moving towards a strategic use of procurement as an instrument to achieve policy goals
- Training and provision of information is continuous to build expertise
- Peer collaboration and coordination with the market are increasing to maximise efficiency
- Monitoring is becoming a key issue with different strategies being tested and put in place
- Private sector is making big progress. We should better coordinate with public procurement and consider institutional purchasing



Purchasing organizations

...are uniquely positioned to **demand transparency** into the upstream and downstream impacts of goods and services.

...are capable of incorporating sustainability criteria into purchasing decisions **at a scale that can shift markets.**

Outlook

Challenges

- Many countries do not yet monitor SPP implementation
- Estimating the impacts and benefits of SPP represents a challenge and few governments have measured them

Perspectives

- Increasing importance of social aspects as cross benefits are realized
- SPP as an instrument to achieve the SDGs



Strongest drivers of SPP in survey participants' organizations

- 57%** Policy commitments/goals/action plans
- 38%** Strong political and organizational leadership on SP
- 38%** Mandatory SP rules/legislation
- 29%** Training of procurement staff in SP
- 29%** Expertise: legal, environmental, social, economic
- 28%** Availability of SP criteria and specifications
- 28%** Personal commitment to sustainability by staff
- 24%** Monitoring, evaluation, enforcement of SP policies

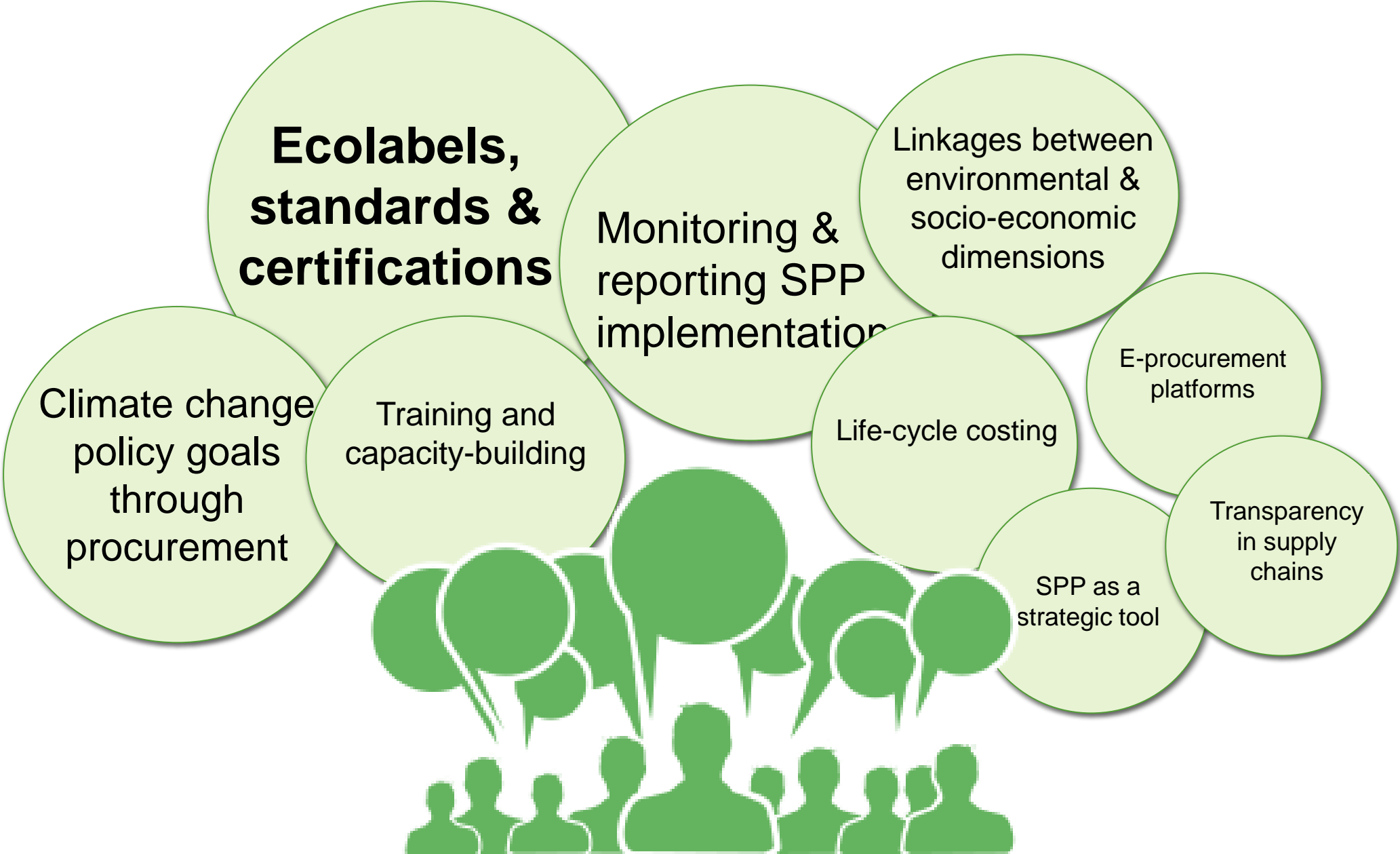


Main barriers of SPP in survey participants' organizations



- 33%** Perception that sustainable products/services are more expensive
- 33%** Lack of expertise on SP implementation
- 30%** Lack of policy commitments/goals/action plans
- 28%** Lack of strong political and organizational leadership on SP
- 28%** Lack of mandatory SP rules/legislation
- 26%** Lack of sustainable products and/or services to purchase
- 25%** Insufficient monitoring, evaluation and/or enforcement of SP policies
- 22%** Competing procurement priorities

Emerging topics, strategies and activities



**Good procurement is
sustainable
procurement**



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