



# 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.

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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

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**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

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### **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

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## **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)**



GLOBAL REVIEW OF  
SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

2017



# 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

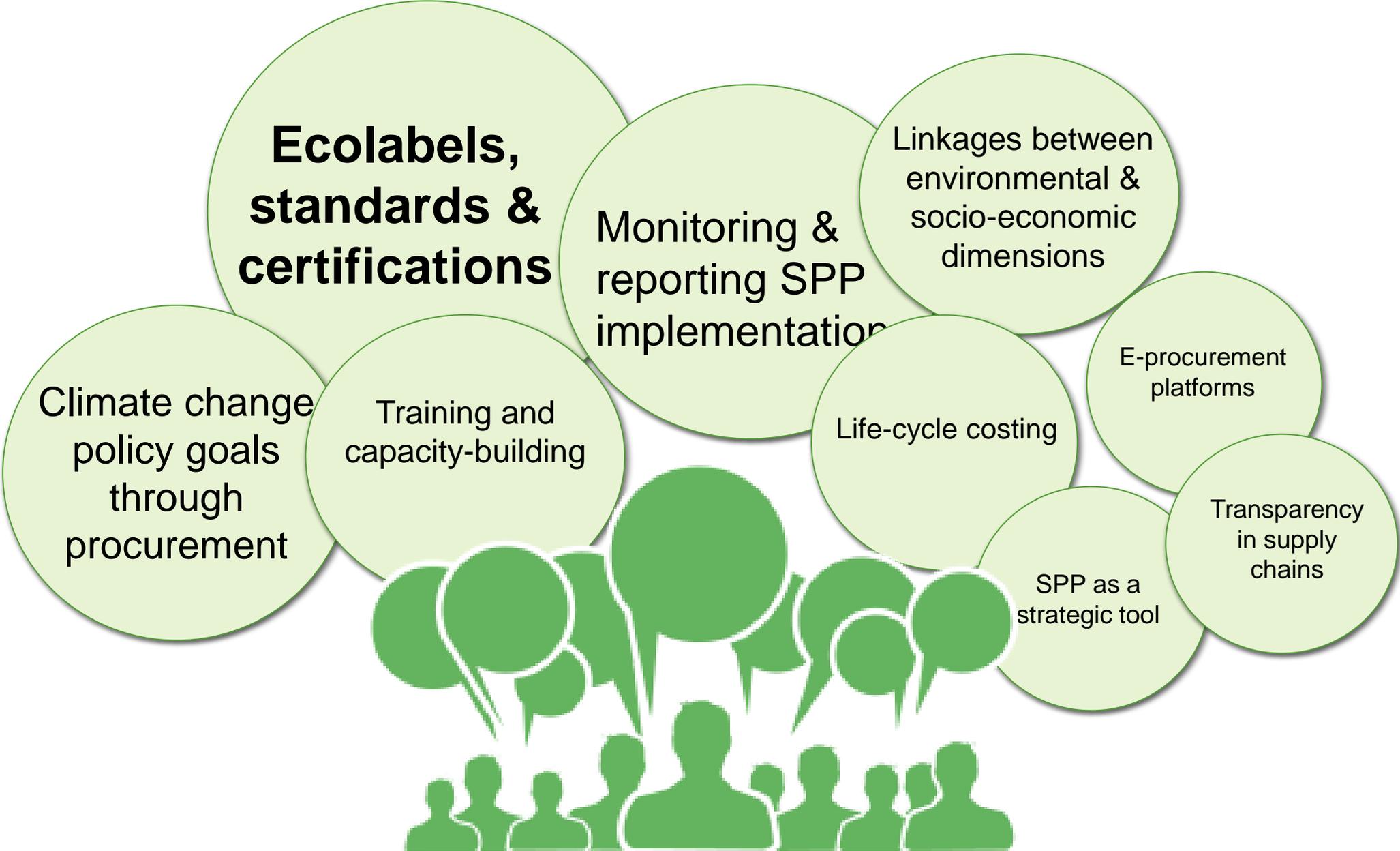


# Main barriers of SPP in survey participants' organizations



- 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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