

Third Expert Meeting on Sustainable Public Procurement

New York, U.S.A. ♦ 15-17 June 2005

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, 15 June 2005

- 09:30 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome Address – [Mr. David O'Connor, Chief, Policy Integration and Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations](#)
- 10:15 Introduction – [Outline of the Third Expert Meeting on Sustainable Public Procurement: UN-DESA/DSD](#)
- Part I: New developments in sustainable public procurement
- 10:30 Session 1: Progress reports
- Presentations by: [Mr. Mark Hidson, ICLEI European Secretariat: Procura+](#)
- [Ms. Jill Michielssen, European Commission: Green Public Procurement – a new way for “greening” the supply chain](#)
- [Mr. Hironao Hayata, City of Sendai: The 1st International Conference on Green Purchasing in Sendai - Messages from Green Purchasing City, Sendai](#)
- This session will hear the presentations of major developments in the international and regional programmes and outcomes of international events that have been organized since the 2nd expert meeting.*
- 11:15 Session 2: Sustainable public procurement in the broader policy framework of changing consumption and production patterns
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Presentations by: Ms. Eveline Venanzoni, Federal Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, Switzerland: Integrated Product Policy (IPP) and sustainable public procurement

Ms. Bente Næss, Ministry of Environment, Norway: Norway's approach and the IPP-Group of Nordic Council of Ministers

Ms. Barbara Morton, Sustainable Procurement Task Force Secretariat, DEFRA, U.K.: Sustainable Procurement and Innovation

Discussion on way forward and practical suggestions

This session will consider the role of public procurement in the broader policy framework of changing consumption and production patterns and the importance of establishing policy coordination among related sectors.

13:00

Lunch

15:00

Session 3: Country experiences: Getting started on sustainable public procurement

Presentations by: Ms. Christel Ankersmit, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, the Netherlands

Ms. Laura Valente Macedo, ICLEI Latin America and the Caribbean Secretariat / Ms. Rachel Biderman, Fundação Getulio Vargas: Development of Sustainable Procurement in Brazil – Current initiatives and Challenges

Mr. Mohan Peck, UN/DESA/DSD: Achieving Energy Efficiency Synergies through Mass Procurement and Appliance Standards and Labeling Programmes in China

Session will continue after the special presentation

15:45 Special presentation: "New York State Green Building Initiative", Mr. Craig Kneeland, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

16:15 Session 3: Continued

Presentations by: Mr. Philip Acqua, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana: Getting Started: Ghana Country Report

Dr. Clemence Tesha, National Board for Materials Management, Tanzania

Mr. Felizardo K. Virtucio, Jr., National Economic and Development Agency, the Philippines: Sustainable Public Procurement in the Philippines

Ms. Hyun-Jung Im, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea

Ms. Valeria D'Amico de Lima, São Paulo State Government, Brazil: Sustainable Public Procurement in the State of São Paulo - Brazil

Discussion on way forward and practical suggestions

This session will hear from countries, states and cities on their attempt on the implementation of sustainable public procurement, highlighting the process, problems encountered, solutions and lessons learned.

18:00 End of the first day

Thursday, 16 June 2005

Part II: Tools to promote sustainable public procurement

10:00

Session 4: Guidelines, database development and training tools

Presentations by: [Prof. Hideki Nakarara, GPN*](#): [GPN Guidelines and Database](#)

[Mr. Tomas Chicote, Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden](#): [EKU Guidelines: a national tool for green public procurement](#)

[Ms. Luz Aida Martinez Melendez, Environment Ministry and Natural Resources](#): [Mexican Environment Ministry Programme on Sustainable Administration](#)

[Mr. Christopher Browne, Environment Agency of England and Wales, UK](#): [A brief introduction of the training tool](#)

Discussion on way forward and practical suggestions

This session will hear presentations on existing guidelines and databases as well as training tools. Discussion will focus on requirements for starting such exercises and identify areas for possible assistance and collaboration. As such, the session is linked to the following session.

11:30

Coffee break

11:45

Session 5: Information sharing and networking

Panel discussion: [Mr. Mark Hidson, ICLEI European Secretariat](#): [Big Net](#)

[Prof. Hideki Nakahara, GPN](#): [The work of GPN as a network connecting a large number of stakeholders and the initiation of the International Green Purchasing Network](#)

Discussion on way forward and practical suggestions

Presentations would address information sharing needs and the various functions performed by existing regional sustainable purchasing networks. The initiation of an international network would also be presented and discussed.

* Green Purchasing Network, Japan.

12.30	Lunch	
	Session 6: Demonstration of training tools	
14:00	DC2-2330	a) Mr. Christopher Browne, Environment Agency of England and Wales, UK
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		Breakout session in two groups
		In Group A, there will be a demonstration of the training tool developed by EA of England and Wales, UK.
		In Group B, the training tool developed by UNEP/IAPSO/WB will be presented and the participants will engage in a discussion on tools that may be needed to progress the effort on sustainable public procurement. Any possible international cooperation to this end may also be discussed.
18:00	End of the second day	

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Part III: Integrating social aspects in sustainable public procurement

10:00	Session 7: Social aspects in sustainable public procurement	
	Presentation	Christopher McCrudden, Professor of Human Rights Law, Oxford University: "Integration of Social Policy into Sustainable Public Procurement"
		Ms. Rochelle Zaid, Social Accountability International: SA 8000
		Ms. Rebeca Lerer, Greenpeace Brazil, Amazon Friendly City Programme

This session will hear presentations on approaches to incorporating key social aspects into public procurement and the issues raised thereby. The session will be followed by presentation of different approaches to address social aspects in sustainable public procurement in the next session. The discussion will be held after the presentations in the next session.

11:30	Coffee break
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