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UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, KOREA ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE AND ICLEI-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY ORGANIZE A SIDE EVENT AT THE COP21 ON REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT



PARIS, FRANCE - The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), Cities and Lifestyles Unit, together with the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI) and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability organized a side event at the COP21 on "Reducing GHG emissions through Sustainable Public Procurement". The side event took place on Saturday 5 December 2015, and was organized in the framework of the Sustainable Public Procurement programme of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes

on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns ([10YFP SPP programme](#)), led by UNEP with KEITI and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability as co-leads.

The goal of this side event was to raise awareness about the potential of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) as a tool to reduce GHG emissions. The discussion focused on how to measure the GHG emissions of public procurement. Three members of the 10YFP on SPP programme also presented [case studies](#) from Europe, Asia and North America that illustrated, through specific examples and empirical data, what role SPP could play in reducing GHG emissions. The SPP programme report on "[Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of SPP: Baseline Review and Development of a Guidance Framework](#)" was officially released at the side event.

The welcome remarks were delivered by Mr. *Stefanos Fotiou*, *Head of the Cities and Lifestyles Unit, UNEP*, Mr. *Yong-Jin Kim*, *Executive Director, KEITI* and Mr. *Mark Hidson*, *Global Director ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Centre, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability*.



Mr. *Farid Yaker*, *Programme Officer, UNEP DTIE*, in charge of the Sustainable Public Procurement programme, presented **the Seoul Declaration** on the role of sustainable procurement in the mitigation of climate change entitled "[Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement](#)" (also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#)). This Declaration has been initiated at a meeting organized on 19-20 November

2015 in Seoul, South Korea, by KEITI and UNEP on the "Measurement of climate impacts of public

procurement”. The declaration was endorsed by several partners of the 10YFP SPP programme and Seoul meeting participants. The major goals of the Declaration are to (1) highlight sustainable public procurement as a public policy tool for achieving national climate commitments, and (2) emphasize that aligned action of public and private sectors on sustainable procurement will accelerate achievement of widely shared climate goals.

Key speakers included Mr. *Simon Clement*, *Coordinator Sustainable Economy and Procurement, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability*, Ms. *Hyunju Lee*, *Associate Researcher, KEITI* and Mr. *Jason Pearson*, *Director of Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC)*.

Mr. Jason Pearson also gave an overview of SPLC’s work and provided some background on the 10YFP SPP programme activities undertaken by the working group 2b focusing on “Measuring impacts and Communicating Benefits created by SPP”, led by the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC).

The side event was recorded and the film will be made available shortly on the 10YFP SPP programme’s Library of Webinars on Sustainable Public Procurement [SCP Clearinghouse YouTube channel](#).

About the 10YFP SPP programme

The 10YFP SPP programme is a global platform, led by UNEP and co-led by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and Korea Environment Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), which supports the implementation of SPP around the world. It brings together a variety of stakeholders, building synergies and leveraging resources to progress towards its two major goals of **building the case for SPP** and **supporting SPP implementation on the ground**. The programme is implemented through an extensive network of more than 80 partners in over 40 countries.

The work of the programme revolves around four work areas which are implemented through several working groups. The side event was organized in the framework of the working group 2b on “Measuring Impacts and Communicating Benefits Created by SPP”, which operates under the work area 2 on “Assessing Implementation and Impacts of SPP”.

For more information:

Report on "[Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of SPP](#)"

The Seoul Declaration on "[Mitigating Climate Change through Low Carbon Procurement](#)".

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