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Environmental, social and economic benefits of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)

Information for procurers

What is SPP ?

Sustainable public procurement (SPP) is when **public authorities** purchase goods and services that achieve **value for money** and generate **benefits for society, the economy, and the environment.**¹



Why include environmental and social criteria in public procurement ?

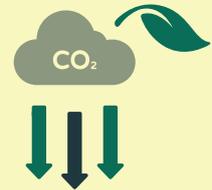
Public spending can effectively drive **markets towards sustainability and innovation.**



SPP can **change consumption and production patterns**, reducing environmental and social impacts throughout the supply chain and creating demand for greener and fairer products.



SPP can **reduce the environmental footprint** of procuring entities.



What are the benefits of SPP ?

- 1 Long-term financial benefits** by reducing energy and material consumption; reduced repair/maintenance costs; longer product lifetime; and reduced disposal costs.
- 2 Political benefits** through leading by example and reducing risk.
- 3 Preservation of natural resources and biodiversity** through the strategic purchase of products and services that minimize damage to the environment.
- 4 Improved environmental, social and gender-inclusive performance** that enhances compliance with environmental and social legislation.
- 5 Promotion of climate action and the shift to a circular economy** by gradually decoupling economic activity from consumption of finite resources and designing waste out of the system.
- 6 Boost for eco-industries, innovation and job creation.**

For more information:

www.unep.org/explore-topics/resource-efficiency/what-we-do/sustainable-public-procurement

¹ Sustainable Public Procurement: How to Wake the Sleeping Giant! UNEP, 2021.

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