

Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)

Main objectives:

To promote and support the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement, by developing tools and supporting capacity building in both developed and developing countries.

Activities:

- Develop a practical Toolkit to give to the different stakeholders in the procurement process an easy start to implement the concept of Sustainable Public Procurement.
- Carry out research and prepare background documents in SPP.
- Promote the implementation of SPP through pilot projects
- Facilitate the dialogue and work among different countries and stakeholders interested in SPP

Expected Outcomes:

- Clarification on the Legal Framework of SPP (WTO, World Bank, ILO, MEAs, Legal compliance in your own country)
- A Toolkit, including needs assessment (NA)
- Paper on “Accounting for the value of SPP” (innovation, system cost regulation vs. non-action, fair competition, social, environmental benefits)
- Plan for implementing the toolkit in Pilot countries
- Joint work and support to other MTFs especially the MTF on Sustainable Products led by the UK

Meetings of the TF:

- Kick-off meeting was held on 08/09 March 2006 in Jongny sur Vevey, Switzerland
- Second meeting , 18th-19th September 2006, back to back with the Eco-Procura 2006, Barcelona, Spain, 20th – 22nd September 2006.
- Third meeting will be on the 10th November 2006 in Hamar, Norway, back to back with the International Conference on Green public procurement, 8th – 9th November 2006.
- Fourth meeting will be in May 2007 (two days) (venue to be identified, offer from ICTILO and UK).

Countries and partners participating:

- Africa: Ghana
- Asia: China, Philippines, Indonesia
- South America: Argentina, El Salvador, Sao Paulo

- North America: USA
- Europe: UK, Norway, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Austria
- Organisations: UNDESA, UNEP, ICLEI, European Commission, ILO, OECD
- In Consultation: WTO, World Bank

Structure of the task force:

