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Sustainable Public Procurement Project in
Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Workshop

TRANSFORMING SUSTAINABILITY INTO NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Enhance Kazakh small and medium enterprises' (SMEs) capacity to access
sustainable public procurement and broaden their markets

AGENDA *(draft)*

Date: 4 November 2021

Start: 14:00 (Nur-Sultan time, Kazakhstan)

End: 15:30 (Nur-Sultan time, Kazakhstan)

Format: web-based video conference

Platform: Zoom

Language: Russian and English
(with simultaneous interpretation)





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Background

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has been actively supporting target countries within the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) over the last two years to strengthen national capacity on implementing sustainable public procurement measures. This work is being carried out through an United Nations Development Account funded project called “Enhancing sustainable public procurement (SPP) for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in EECCA”, or SPP project for short.

In addition to strengthening national capacity on implementing sustainable public procurement measures, the SPP project also has the aim to support businesses, in particular small and medium sized enterprises (SME) through capacity building and advisory services to improve their ability to comply with associated sustainability criteria. This component of the SPP project is being deployed as a joint effort with the I-GO initiative by the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre (Ukraine). This joint I-GO and SPP project component aims to work with a variety of SMEs and SME intermediaries to deliver:

- An in-depth understanding of what is required to help SMEs access new sustainability-based markets.
- A support structure that will ensure the project outcomes are upscaled and replicated using the existing range of sustainability support services to the best effect.

This training workshop has therefore been developed as an important way to engage with SMEs and help build awareness of the benefits of being prepared for national SPP processes.

Training workshop objectives

The event focuses on the following key objectives:

- Raising awareness among SMEs and other stakeholders on SPP in Kazakhstan, explaining the associated procedures and showcasing its benefits,
- Presenting the current status of SPP implementation in both Kazakhstan and the broader EECCA region, and discussing future developments,
- Describing the new opportunities related to SPP for Kazakh SMEs,
- Introducing the opportunity for SMEs to avail of free expert support to assess their readiness for SPP sustainability criteria.

Date and delivery method

The event will be organized on 4th November 2021 from 14:00 to 15:30 (Nur-Sultan time, Kazakhstan (EKT)). The event will be delivered online using the Zoom platform.





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Participants

The event's participants will include the representatives of SMEs interested in the issues of SPP, circular economy and resource efficient and cleaner production, as well as the representatives of the Ministry of Finance, UNEP and national experts.

To register, please [fill in the form](#).

Organizers

UNEP

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre (Ukraine)





Agenda (draft)

Time (EKT)	Item
14:00-14:15	<p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <p>tbc Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Mr. Farid Yaker Programme Officer, Economy Division, UNEP</p> <p>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>
14:15-14:20	<p><i>Poll on SPP awareness</i></p>
14:20-14:35	<p><i>SPP as a modern approach to efficient production and consumption</i></p> <p>Mr. Johannes Fresner Expert, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>
14:35-14:50	<p><i>Introduction to SPP in Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>Mr. Kuanysh Baltabaev Head, OJL EcoJer</p>
14:50-14:55	<p><i>Poll on SMEs' SPP readiness and resource efficiency actions to date</i></p>
14:55-15:15	<p><i>Enhancing SME's SPP readiness: possibilities, applications, and procedures</i></p> <p>Mr. Ivan Omelchuk Expert, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>
15:15-15:30	<p><i>Introduction to free expert advisory service to help SMEs improve their SPP readiness</i></p> <p><i>Question & Answer session</i></p> <p>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>