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**Work of UNDESA on Sustainable Public
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Sustainable Public Procurement: Public procurement that is environmentally and socially sustainable

Mandate: Chapter III of Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI), adopted at WSSD

- Marrakech Process
- “Promote public procurement policies that encourage development and diffusion of environmentally sound goods and services.”

Chapter III of JPOI - Changing Unsustainable Patterns of Consumption and Production

- Promote the development of a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production**
- Cleaner production and eco-efficiency**
- Corporate environmental and social responsibility and accountability**

Chapter III of JPOI - Changing Unsustainable Patterns of Consumption and Production (continued)

- Energy for sustainable development and improvement of energy efficiency**
- Integrated approach for transport services and systems**
- Sound management of chemicals**
- Waste prevention, minimization, reuse and recycling**

Sustainable Public Procurement – as contained in Chapter III of JPOI

- **Para. 19. (c): Encourage relevant authorities at all levels to take sustainable development consideration into account in decision-making, including on ...public procurement:**
 - **Promote public procurement policies that encourage development and diffusion of environmentally sound goods and services.**

United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (As Expanded in 1999)

- **Para. 54: Government and international agencies should take the lead in introducing sustainable practices in their own operation, in particular through their procurement policies. Government procurement, as appropriate, should encourage development and use of environmentally sound products and services.**

MARRAKECH PROCESS

Development of 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Consumption and Production Patterns, enhanced through international cooperation

Web-site:

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/consumption/Marrakech/conprod10Y.htm>

International Expert Meeting on a 10-Year Framework for Sustainable Consumption and Production

Marrakech, Morocco, 16 – 19 June 2003

- ❑ **Development of the 10-Year Framework is a continuous process**
- ❑ **To take into account 3 pillars of SD as well as equity and access**
- ❑ **Strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination**
- ❑ **“Survey of International Activities on CPP”**
- ❑ **Strengthen regional process**

International Expert Meeting on a 10-Year Framework
for Sustainable Consumption and Production
Marrakech, Morocco, 16 – 19 June 2003 (Continued)

**Sustainable institutional procurement and
environmental management - one of the
key tools for promoting sustainable
consumption patterns**

- ❑ Dissemination of best practices
- ❑ Capacity building and training
- ❑ Promotion of sustainable production by industries in developing countries
- ❑ Call for the UN to adopt sustainable procurement and environmental management programmes

MARRAKECH PROCESS

Regional meetings

Latin America and the Caribbean:

- ❑ Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24-25 April 2003
- ❑ Managua, Nicaragua, 15-16 October 2003

Asia and the Pacific:

- ❑ Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 21-23 May 2003
- ❑ Seoul, Republic of Korea, 6-7 November 2003

Africa:

- ❑ Casablanca, Morocco, 17-20 2004

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- **International Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Public Procurement**
 - 1st meeting: Copenhagen, Denmark, 2-3 December 2002
 - 2nd meeting: Kifissia, Greece, 3-4 November 2003
- **Information Data base development**
 - Information on: national policies, programmes and guidelines
 - regional organizations
 - local level initiatives and programmes
 - international organizations
 - non-governmental organizations
 - eco-label schemes
 - databases

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/consumption/cpppr01.htm>

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- **Environmental Management Group:**

To enhance cooperation on environment and human settlement within and beyond the UN system. Chaired by the Executive Director of UNEP

Issue Management Group on the UN sustainable procurement: just established in September 2004 as a response to the outcome of the Marrakech Meeting. To be lead by UNEP-DTIE. UNDESA will participate, in particular to coordinate within UNHQ.

Key issues for future activities identified by the 2nd Expert Meeting on SPP

- Integrate or harmonize environmental, economic and social pillars, employing life-cycle thinking;
- Assist developing countries in integrating environmental aspects into their public procurement practices as a matter of priority;
- Continue on international cooperation and sharing of information on best practices;

Key issues for future activities identified by the 2nd Expert Meeting on SPP (continued)

- ❑ For social issues, identify major product groups for criteria development;
- ❑ Explore possibility of employing pro-poor public procurement in the developing countries;
- ❑ Carry out needs assessment on resource and capacity building for developing countries;
- ❑ Consider the impacts of developed countries' procurement policies on the welfare and consumption and production patterns of developing countries.

***Looking forward for further
cooperation***

Thank you

**[http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/
consumption/cpppr01.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/consumption/cpppr01.htm)**