

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership

Local Procurement for Development and Sustainable Global Markets

Expected date of initiation: 01.01.2003

Expected date of completion: 31.12.2007 (five year working period)

Partners Involved:

to be confirmed, the following have shown committed interest in the partnership

Governments:

National governments supporting the case are invited to join.

Local Governments:

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

Intergovernmental organizations:

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)(tbc)

Major groups:

potentially the cities of Bourgas (Bulgaria), Durban (South Africa), Kolding (Denmark), Puerto Princesa (Philippines), Toronto (Canada)

Non-Governmental Organisations:

Consumer Choice Council (tbc)

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

Governments spend some several thousand billion Euro every year on public purchasing, adding up to 12-25% of respective gross national products (GDP). Products and services bought include transport machinery, construction and IT equipment, but also food for canteens, energy and cleaning services. Depending on the government structure, local and regional authorities spend up to 90% of this amount. Spending this money responsibly, governments have the opportunity to foster sustainable development with money they have to spent anyway.

Public Procurement has been used as a policy tool often in the past and present. Although the conflict between policy objectives and market principles is often raised and subject to committed discussion, practical implementation and regulatory frameworks have shown, that in reality win-win situations for policy implementation and market efficiency can be found.

In recent years, environmental objectives have become a major topic in procurement, many public

administrations have implemented "green purchasing policies", mostly in the Northern Hemisphere (Europe, Japan, North America). In this context it is often requested, but only partially implemented, to take all dimension of sustainable development into account in purchasing. Among others, purchasing could include are social considerations such as labour conditions and international market prices, and economic considerations such as protection of Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and domestic suppliers, quality or life-cycle costing.

Within this context, the partnership has two key objectives:

- Integrate all dimensions of sustainable development in procurement policies and by this contribute to better living and healthier working conditions, ensure social standards and protect the environment
- Accelerate penetration of sustainable products in export and domestic markets in order to foster an economic development that helps overcome poverty as well as over-exploitation of human work-force, economic assets and natural resources.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

At the Rio Conference in 1992 (UNCED) the heads of 176 states identified a "major cause of the continued deterioration of the global environment [to be] the unsustainable pattern of consumption and production, particularly in industrialized countries" and called governments to "review the purchasing policies of their agencies and departments".

The Millenium Declaration states "the current unsustainable patterns of production and consumption must be changed in the interest of our future welfare and that of our descendants." With view to globalisation it specifies that " these efforts must include policies and measures, at the global level, which correspond to the needs of developing countries and economies in transition and are formulated and implemented with their effective participation." Furthermore it calls "to ensure that the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication technologies, in conformity with recommendations contained in the ECOSOC 2000 Ministerial Declaration, are available to all."

The partnership meets these requirements by adapting the concept of green purchasing, which has shown significant successes in industrialising countries, to the special needs of developing countries. Thereby the full benefits of fostering innovative technology on domestic markets shall be made available to these countries. Furthermore the ongoing activities in industrialised countries will "correspond to needs of developing countries" more strongly by also taking fair-trade and social criteria into account.

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

The partnership will lead to:

- A breakthrough for eco-efficient domestic supply in developing countries: Four well-documented examples of implementing responsible procurement policies under difficult economic framework conditions of emerging economies.
- A breakthrough for integration of sustainable development in all its dimensions to the procurement agenda: Well documented examples and national policies to integrate global concerns in (Northern) public procurement (for selected economic sectors)
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Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

The partners will establish a set of corresponding initiatives within the five years of implementation period:

All partners will develop a common set of principles within the first year.

- *The Cities of YYY, UUU (Southern hemisphere cities)* will establish demonstration activities on responsible purchasing in their area. They will integrate these with ongoing reform and training activities in the field of public purchasing and have a particular focus on the supply of environmentally

innovative products on their domestic markets.

- *The Governments of XXX, YYY (Southern hemisphere Governments)* will support the demonstration activities of the cities and monitor the transferability to other public administrations in their countries. They will furthermore explore consequences of (global) green purchasing for their economies.
- *The Cities of XXX, YYY (Northern hemisphere cities)* will systematically assess opportunities to take all dimensions of sustainability into account in all their purchasing operations. Especially with regard to economic and social needs of developing countries they will pay particular attention to fair access of suppliers to their markets and to fostering schemes of fair trade.
- *The Governments of XXX, ZZZ (Northern hemisphere Governments)* will establish national support and monitoring schemes for responsible purchasing in their countries.
- *The XXX (multilateral development bank)* will support the initiative by initiating pilot activities in their own offices. Furthermore ways to integrate guidance on responsible procurement into grant agreements and to green manufacturing in developing countries. will be explored.
- *UNEP* will build political support among international organisations and national governments and support the capacity building on the supply side through its National Cleaner Production Centres in 20 countries. It furthermore will review its own procurement activities.
- *ICLEI* will establish an international framework for responsible purchasing activities of local and other public authorities. This will include networking structures for experience exchange, a set of well-documented examples, a instruction manual on how to establish systems of responsible purchasing and a monitoring mechanism for committed authorities.

On this basis the cities, MDBs and the governments will develop initiatives to exploit the full market influence of public procurement in their countries for sustainable development.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

The partnership will be closely connected to the ongoing dialogue between different UN organisations, multilateral banks, NGOs, ICLEI and national governments on green purchasing. Meetings are envisaged once a year, every other six months a conference call should take place. This will be complemented by regular exchange through two Email lists to be set up by the coordinator:

- a) a list open to all interested parties for global exchange,
- b) a closed list for the group of partners.

Furthermore some activities will be coordinated separately in smaller groups, e.g. the demonstration activities will coordinate their efforts at a regional (continental) level in the course of a project grant. .

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

Funding arrangements for a demonstration project in the Southern countries with the respective cities have been explored and encouraging arrangements are set with the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). This would support the involvement of the Southern partners in the initiative.

Funding for the global coordination will be acquired by ICLEI and UNEP.

The multilateral banks, the northern governments and cities will care for funding their travel and communication cost. They will seek to establish well-financed programmes for their activities in the national/regional contexts.

Programmes and activities in additional countries, particularly of the South, will be welcome and will have to be supported by separate funding.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training,

informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

All activities aim to demonstrate the applicability of the concept and disseminate this at a wide scale. The demonstration projects will contribute to building expertise in the respective countries and cities. Through the networking activities of ICLEI this will radiate to other public administrations and other countries as well. For the Southern cities it is furthermore envisaged to build additional capacity in the purchasing departments, so that the requirements, e.g. working on contracts, can be met appropriately.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

One of the main aims of the project is to make innovative technology available on domestic markets in developing countries. This does not necessarily mean to take over "Northern" technology, as appropriate solutions often exist in Southern countries as well. While this applies particularly to purchasing for canteens and construction, some products with huge scale effects of mass production may need to be transferred.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

The partnership builds on an ongoing dialogue between UN organisations, Multilateral banks, NGOs, ICLEI and national governments. It furthermore builds on ICLEI's ongoing global activities Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and Local Agenda 21 Campaign, as well as its European Eco-Procurement Programme.

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, newsletters, etc)

The partnership is based on the concept of regular reporting of the partners to each other and strong monitoring mechanisms for the sub-activities. This means that partners will make reference to how their activities contribute to the partnership in the respective publications (Reports, Websites, newsletters). It will be ensured that each partner reports his activities once a year. ICLEI will provide briefing on the status of the partnership to the appropriate body in the course of the WSSD process at least once a year.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available):

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