



WTO OMC

**Committee on Government Procurement**

**SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**

**WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD (WTO HEADQUARTERS), ROOM W  
GENEVA, 22 FEBRUARY 2017**

**PROGRAMME2**

**Wednesday, 22 February 2017, Morning**

08.30 Registration and security procedures

09.00 Official Opening of the Symposium

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
<b>09.00 – 09.10</b>	<b>Keynote remarks</b>	Mr Xiaozhun Yi, Deputy Director-General, WTO

**SESSION 1: What is sustainable procurement and what are its main objectives?**

Chair Ms Nadine Nickner, Deputy Director, Government Procurement, Trade and Environment Division, Global Affairs Canada

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09.10 – 09.30	1.1 Approaches to sustainable procurement: objectives, illustrative practices and emerging trends – a European perspective	Mr Marc Hidson, Director of ICLEI Europe - Local Governments for Sustainability
09.30 – 09.50	1.2 Approaches to sustainable procurement: objectives, illustrative practices and emerging trends – a US perspective (taped video presentation)	Mr Jason Pearson, Executive Director, US Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council
09.50 – 10.10	1.3 Sustainable public procurement (SPP): objectives, illustrative practices and emerging trends, drawing on the SPP work of UNEP	Mr Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
10.10 – 10.30	1.4 SPP in the work of the World Bank: objectives and emerging perspectives (taped video presentation)	Mr Christopher Browne, Chief Procurement Officer, World Bank
10.30 – 10.50	1.5 General discussion	

**10.50 – 11.10 Break**

<sup>1</sup> This Symposium has been organised by the WTO Secretariat at the request of the Committee on Government Procurement for the benefit of GPA Parties and Observers, in furtherance of the Committee's agreed Work Programme on Sustainable Procurement (See GPA/113, Annex E of Appendix 2, p. 444). **All views expressed are the personal responsibility of the individual speakers, and are strictly without prejudice to the views, interests or positions of WTO Members and Observers.**

**SESSION 2: What are the key practices of sustainable procurement and how can sustainability be incorporated into the different stages of procurement?**

Chair Mr John Newham, Chairman, WTO Committee on Government Procurement

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11.10 – 11.30	2.1 Key sustainable procurement practices at the domestic level – a practitioner's view (1) (taped video presentation)	Mr Jason Pearson, Executive Director, US Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council
11.30 – 11.50	2.2 Key sustainable procurement practices at the domestic level - a practitioner's view (2)	Mr Paul Eggimann, Chef du Groupe spécialisé Construction durable au sein de la KBOB, Switzerland
11.50 – 12.10	2.3 Procurement strategy: the importance of people in a people, planet, profit approach to sustainable government procurement	Ms Sandra Hamilton, Social Procurement Advisor & Canada's First Social MBA
12.10 – 12.30	2.4 OECD work relating to sustainable procurement practices	Mr János Bertok Head of Division, Public Sector Integrity, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD Secretariat
12.30 – 13.00	2.5 General discussion	

**13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break**

**Wednesday, 22 February 2017, Afternoon**

**SESSION 3: How are sustainability measures in procurement processes practiced in a manner consistent with both the principle of "best-value for money" and international trade obligations?**

Chair Mr Robert Anderson, WTO Secretariat

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14.30 - 14.50	3.1 SPP, best value for money and international trade obligations: the GPA as a model agreement	Judge Marc Steiner, Swiss Federal Administrative Court
14.50 – 15.10	3.2 SPP practices – consistency with the principle of "best value for money": national perspectives/experiences	Ms Lidia Capparelli, Consip (the central purchasing body of Italy)
15.10 – 15.30	3.3 SPP practices – consistency with the Parties' international trade obligations: a perspective from Canada	Mr David LePage, Principal, Accelerating Social Impact (ASI CCC), Canada
15.30 - 16.00	3.4 General discussion	

16.00 Official Closing of the Symposium

16.30 – 17.30 Small-group meeting (WTO delegates only; to be organized by Parties, if desired)