14 cities accelerating sustainable procurement worldwide

GLOBAL LEAD CITY NETWORK ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

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- BUDAPEST
- BUENOS AIRES
- CAPE TOWN
- DENVER
- GHENT
- HELSINKI
- MONTREAL
- OSLO
- QUEZON CITY
- ROTTERDAM
- SEOUL
- TSHWANE
- WARSAW
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About the Network

The Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement (GLCN on SP), is a group of 14 cities who aim to accelerate the implementation of sustainable procurement worldwide, through:

- Setting ambitious, quantified targets on sustainable procurement
- Reporting on their achievements, and
- Acting as global and regional champions of sustainable procurement

The network is co-ordinated by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. The GLCN collaborates with the Sustainable Public Procurement Programme of the One Planet Network and is supported by the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI).

What is Sustainable Procurement?

Sustainable procurement means making sure that the products and services local governments buy achieve value for money and generate benefits for the environment, society, economy and local government itself.

The public sector represents an estimated 15-20% of GDP globally. By directing this huge spending power wisely, governments can help create markets for innovative sustainable products and services, and help meet global and local sustainability goals.

“Since its launch in 2015 the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement has aimed to demonstrate how procurement can help us in achieving multiple sustainability goals – from climate change to poverty alleviation, from air quality to job creation. I am pleased to say that we now have 14 cities within the Network, acting as global and regional champions for sustainable procurement, each with bold aspirations and published commitments. And we plan to continue our efforts.”

Mayor Park Won-soon
2015-2018 Chair of the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement; Mayor of Seoul; ICLEI President.

GLCN Summits:
- ICLEI World Congress, Seoul, 2015
- COP21, Paris, 2015
- Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change, 2016
- COP23, Bonn, 2017
SOME OF OUR SPP TARGETS

Budapest (Hungary): By 2020, 100% of the procurement processes will integrate sustainability and green aspects.

Buenos Aires (Argentina): By 2020, 100% of purchases of electricity or natural gas using devices will include sustainability criteria.

Denver (United States of America): By 2020, 25% of public food purchases will originate from the State of Colorado.

Ghent (Belgium): 10% growth (year-on-year) in contracts awarded to the social economy sector.

Montreal (Canada): By 2020, 30% of bus fleet to be hybrid, and 230 municipal vehicles to be electric.

Oslo (Norway): All construction sites must be fossil free from 2017.

Quezon City (Philippines): 30% energy savings achieved in 2017 through retrofitting 84% of the city’s street lights with LED.

Rotterdam (The Netherlands): Zero emission urban delivery of all goods and services by 2025.

Tshwane (South Africa): By 2020, 40% of the city’s bus fleet will be green.

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Gino Van Begin is the Secretary General of ICLEI, the leading global network of more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. Gino has been working for ICLEI for more than 15 years. In his roles as Regional Director for Europe (since 2002), Deputy Secretary General (since 2007) and Secretary General (since 2013), he has consistently worked towards ensuring ICLEI’s quality as a not-for-profit, responsible and forward-looking local government organization serving its members worldwide.

Over his 15 years at ICLEI, Gino has witnessed cities becoming home to over half of the world population while simultaneously facing more and more challenges. At the same time, he had a privileged view over the capacity of cities to respond to these challenges despite their limited means. Without waiting for national states to take action, they have started looking for local solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change, to increase their resilience, to become less dependent on fossil fuels and, overall, to increase their sustainability.

In his position as Secretary General of a global network of cities, towns and regions, Gino also ensures that ICLEI takes every opportunity to decisively influence global negotiation processes and increase local governments’ presence on the global stage, in order to promote the sustainability agenda at all levels.

Gino Van Begin was born in Belgium and graduated from the University of Brussels as a lawyer. Before joining ICLEI, Gino worked in Russia for seven years as an advisor and as Team Leader at the EU-funded Environmental Centers for Administration and Technology in Kaliningrad and St. Petersburg. Prior to that, he worked in Brussels for five years at the European Commission, DG Environment.

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What’s next?
“Cities across the world increasingly understand how important public procurement can be as a tool for meeting our sustainability goals. – But only by working together, both regionally and globally, can we harness the power of procurement effectively. Through the vision and commitment of the participating cities, the GLCN will continue to raise the profile of sustainable procurement internationally, and provide inspiration for others to follow.”

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Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.