

1. Overview of Organization

Name of Organization: International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)

Website: <http://www.igpn.org/>

Contact Information: <http://www.igpn.org/contact/index.html>

Funding Sources: Unknown

Organization Type: Unknown

Partners: There is a list of 'supporting companies' at the bottom of the homepage.

Mission:

- "Globally promote the spread of environmentally friendly product and service development and Green Purchasing activities
- Internationally share information and know-how on Green Purchasing and environmentally friendly products and services
- Harmonize the efforts of Green Purchasing and the development of environmentally friendly products and services from a global viewpoint." ⁱ

2. Sustainable Purchasing Activities and Resources

1. Matrix of Global Activities for Green Purchasing

www.igpn.org/global/index.html

2. Guidelines and Criteria: Governmental Laws and Guidance, and Major Green Purchasing Organization's Guideline's and Criteria

<http://www.igpn.org/guideline/index.html>

3. Outline of Activities

<http://www.igpn.org/about/index.html>

3. Sustainable Purchasing Guidance Materials

1. Green Purchasing & Green Public Procurement Starter Kit

http://www.igpn.org/focus_on/kit/index.html

"The Green Purchasing & Green Public Procurement Starter Kit is an interactive web and CD-ROM based package which provides information in interactive modules for: understanding sustainability, green purchasing, green public procurement, eco-materials, eco-components, eco-products, eco-services; how to implement a green purchasing programme in a company; how to implement a green public procurement programme; and some issues in green purchasing & procurement." ⁱⁱ

Year Guidance was Published: 2011

Access: Open upon registration

Types of Purchasers: "Purchasing managers in business organisations who want to implement a Green Purchasing programme; Public Procurement officers who want to launch a Green Public Procurement programme; Environmental, supply chain consultants and trainers who help companies in implementing Green Purchasing programmes; Relevant government agencies and policy makers; Researchers and students; Any other interested parties." ⁱⁱⁱ

Regional Focus: International

Languages: Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, & English

Topics covered:

✓✓✓ environmental sustainability ✓✓ social sustainability ✓✓✓ economic sustainability

Steps:

✓✓ Get commitment from top managers; ✓✓ Prioritization; ✓✓ Spend Analysis; ✓✓ Life cycle environmental impact; ✓✓ Develop green purchasing policy; ✓✓✓ Develop purchasing criteria; ✓✓ Develop monitoring mechanism; ✓✓✓ Supplier engagement; ✓✓✓ Monitor and verify supplier compliance; ✓✓✓ Communicate with stakeholders; ✓ Integrate with existing management systems

✓✓✓ Discusses *Product categories* generally

✓✓✓ Discusses *Service categories* generally

4. Observations

The IGPN's guidance is comprehensive and designed to serve a range of different audiences from business to government, internationally. It supports prioritization and provides flexibility by taking a modular approach. Its main focus is on environmental criteria, with less guidance given on social issues. The level of marketplace adoption of the guidance is unknown, however it has the highest uptake in Asia.

ⁱ IGPN. *About IGPN: Outline, Mission*. Accessed from: <http://www.igpn.org/about/index.html>

ⁱⁱ IGPN. *Starter Kit Outline*. Accessed from: http://www.igpn.org/focus_on/kit/index.html

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.