

Driving SCP through Sustainable Public Procurement



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Sustainable Procurement Programme

A **global multi-stakeholder partnership** to promote and accelerate the implementation of **public procurement** policies and processes that incorporate **SCP and circular economy** principles, leading to a more **efficient use of public resources** to **meet societal needs** while **minimizing environmental impacts**



Co-leads

China - Environmental United Certification Center, Environmental Development Center of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Western Cape Government, South Africa - Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning, Directorate.

With support from **Netherlands** - Rijkswaterstaat, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.



Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee



Espace de concertation sur les pratiques d'approvisionnement responsable



3 initiatives, focused on high-impact sectors

Construction

Mainstreaming circularity and driving demand for a sustainable built environment through sustainable public procurement

Implemented through a **strategic partnership with UNOPS**, designed to support existing and relevant legally and non-legally binding agreements, including the Paris Agreement, Declaration de Chaillot, and the Buildings Breakthrough.



Food

Leveraging sustainable public procurement to advance sustainable food systems, with a focus on school meals (LAC)

Implemented through a **strategic partnership with FAO**, enhancing and strengthening national capacities for implementing public food procurement (PFP).



ICT

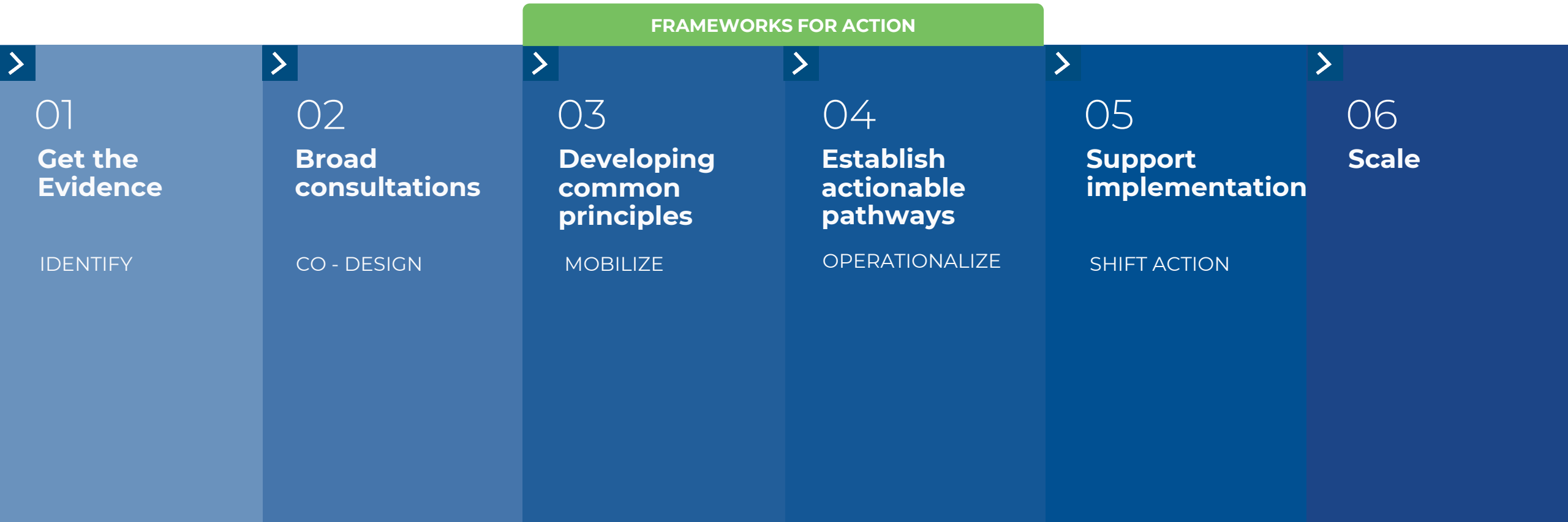
Circular & Fair ICT Pact (CFIT)

Implemented under the **leadership of the Netherlands and Belgium**, this global partnership aims to harness the power of procurement to drive circularity, fairness, and sustainability in the ICT sector.





Our approach to driving global multi-stakeholder action



Framework for Action (FoA)

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Common Principles

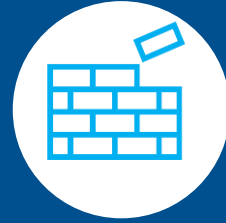
Outline **prioritized actions** for Member States and stakeholders **to collaborate and align efforts** in advancing SPP in the construction sector. These key actions **serve as a common foundation** for driving circular, nature-positive, and people-centred construction practices through public procurement. They **are intentionally broad, enabling their applicability across different types of organizations, regions, and local contexts.**

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Priority Actions ‘Menu’

Complement the principles and form a “menu” for **potential pathways to implement** them. These prioritized actions **provide guidance for operationalizing the principles** to be **applied in alignment with varying contexts and specific realities.** They also **articulate ongoing work by other initiatives** within this space.

Public procurement is a key driver of global demand in the high-impact sector of construction



A big market...

With most countries spending more than **50% of their public procurement** expenditure, which itself can represent up to **30% of GDP on buildings and infrastructure** national and local governments play a key role in steering the transformation of the construction sector



...in a sector with big impacts

37% of global **GHG emissions**; **50%** of the total global **material footprint**; **40%** of **solid waste** in developed countries; **50%** of the buildings that will exist in 2050 have **not been built yet, GHG expected to double** by 2060.

Accounting for **11%-13% of Global GDP** and **7% of jobs**, the sector represents some of the greatest socio-economic opportunities.

What Sets this Global Framework for Action Apart?

Circular Economy

Address **the whole life cycle of buildings** with a **circular economy** approach considering both **embedded and operational emissions** to minimize waste and reduce emissions throughout the building process: from planning and design through construction, operation, and eventual deconstruction.

Alignment

Supports ongoing efforts and **aligns with existing frameworks and initiatives**, including the Chaillot Declaration, the Buildings Breakthrough, and the IDDI Green Procurement Pledge.

Practical Actions

Include practical **potential pathways** for effective change at both local and national levels, articulating existing tools, resources and action.



A demand-based approach to drive market transformation





**A pathway to achieving NZERBs
as the new norm by 2030,
enabling governments to lead
by example.**



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A rigorous consultation process

Robust process of consultation, leveraging the expertise from stakeholders across the construction value chain, including desk research, surveys, interviews, workshops, and open consultations.

200+ stakeholders consulted to date



Buildings Breakthrough (BBT/B2)

Partner Orgs C40; WBCSD; WorldGBC*; Built by Nature BbNFund; UNIDO
 GOVs Armenia, France, Kenya, Tunisia, UAE, UK, USA, Morocco, Germany

Public sector survey

22 national governments, 3 subnational governments, and 1 decentralized public institution

Private sector survey and bilateral consultations

Private sector survey collected input from 21 companies. Consultation with 8 key market players.

International Advisory Group

GOVs Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Finland, Ghana, Kenya, Municipality of Medellin, Netherlands, City of Prague, Mexico City, and USA

Financial institutions African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB); European Investment Bank (EIB); World Bank

UN & IOs Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF); International Organization for Standardization (ISO); Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); UNEP, District Energy in Cities Initiative; UN-HABITAT; UNIDO; UNOPS

Academia Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

NGOs Circular Way; Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS); Global Ecolabeling Network (GEN); Green Council of Hong Kong; ICLEI World Secretariat; International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC); World Green Building Council (WGBC)

Private Sector World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Questionnaire and desk review

95 stakeholders in total
 questionnaire: 38 organizations; desk reviews: 57 organizations

Buildings Breakthrough (BBT)

Buildings Breakthrough: Launched by **France, Morocco,** and **UNEP** in 2023 at **COP28** to decarbonize the building sector by 2030. The construction sector is responsible for **~21% of global GHG emissions** (GlobalABC, 2022).

Goals: promote near-zero emission, climate-resilient buildings

Secretariat: GlobalABC (hosted at UNEP).

Priority Actions:

- (1) Standards and certification
- (2) Demand creation (B2)**
- (3) Finance and investment
- (4) Research and Innovation
- (5) Capability and Skills

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2. Republic of Austria 🇦🇹
3. Canada 🇨🇦
4. People's Republic of China 🇨🇳
5. Republic of Côte d'Ivoire 🇨🇮
6. Arab Republic of Egypt 🇪🇬
7. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia 🇪🇹
8. Republic of Finland 🇫🇮
- ➔ 9. French Republic 🇫🇷
10. Federal Republic of Germany 🇩🇪
11. Republic of Ghana 🇬🇭
12. Republic of Guinea-Bissau 🇬🇼
13. Japan 🇯🇵
14. Kingdom of Jordan 🇯🇴
- ➔ 15. Republic of Kenya 🇰🇪
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- ➔ 28. United States of America 🇺🇸
29. Republic of Zambia 🇵🇰



Buildings Breakthrough BBT/B2 – Demand Creation

2023 Breakthrough Agenda Report Recommendation

*“Governments are encouraged to **jointly create procurement and policy commitments** for NZERBs, for both new and existing buildings”*

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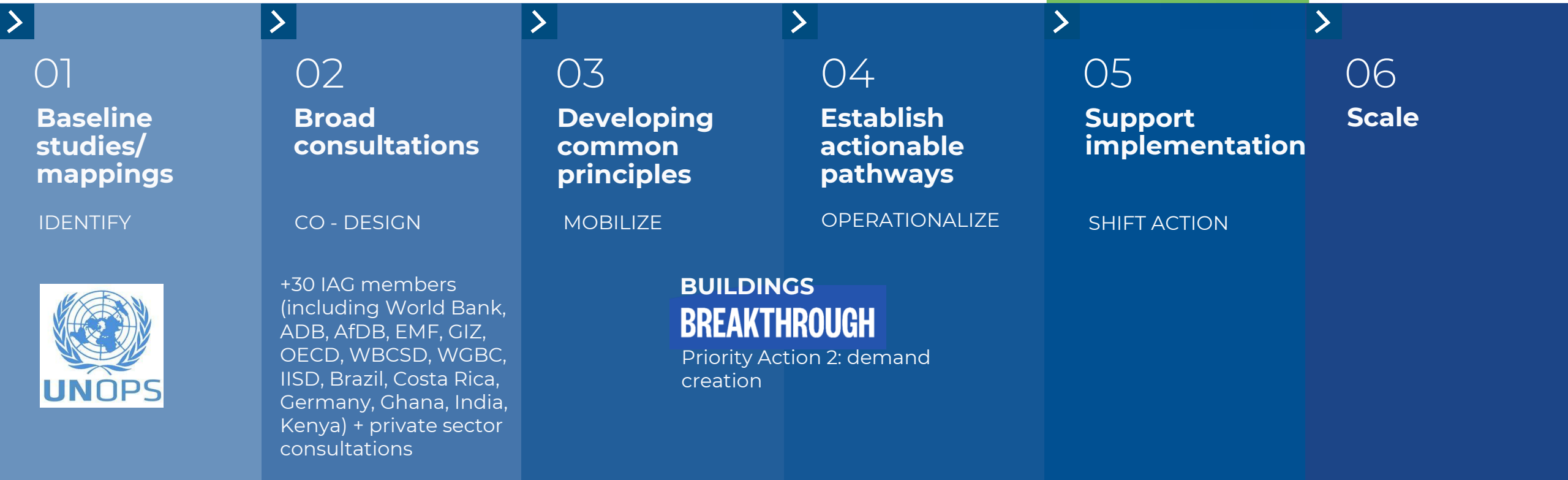
- > 1 Recognize the critical role of national and sub-national governments in accelerating sustainable and circular public procurement for achieving near-zero emission and resilient buildings.
- > 2 Acknowledge that decisions made during financing, planning, and design stages have the greatest influence on reducing resource use and environmental impacts across the building value chain.
- > 3 Embed circularity and the goals of near-zero emission and resilient buildings throughout the entire procurement cycle—from pre-tender to post-tender—across all stages of the construction value chain.
- > 4 Leverage skills development and knowledge sharing to scale-up action.
- > 5 Address all environmental impacts—including pollution and effects on nature—in construction-related procurement to ensure that actions toward near-zero emissions avoid unintended negative consequences.



NEXT STEP



COUNTRY-LEVEL
TECHNICAL SUPPORT



Support us:

- Raise awareness and mobilize engagement from additional Member States
- Identify funding opportunities to provide technical support to Member States for the implementation of the Framework (national and municipality level) (initially Mauritius, France, Kenya, Morocco, UAE, Germany)



Thank you!

Any questions?

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Common Principles (Link)

<https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sites/default/files/2024-12/FOA%20Common%20Principles.pdf>



2

Contact Form (Link)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj3jira_CPdDEFswfYN8nVaQudwNPMuO2cZkbf3ottB2_Qm9g/viewform

