

Report

Emerging Future on Procurement for Sustainable Development(3)

Five key factors for discussing sustainable procurement for the SDGs

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Finally, we would like to mention five key factors to discuss with the concerned parties including UN agencies to promote the “Sustainable Procurement for the SDGs” and sustainable development generally.

Key Factors in “Sustainable Procurement for the SDGs”

Function for Sustainable Procurement for SDGs	Key Factors to Discuss
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As products and services used become more high-tech, maintenance in developing countries becomes more important. ➤ To pursue sustainable development, we should not accept a culture in which products are disposable and thrown away and then similar goods are repurchased again. ➤ It is vital to determine how to provide maintenance through the private sector and how to foster the use of local agencies.
Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Last-mile” interventions should be prioritized to reach underserved populations to minimize negative factors affecting sustainability. ➤ In particular, Japanese players have been establishing distribution systems in ASEAN countries to some extent; however, there has not been enough done in African countries. ➤ In such areas, Japanese players must collaborate with partners in European countries and the United States.
Leasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The use of leasing will become more common as we seek to reduce procurement costs in a precise way and to promote adequate maintenance. ➤ For example, leasing systems for automobiles, agricultural machines, and construction machines could be applied to the UN procurement system and penetrate into the field. ➤ In addition to that, sophisticated Japanese photocopiers, which can be utilized in back-office roles in UN-related agencies, are also future candidates for lease arrangements. ➤ We believe that Japanese entities can foster a leasing culture with international organizations as a way to promote sustainable procurement.

<p>Supply Management / Stockpiling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stockpiling strategies, such as supply division storage by UNICEF in Copenhagen for development and emergency situations, and the international depot by UNHRD for emergency relief, enable prompt action when emergency demands are a major focus. ➤ Although the Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDI/JICA) is utilizing the UNHRD Depot for emergency cases, the Japanese private sector does not fully understand its existence and importance. ➤ For both developmental and emergency purposes, a more efficient and effective system for supply management based on a PPP approach will be required.
<p>Public Procurement System, Governance and Capacity Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We need to improve the public procurement system itself in the emerging and developing countries. ➤ In some cases, the system and governance of public procurement do not fully work in an efficient and effective way. ➤ In addition, capacity building for administrative officers including procurement officers is also vital as a social infrastructure to pursue the sustainable procurement.

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