The Marrakech Process is a global effort to promote progress on the implementation of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) patterns. The process responds to the call of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation from 2002 to develop a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP), which will serve as a global framework for action on SCP. The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) will review the thematic block of SCP during its 2010/11 two-year cycle and feed the results of the Marrakech Process into the 10YFP.

The Marrakech Task Forces are voluntary initiatives led by governments, which – in co-operation with various partners from the North and the South – commit themselves to carrying out a set of concrete activities at a national or regional level to promote a shift to SCP patterns.

Please note
The MTF is looking forward to cooperate with governments, which are interested in implementing the SPP approach.

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> Good procurement is sustainable procurement!

Sustainable procurement is a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment.

Government spending contributes to a significant share of the national GDP. Public procurement disposes over a major potential to shift the market to more sustainable production patterns.

> The Status Assessment SA: the first step to a SPP

The objectives of the SA are to enable new starters as well as experienced practitioners to:

> Identify what’s happening nationally/organisationally on SPP
> Understand the steps needed to improve SPP
> Access sources of help and guidance to improve SPP
> Compare their SPP approach with others
> Raise awareness of the international commitment to SPP

> The objective of the Marrakech Task Force on SPP is that 14 of countries distributed in all regions have tested the SPP approach by 2010 and feed the results into the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

To implement sustainable public procurement the MTF applies a country approach, which includes:

> Commitment Agreement
> MTF expert support
> In country training
> Agree on SPP Policy Plan
> In country progress review

The Status Assessment is a public authority online self-assessment questionnaire for sustainable public procurement (SPP). It has been developed and tested by the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Public Procurement (MTF on SPP). It is intended to highlight the key stages of SP implementation and the steps that could be taken by those both starting and improving their existing approach. You can use the Status Assessment free of charge.