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2. SPP Course Participation



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EcoAdvance
SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND LABELING



Promoting Sustainability in the Building and Construction Sector in the Philippines

Project Background

- In 2023, the **construction sector** contributes **7%** to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the Philippines.
- The private real estate investment is growing driven by urbanization and demand for housing with a projection to hit **USD 6.06 trillion by 2024**.
- Government initiatives, like the "Build Better More" program led by the Department of Public Works & Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr), focuses on **infrastructure development**.

Opportunity to strengthen sustainable public procurement and ecolabelling

SPP and Ecolabelling

- Will serve as joint strategies in greening the value chain of construction and infrastructure projects of the government
- According to World Green Building Council, facilities are responsible for 39% of global carbon emissions, 28% from its operations, and 11% from construction materials, hence this initiative will support the government's commitment to a 75% reduction of emissions through its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Will guide the procurers and consumers in choosing sustainable construction materials

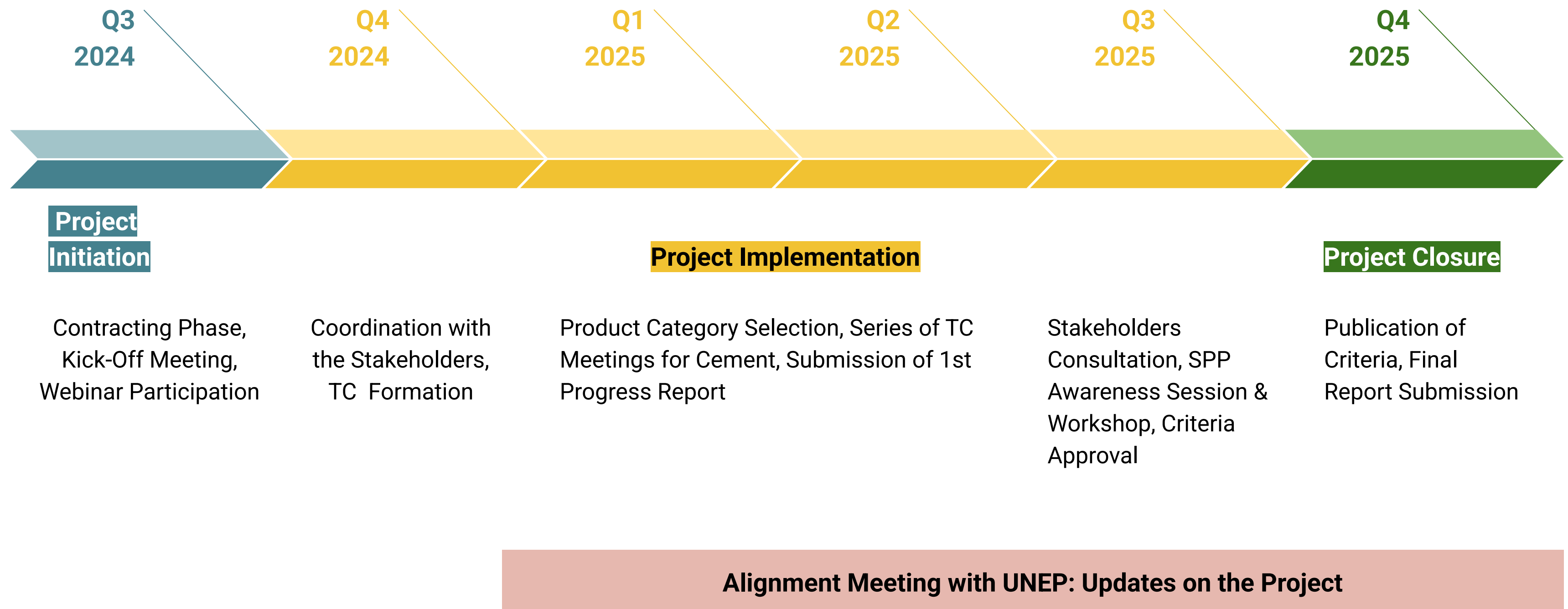
Project Objectives

- Have strong criteria for construction products through the **revision of existing ecolabelling criteria** of the National Ecolabelling Programme - Green Choice Philippines (NELP-GCP) and the **development of new criteria** in this sector.
- **Raise awareness with key stakeholders** about the role of SPP and NELP-GCP in the building and construction sector.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 Raise awareness about SPP and Ecolabelling in the Building and Construction sector	Activity 2 Revise the existing NELP-GCP Criteria of Cement Product Category	Activity 3 Develop criteria for a new product category (steel products)
Completed Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participated in the webinar organized by UNEP last 5 Sep 2024. ● Conducted the SPP Awareness Session and Workshop last 17-19 Sep 2025. Participated by NGAs and LGUs. 	Completed Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafted the MRA study and criteria. ● Conducted a total of six (6) TC meetings. ● Conducted the stakeholders consultation. ● Publication of the Criteria 	Completed Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafted the MRA study and criteria. ● Conducted a total of five (5) TC meetings. ● Conducted the stakeholders consultation. ● Publication of the Criteria





KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT

1. The **participation of the selected national government agencies (NGAs) and local government units (LGUs)** in the SPP and Ecolabels Awareness Session and Workshop was vital in introducing the fundamentals of Sustainable Consumption and Production and its tools and practices, such as SPP and Ecolabelling. The project team received positive feedback from the participants, who **recommended offering more relevant training sessions for continuity and inviting more LGUs to exchange insights.**
2. The **revision of the cement criteria reintroduced the concept and benefits of ecolabelling to the local cement companies.** One success factor identified by the project team was **gaining the interest of a manufacturer to apply for certification.**
3. The **development of steel criteria was supported by a major industry player** in the country. The industry expressed interest in **aligning the criteria with the regional or global standards.**



SPP Course Participation



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this certificate program, participants gain skills to:

- Understand the full scope of the **new “Sustainability” provisions** under RA 12009.
- Explain core concepts and integrate practical **environmental (green) and social (inclusive) criteria** into bidding documents.
- Use powerful tools like **Life Cycle Costing (LCC)** and **Most Economically Advantageous and Responsive Bid (MEARB)** to determine the best value for money.
- Monitor, measure, and report your SPP performance effectively, using the new **Procurement Impact Toolkit**.
- Master the **AI-powered One Stop Hub** to strategically design tenders informed by data and best practices.
- Develop your agency's mandatory **SPP Program Plan**.



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

How will you learn? The course offers a blended learning approach:



Self-guided Learning

Gain core knowledge through six e-learning modules at your own pace

(estimated 30 mins per module, 3 hours total)



Knowledge Checks & Reflection Questions

Test your comprehension and put the knowledge into practical context



Practical Worksheets

Apply knowledge to inform your agency's procurement planning and practice



Expert-led Workshops

Connect with experts and peers to dig deeper into complex issues.

(Each week on Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 PM.
Scheduled on Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9)



Capstone Assignment

Complete a final assignment to meet the RA 12009 requirements

(Complete your agency's SPP Program & design a sustainable tender)

COURSE MODULES & SCHEDULE

The course consists of self-guided learning, expert training and practical assignments over three weeks.

Course Launch & Welcome

Tues Nov 18 1:30-3:30 PM

Nov 18 - 25

Self-guided Learning (2 h):

- **Module 1:** Sustainable Public Procurement under RA No. 12009
- **Module 2:** Foundations of Green Public Procurement
- **Module 3:** Foundations of Inclusive Procurement

Workshop 1: Foundations of SPP

Tues Nov 25 1:30-3:30 PM

Nov 26 - Dec 2

Self-guided Learning (2 h):

- **Module 4:** Integrating Sustainability into the Procurement Cycle
- **Module 5:** Applying Life-Cycle Thinking and Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid
- **Module 6:** Monitoring, Measuring and Reporting - Impact Toolkit

Workshop 2: Advanced Tools

Tues Dec 2 1:30-3:30 PM

Dec 3 - 9

Capstone Assignment

- Complete **your agency's Sustainable Public Procurement Plan**
- Design a **SPP strategy for an upcoming procurement**

Assignments due Dec 8

Capstone Showcase & Certification Ceremony:

Tues Dec 9 1:30 - 3:30 PM
with networking reception



Capstone Assignment

1. Draft a sustainable tender design for e-vehicles.
2. Develop a procuring guide for wood-based and composite office furniture.



2026 Plans



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1. Focus on expanding the number of ecolabelled products and services in the Philippines.
2. Implement the project on methane reduction and GPP tracking in the Philippines.
 - a. Develop technical specifications of low methane products





THANK YOU!

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