Sustainable Public Procurement – Why does it matter?

Affects quality of life and wellbeing

Sets the rules of the game

Drives market demand

Maximizes public value

Builds public trust

Can account for **13–20% of GDP** in some countries and up to 50% of total government spending

Global expenditure in procurement is estimated at nearly **US 9.5 trillion**

SPP in the Global Agenda

Building Capacity for Circular and Sustainable Public Procurement

- **Belém Declaration on Sustainable Public Procurement,** coordination with Brazil to bring it to COP31 and foster ownership and adoption.

- **Global Framework for Action on Circular and Sustainable Public Procurement in the Built Environment** endorsed at the ICBC Ministerial.

- **Plan to Accelarate Solutions Implementation (PAS):** Accelerating Climate-Aligned Public Procurement in High-Impact Sectors (steel, cement, concrete) in partnership with UNIDO.

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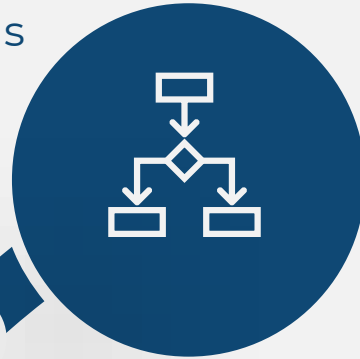# FOCUS on IMPLEMENTATION - strategic levers

Holistic Value Assessment
Prioritized tools: lifecycle assesment (how); ecolabels (what)

Market development & engagemnet
Multistakeholder, value chain collaboraton & institutional alignment

Professionalization
Skills building to apply circular economy approaches and sustainability criteria consistently

More efficient use of public resources while improving social well-being and minimizing environmental impacts

Measuring impact
Social, economic, environmental, in line with SDG 12.7

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SDG 12.7.1 - Data Collection 2025

What is SDG 12.7.1 Reporting ?

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

SDG target 12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.

SDG indicator 12.7.1: Number of countries implementing Sustainable Public Procurement policies and action plans.

SDG 12.7.1 - Data Collection 2025

What is SDG 12.7.1 Reporting ?

Parameters/Sub-indicators			Scoring
Legal, regulatory and policy framework supporting SPP	A	Existence of an SPP policy, action plan and/or SPP regulatory requirements	0 or 1
	B	Public procurement regulatory framework conducive to SPP	0 to 20
SPP implementation	C	Provision of practical support to public procurement practitioners in the implementation of SPP	0 to 20
	D	Existence of SPP purchasing criteria/buying standards	0 to 20
SPP monitoring	E	Existence of an SPP monitoring system	0 to 20
	F	Percentage of sustainable purchase of priority products/services	0 to 20

Sub-Indicators A & B: Framework Conducive to SPP

Sub-Indicators C & D: Practical Support, Guidelines and Criterias for SPP Implementation

Sub-Indicators E & F: Monitoring and Impact

Total Score: A x (B+C+D+E+F)

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Data Collection Process 2025

July 2025

- *Start of Data Collection*

September 2025

- *Capacity Building One-on-One Meetings*
- *Collaboration with OECD and UN regional offices*

October 2025

- *End of Data Collection*

October-November 2025

- *Follow up with Respondents*

November-December 2025

- *Data Analysis Phase*

December – January 2026

- *Report Drafting Phase*

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Snapshot of Data Collection – Geographical Spread

Total countries contacted: 183

Total countries reported: 58

Total countries declined reporting: 7
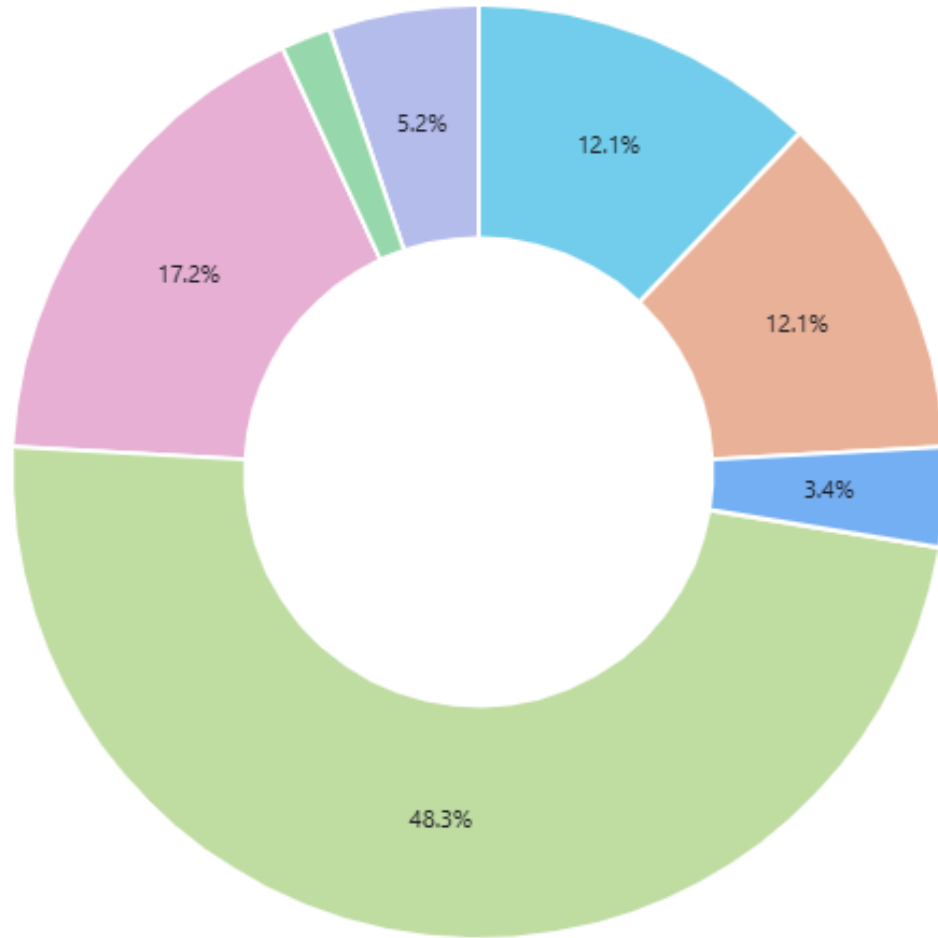
Region
- Africa (7)
- Asia-Pacific (7)
- Central Asia (2)
- Europe (28)
- LAC (10)
- Northern America (1)
- Western Asia (3)

Donut chart percentages: 12.1%, 12.1%, 3.4%, 48.3%, 17.2%, 5.2%

Looking Ahead: Advancing Data Collection

Enrich data collection initiative….

- Strong Bridges: updating SPP focal points list and foster continuous engagement

- Integrate growing reporting needs of SPP impact (IDDI/UNIDO on emission reduction for example)

- Engage with other SPP data collection efforts (Oxford, World Bank, MAPS Initiative- OECD) to connect SPP databases and analysis

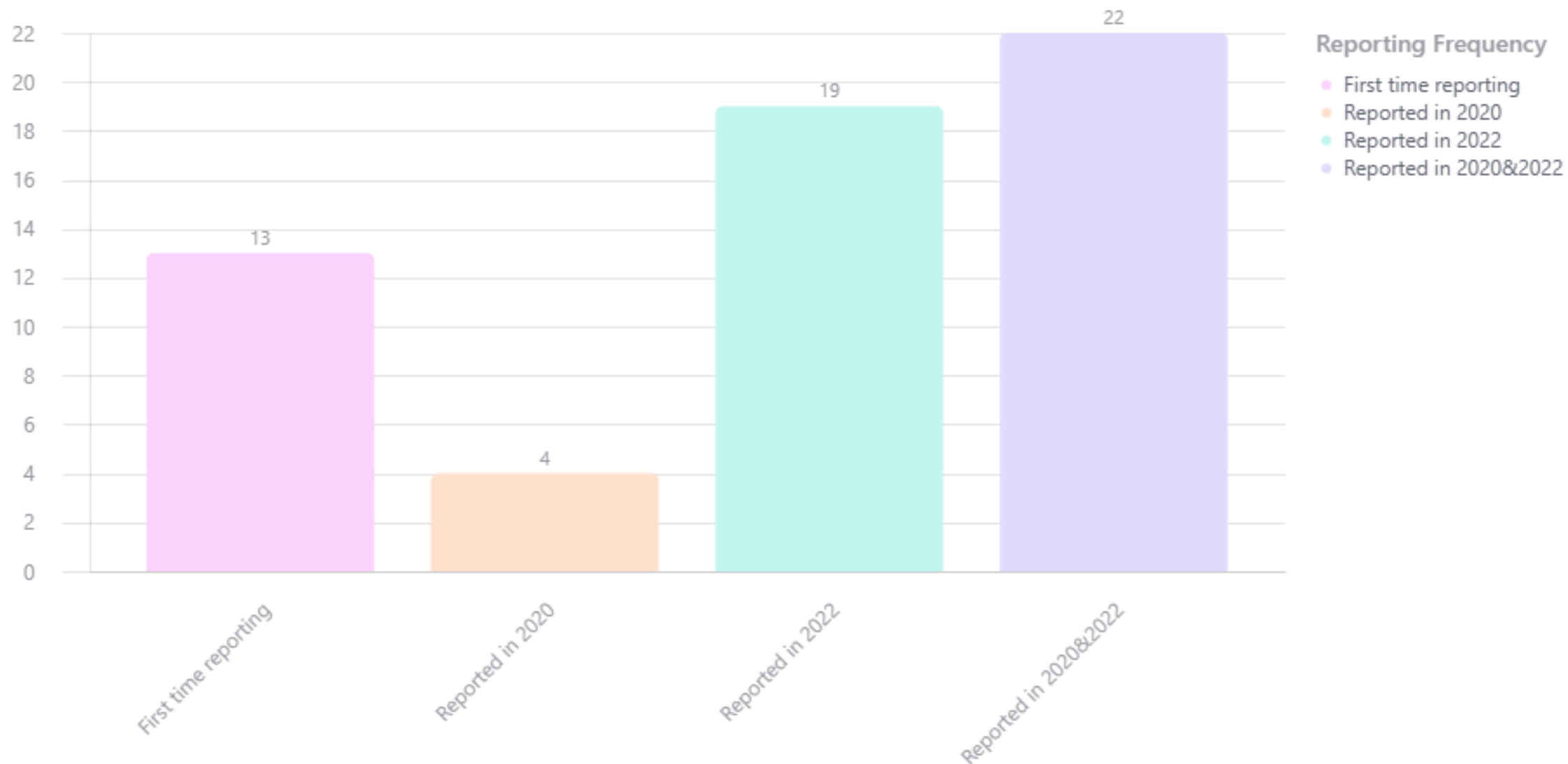## … to deliver value to countries and drive SPP agenda

- Evidence-based tailoring of the future of SPP agenda – going beyond 2030

- Build on countries interest and momentum to support their SPP implementation journey and foster ownership at the national and international level
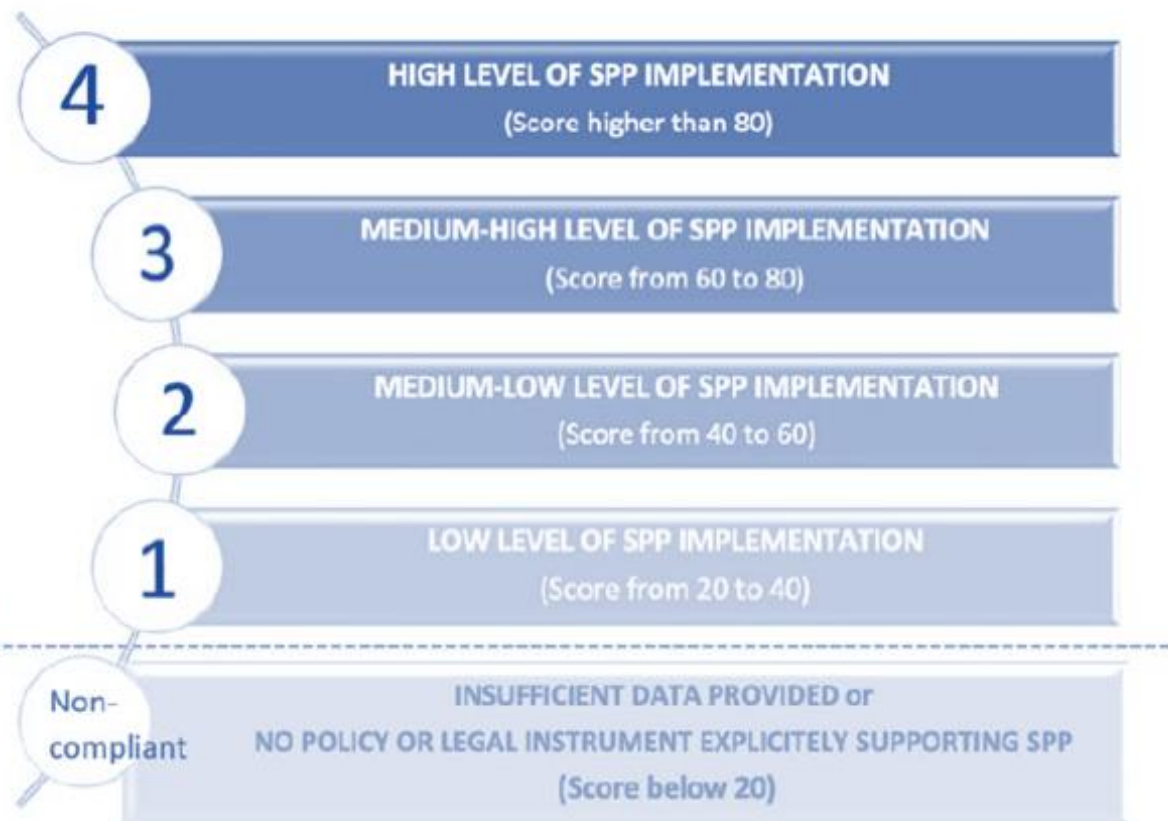
Global and Regional Snapshot

Global Snapshot

Global Snapshot – Maturity Index

4 — HIGH LEVEL OF SPP IMPLEMENTATION
(Score higher than 80)

3 — MEDIUM-HIGH LEVEL OF SPP IMPLEMENTATION
(Score from 60 to 80)

2 — MEDIUM-LOW LEVEL OF SPP IMPLEMENTATION
(Score from 40 to 60)

1 — LOW LEVEL OF SPP IMPLEMENTATION
(Score from 20 to 40)

12.7.1 COMPLIANCE
THRESHOLD

Non-compliant — INSUFFICIENT DATA PROVIDED or
NO POLICY OR LEGAL INSTRUMENT EXPLICITELY SUPPORTING SPP
(Score below 20)

Total Countries Reported: 58

Total Countries Compliant: 54

Total Score: A x (B+C+D+E+F)

Global Snapshot – Regional Breakdown

Region	Total Countries (NC)	Total Countries
Asia-Pacific	8	8
Africa & Western Asia	10	8
Latin America & Carribean (LAC)	10	10
Northern America	1	1
Europe	29	27

Central Asia category has been combined with Asia-Pacific, as only one country was compliant

Global Snapshot – Maturity Index
Average Scores per Region

Region	Average Score
Africa & Western Asia	39.0
Asia-Pacific	52.0
Europe	65.0
Global (NC)	54.0
Global Compliant	57.0
LAC	48.5
Northern America	67.0

Number of Respondents
- 1
- 8
- 10
- 27
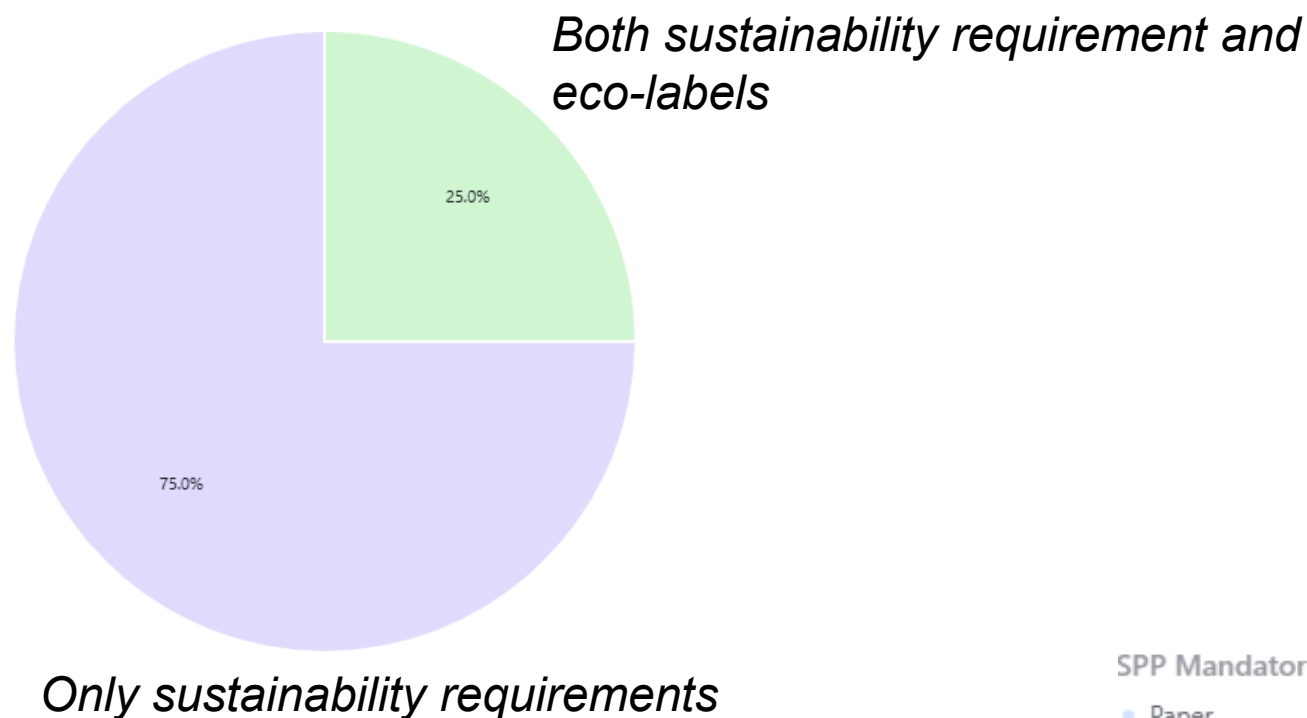- 54
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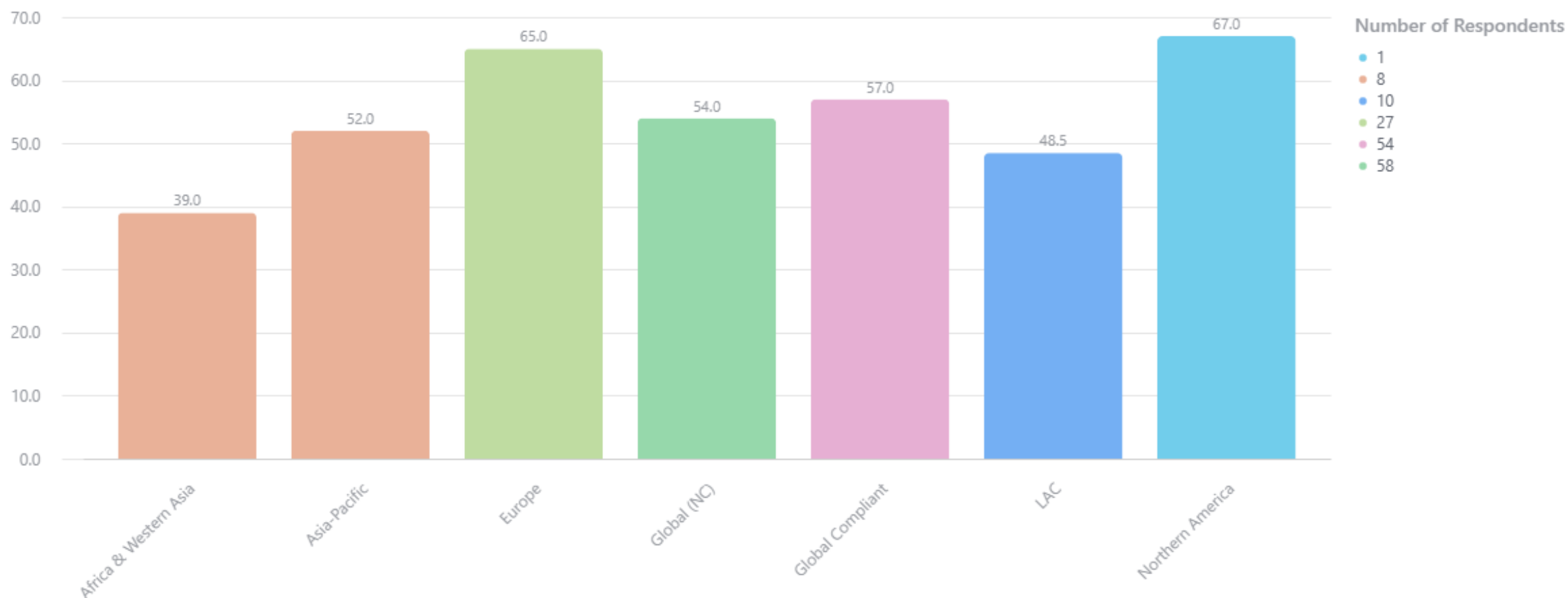
Regional Snapshot: Asia-Pacific Region

Key Highlights

o Region has no non-compliant reporting countries

o All countries show some form of integration of sustainability requirements or both sustainability requirements and eco label in procurement (B1)

o All countries have almost 100% compliance with sub-indicator B, except for questions B8 and B2 (functional or output-based specifications)
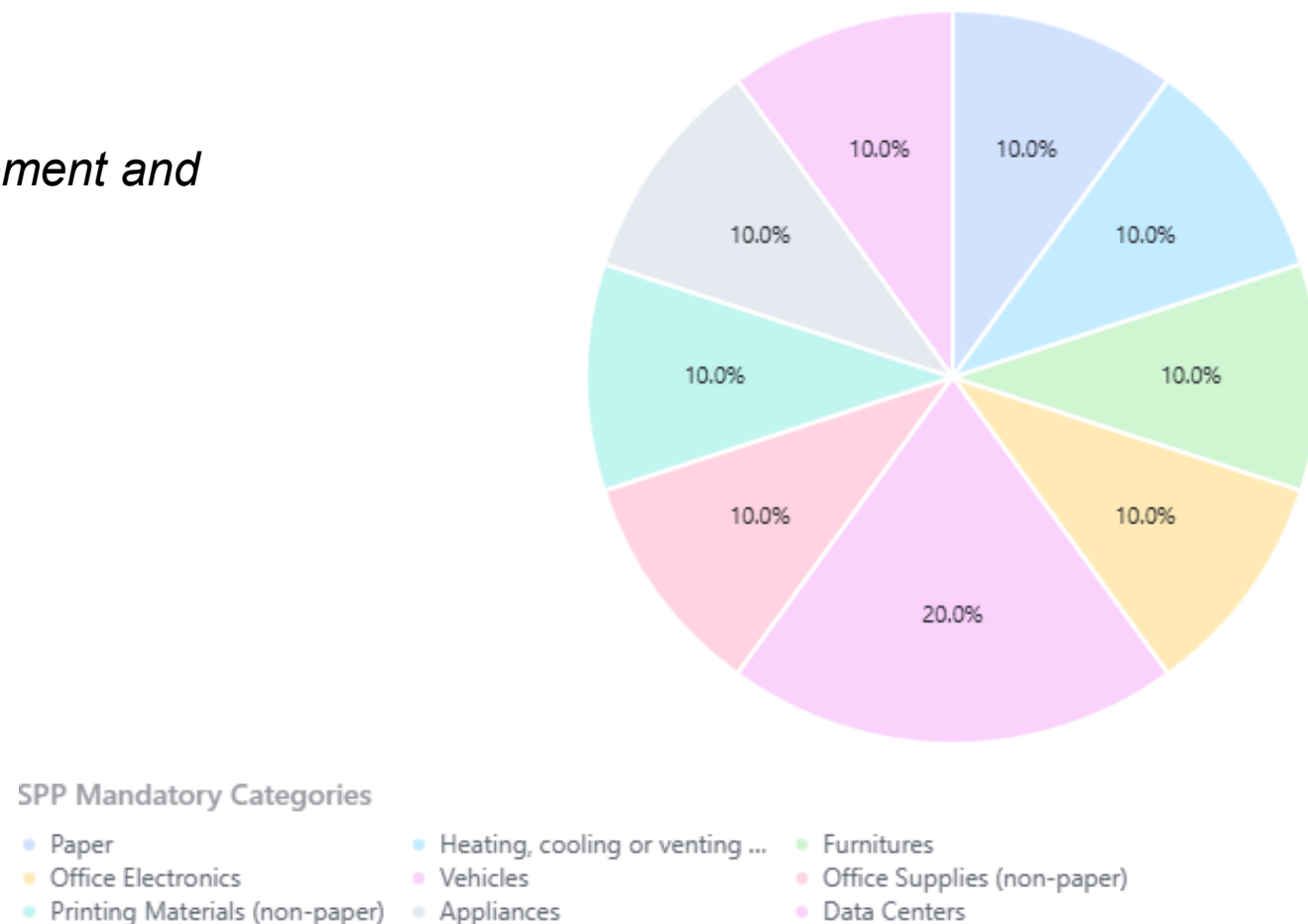
Reporting Countries
Australia
Bangladesh
China
Indonesia
Japan
Kazakhstan
Philippines
Singapore

Regional Snapshot: Asia-Pacific Region

Key Highlights

Both sustainability requirement and eco-labels

25.0%

75.0%

Only sustainability requirements

B1. Sustainability Requirements included in technical specifications

10.0%   10.0%

10.0%

10.0%

10.0%

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10.0%

20.0%

10.0%

SPP Mandatory Categories

- Paper
- Office Electronics
- Printing Materials (non-paper)
- Heating, cooling or venting ...
- Vehicles
- Appliances
- Furnitures
- Office Supplies (non-paper)
- Data Centers

B8. Mandatory procurement of sustainable alternatives for one or more categories

Regional Snapshot: Asia-Pacific Region

D.2: Social Criteria
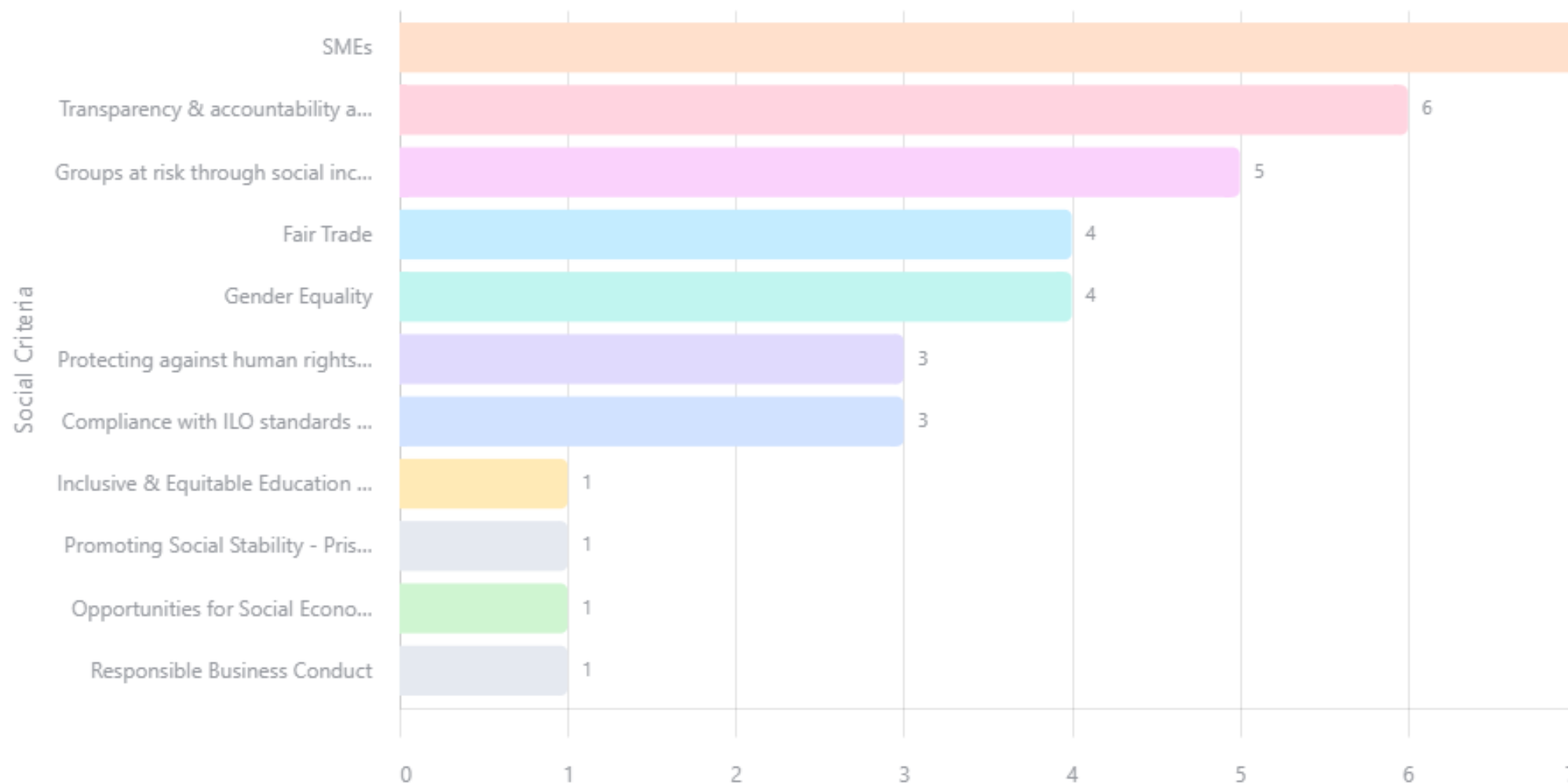
Preliminary Findings
Key Highlights

➢ Target Setting, Monitoring and Measuring Impact are the main challenges globally.

➢ Most countries stayed within the same compliance category or moved up, with total overall reporting for sub-indicator B highly positive (except for B8). ***SPP is strongly embedded in legal frameworks worldwide!***

➢ New categories found that will be implemented in sub-indicator D1: Wood Products, Rubber Products, Data Centers, Server Rooms and Cloud Storage. Rise of AI, Big Data Processing, Digital Sovereignty and its social and environmental implications reflected in new product category *Data Centers, Server Rooms and Cloud Storage*.

➢ **Concluding Message:** Countries should center their efforts in supporting procurers, mapping and creating sustainable criteria for products & services. Most countries have the operational tools to allow SPP (A and B), now they need to support implementation, drive adoption (C and D) and monitor results for effectiveness and impact (E and F).

Next Steps for Future Reporting Cycles

Methodology Enhancement

➤ Review Methodology to include subnational reporting

➤ Review Methodology to detail sub-indicator A, allowing to capture stage of implementation and monitor nascent SPP initiatives

➤ Refining of questions to enhance initiatives detail capture

➤ Handbook of Good Practices in SPP reporting with practical examples

Questionnaire Translation

➤ Translate questionnaire into UN languages (French, Spanish, English, Arabic) and other relevant languages (Mandarin or Russian, for example – still to be determined)

Strengthen Capacity Building

➤ One-on-one meetings for new reporters and available on demand

➤ Regional meetings to introduce questionnaire reporting with good practice examples

➤ Connect SDG 12.7.1 SPP focal points with other SPP initiatives to foster skill, expertise and knowledge exchange

Thank you!
Any questions?

Haven't updated your national SPP focal point yet?
Contact us anytime.

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