



UNECE-UN/CEFACT Recommendation N°43: Sustainable Procurement

Minimal common sustainability criteria for Sustainable Procurement processes to select Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprise (MSMEs) suppliers

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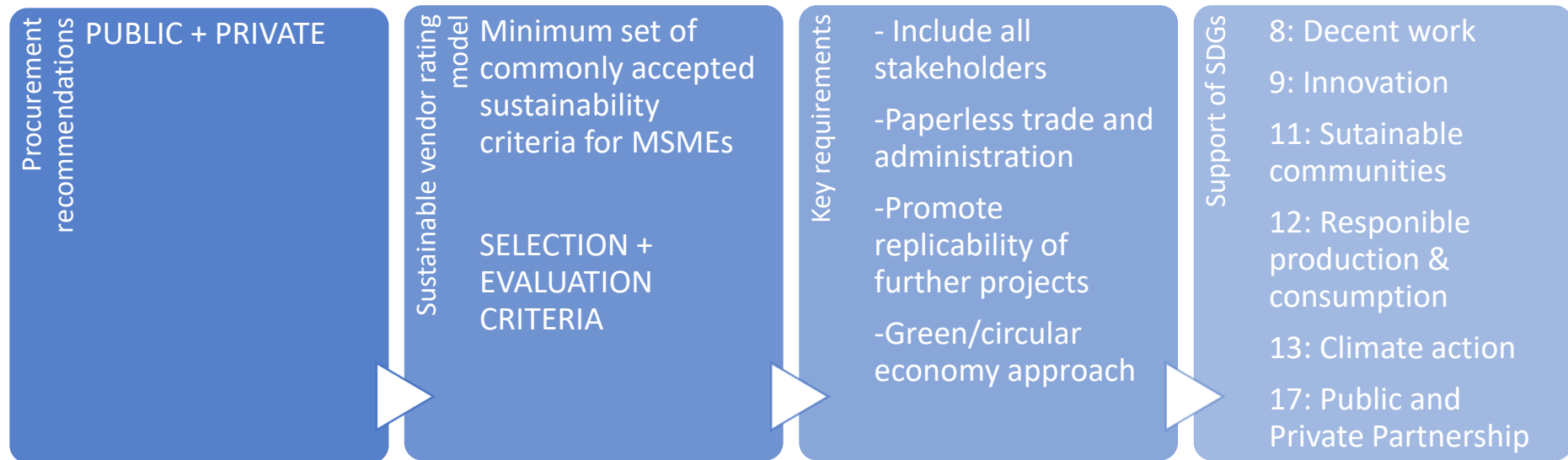
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- The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (www.unece.org/cefact) develops **policy recommendations** and **standards** which form the backbone of international trade (UN/EDIFACT, UN/LOCODE)
- All standards are **electronic**, **free**, and **open** to:
 - ✓ Reduce technical and procedural **barriers** to trade
 - ✓ Enhance **interoperability**
 - ✓ Enable **integration** with electronic single windows
 - ✓ Advance **sustainable** and **digital** trade



...the importance of considering the appropriate balance between financial, environmental and social considerations



The Recommendations

How to enhance sustainable procurement?

Sustainable procurement processes should be integrated with ethical standards

Buying entities should consider the difficulties of their potential suppliers

The selection of responsible suppliers must rely on a collaborative effort between different stakeholders along the supply chain

Avoid any form of trade limitation that is justified by supposed sustainability needs

The recommendation document

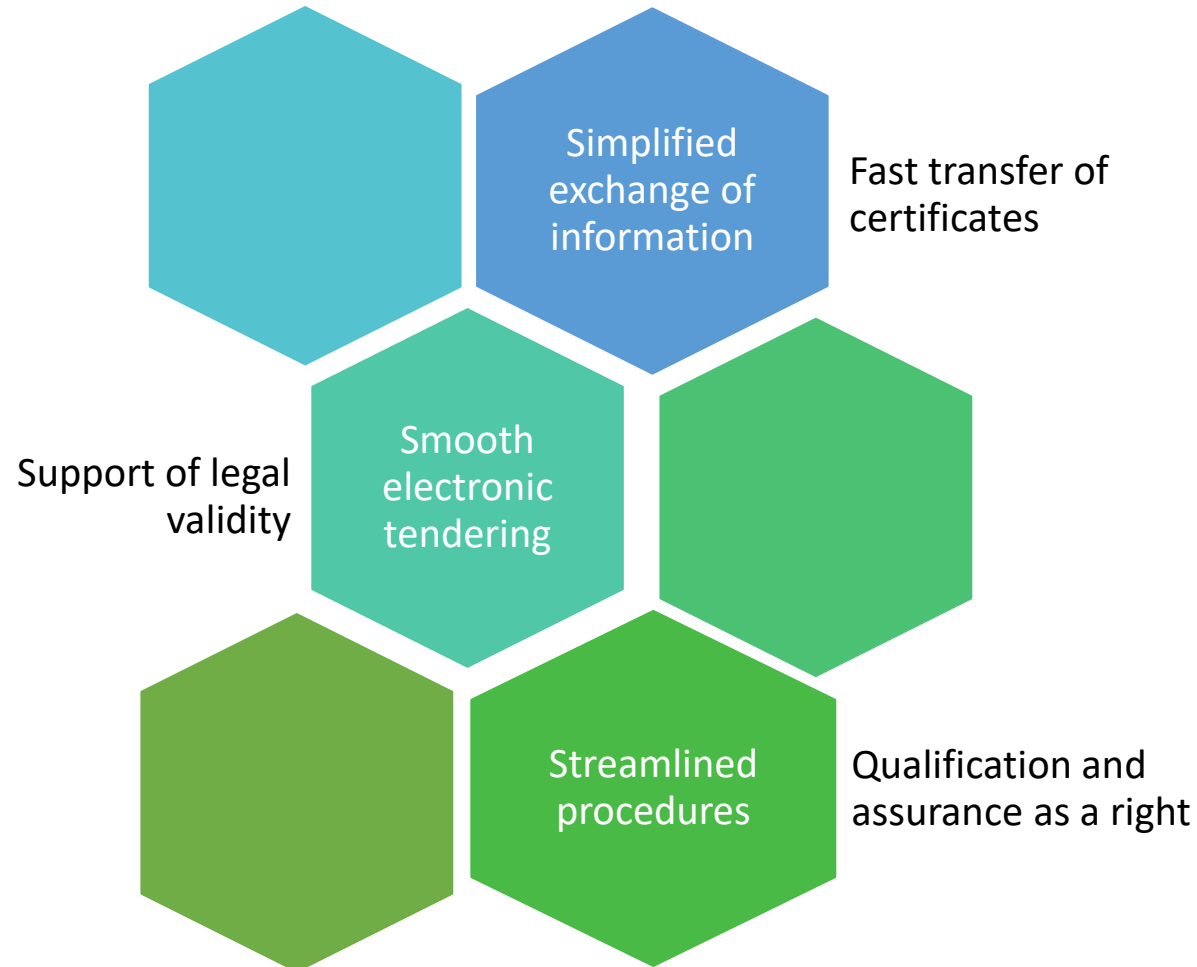


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What are the benefits?

...the adoption of a minimal set of common sustainability criteria to select MSMEs suppliers will bring the following benefits :



How to make public procurement more accessible to SMEs

- Promoting employment and decent work through public procurement
- How to consider social aspects?
- Good practices => reserved tenders
 - Agri-food and textile sectors
 - Healthcare sector



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Thank you!