
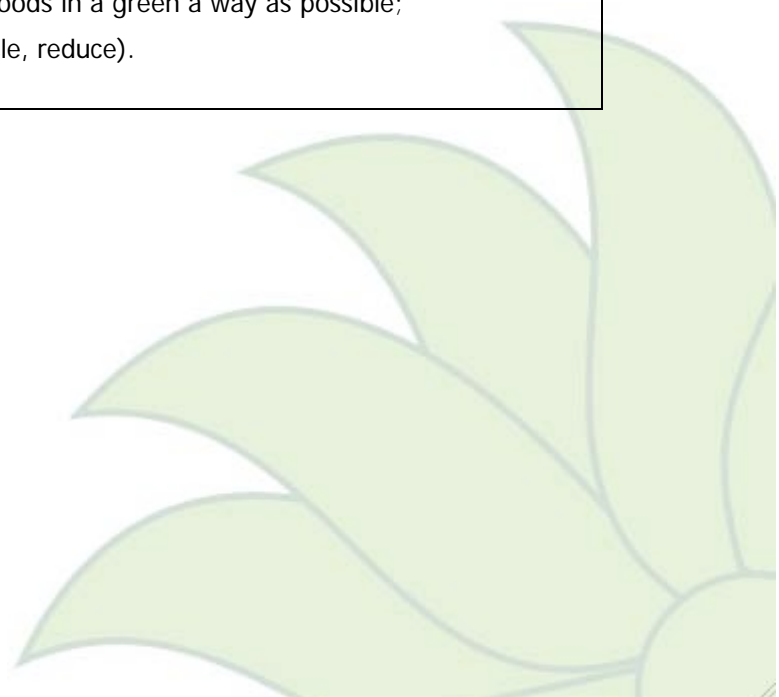


| Description: UNON Multi-Purpose Office Paper 2009 | |
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| Purchasing Authority | UNON Division of Administration Services, Print shop. |
| Contract Title | Not available. |
| Sustainability Criteria | <p><u>Description:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 multi-purpose office paper (Environmentally Friendly showing Chain of custody proof, Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) & the environmental management system conditions under which the paper was produced i.e., ISO 14001:2004 or similar if any, if none, then state none) Qty = 30,000 reams. • Dimensions: 210 x 297mm, pure wood pulp, 500sheet/ream • Weight: 80 g/m2 • 500 sheets per ream with 5 ream per box (<i>not carton</i>), packaged in wooden pallets. • Suitable and with good performance for all office equipment though main usage will be for Photocopying. • Post consumer waste content (PCW) paper must contain a minimum of 50 % post consumer waste in addition to other paper fiber content <p>Paper produced using environmentally friendly processes will be given preference.</p> <p><u>Minimum Specification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moistness 3.9-5.3% • Imperviousness 50% Rh/230 degrees • Opacity 92% (ISO 2001) • Whiteness 92% (ISO 2001) • Conforms to Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) |



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| <p>Cost Implications</p> | <p>Regarding photocopy paper, our cost for going to 100% post consumer waste photocopy paper was \$5.71 in comparison to \$3.91, so at \$1.80 or 1/3 more about, our cost went up;</p> <p>Currently, we are about to receive a multi-use paper with 50% PCW at a cost to us of \$4.51 and this is quite a good result, given the paper is made in South Africa, is made in-line with ISO 14001:2004 certification, and has no bleaching. About fine paper, used for offset printing, we had the same scenario: We paid 30% more than paper without PCW content;</p> <p>Hidden financial and other costs related to the procurement of sustainable printing papers included additional transport (12,000 USD approximately) charges, due to the paper having to come from abroad, as Kenya does not produce paper for printing or copying.</p> |
| <p>Challenges & Solutions</p> | <p><u>what worked out well</u></p> <p>We managed to obtain a much more green paper range for our printing and copying and our clients could have full assurances from us that the paper was the most environmentally friendly paper we could procure, given all the circumstances involved;</p> <p><u>what did not</u></p> <p>Procurement Officers from within the UNON Secretariat were not prepared to include green decisions in their procurement practices, especially because, in this particular case, it implied an increase in procurement costs. Therefore, it took considerable time to undertake this procurement action.</p> <p><u>suggested improvements for next time</u></p> <p>Procurement at UNON (certainly UN Procurement in general) ought to mimic more the way a private sector procurement agency would operate, while still ensuring the safeguarding of public funds. Specifically, efficiency, adequate vendors, and awareness of paper in general by procurement assistants.</p> |
| <p>Benefits for the Organization</p> | <p>UNEP DCPI are assured of having paper, that is used for meetings and publications, be of the highest environmental friendliness we can obtain in Kenya;</p> <p>In the UNON Publishing Services Section, sustainable procurement efforts to obtain paper, equipment and other supplies help us to comply with ISO 14001:2004 standards in relation to our stated environmental policy and continued pursuit of producing goods in a green a way as possible;</p> <p>Practicing the 3 Rs (Reuse, recycle, reduce).</p> |



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| Lessons Learned | <p>UN Procurement, in general, needs to be trained much more about procuring sustainable anything.</p> <p>A big outfit like the UN ought to be able to procure paper especially in a global way for all of the UN entities who need it without all this individual procurement.</p> <p>The whole process of procurement is too bureaucratic, and the amount of time spent in dealing with procurement of sustainable goods, or goods in general, lends to too much transport from abroad and the rejection of locally available environmentally sounds products due to price, where technical evaluations have shown an international and local company during the competitive bidding process, and finally the nearly impossible allowance by UNON Procurement regarding sole-sourcing.</p> |
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