



Sustainable procurement – Best practices in the UN

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Purchasing authority	Director of Logistics International Bureau Weltpoststrasse 4 3000 BERNE 15 SWITZERLAND	
Contract title	Replacement of lighting system	
Sustainability criteria	From 2002–2008, a large sum was invested in renovating the UPU building's entire lighting system. Sustainability criterion: purchase of energy-saving lights and installation of presence detectors in all building's lavatories to save electricity	
Cost implications	A total of 562,000 CHF has been invested since 2002	
Challenges and solutions	Owing to financial constraints, the difficulty in implementing environmentally sound policies is essentially budgetary. The solution chosen was to spread the expenditure over time. For important projects like renovation of the building's lighting system, the work was staggered over several years (2002 to 2008).	
Benefits for the organization	By the time this work to replace the lighting system is completed in 2009, the amount of electricity used for lighting is expected to have dropped by more than 70%, thus reducing the International Bureau's carbon footprint even further.	
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