

Intergenerational Procurement for People-Centred Cities

Smart sustainable public procurement
for the well-being of people and planet
today, and for future generations

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Procurement Guidelines for Smart Sustainable Cities

Background and overview of the Guidelines:

- In development since October 2019
- Practical steps to take throughout the digital data and technology buying cycle - planning, informing the market, evaluation and award, and managing delivery:
 - Why it's important
 - What it means
 - Do's and don'ts
- Illustrative case studies from public-sector organisations around the world

The Guidelines help cities modernise public procurement

Embracing a new *digital commercial* paradigm will help cities to focus on:

- Holistic, whole-of-government approaches to digital, data and technology
- Creating enabling environments for innovation and continuous improvement
- Co-designing and co-delivering better policies, solutions and services
- Deliberative, participatory, multi-stakeholder and multi-sector collaboration
- Social purpose, social value for money, and positive impacts

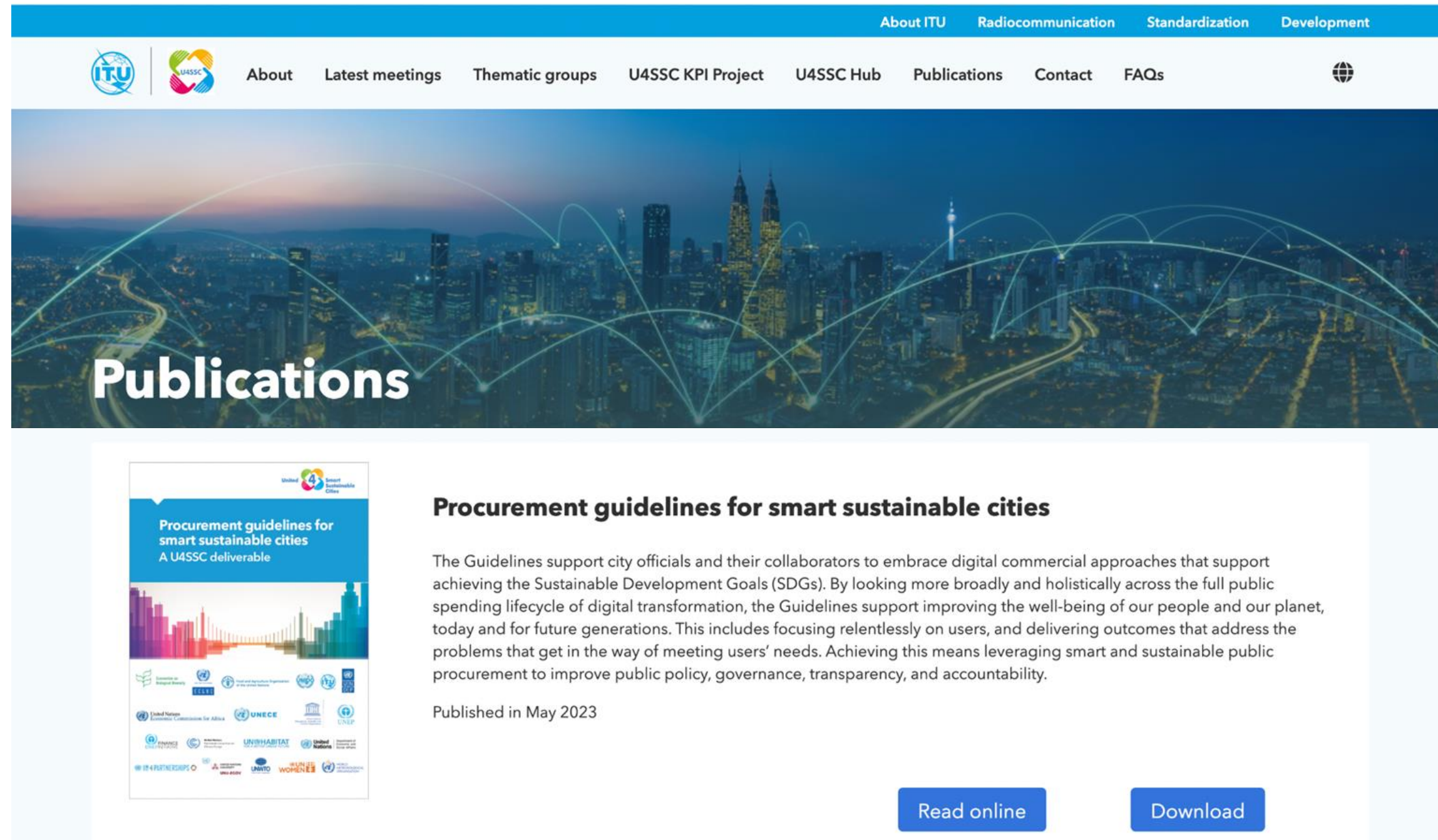
How the Guidelines can be used

Cities can use the Guidelines to operationalise this new paradigm by:

- Mainstreaming accessible, human-centred design, data-driven and open approaches in public procurement
- Investing in multidisciplinary and cross-functional teams founded on honesty, transparency, collaboration and integrity
- Using public procurement approaches that are fit for the 21st century
- Seizing the opportunities provided by digital government, open data and new technologies throughout the full public spending life cycle

Where to find the Guidelines

<https://u4ssc.itu.int/publications>



The screenshot shows the U4SSC website's Publications page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About ITU', 'Radiocommunication', 'Standardization', and 'Development'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with the ITU and U4SSC logos, and links for 'About', 'Latest meetings', 'Thematic groups', 'U4SSC KPI Project', 'U4SSC Hub', 'Publications', 'Contact', and 'FAQs'. The main content area features a large banner image of a city at night with glowing network lines, and the word 'Publications' in large white text. Below the banner, there is a featured publication card for 'Procurement guidelines for smart sustainable cities'. The card includes the title, subtitle 'A U4SSC deliverable', a bar chart, and logos of various organizations. To the right of the card is a detailed description of the guidelines and their publication date. At the bottom right of the card, there are two buttons: 'Read online' and 'Download'.

Procurement guidelines for smart sustainable cities

The Guidelines support city officials and their collaborators to embrace digital commercial approaches that support achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By looking more broadly and holistically across the full public spending lifecycle of digital transformation, the Guidelines support improving the well-being of our people and our planet, today and for future generations. This includes focusing relentlessly on users, and delivering outcomes that address the problems that get in the way of meeting users' needs. Achieving this means leveraging smart and sustainable public procurement to improve public policy, governance, transparency, and accountability.

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Background to this new Working Group:

Build on existing U4SSC deliverables.

Ensure public procurement is fully understood by city administrations and their stakeholders, as a critical, under-leveraged area to promote sustainable development through digital transformation.

Align with the principles contained within and agreed actions resulting from, this year's UN Summit of the Future (22-23 September):

- 'Pact for the Future';
- 'Declaration on Future Generations'; and
- 'Global Digital Compact'.

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Approaches of this new Working Group:

We'll develop a 'Model Policy on Intergenerational Procurement' to support city administrations to meet the needs of people and the planet, today and for future generations, through digital transformation.

We anticipate several linkages will be identified that will reinforce the overall objectives of the 'Enabling People-Centred Cities through Digital Transformation' Thematic Group and others.

We'll meet virtually on a monthly basis between October 2024 and August 2025.

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Actions of this new Working Group

- Develop a first draft of the ‘Model Policy on Intergenerational Procurement’ as a ‘Primer’;
- Identify relevant UN coordinated or supported events to socialise the work, aiming to present the first draft around the mid-year point (i.e. March 2025);
- Demonstrate multi-stakeholder engagements and inputs;
- Present the finalised ‘Model Policy on Intergenerational Procurement’ around the anniversary of this Working Group (i.e. September 2025); and
- Seek the approval to launch.

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Thank you!

