

Sustainable Procurement: An Astrapto Guide to Ethical Purchasing

Lesson 1 Course Introduction

This handout contains key takeaways from Lesson 1, and a list of references and resources.

Lesson 1 Summary and Tips

- Sustainability is more a journey than a destination. Buckle up, you're in for a wonderful ride!
- Interchangeable terms: Sustainable procurement, ethical purchasing, environmentally preferable purchasing, and responsible sourcing.
- Don't be afraid to start small, even if it's just one product. Just start!
- Researching social and environmental performance in supply chains is challenging. Don't expect you'll find out all you would like to, but don't let that stop you from asking.
- Ask yourself:
 - What are my expectations for the course?
 - What inspired me to take this course?
 - What sort of impact would I like to have in my organization? In my community? In the world?
 - What action do I hope to take or inspire in others?

Lesson 1 References and Resources

The links below are to research and websites referenced in Lesson 1, along with resources not mentioned in the video but which you might find helpful in your sustainability journey.

If your journey is just beginning these general sustainability news websites are great sources of inspiration and information:

- [GreenBiz Group](#)
- [TriplePundit | We report the business case for sustainability](#)
- [Sustainable Brands](#)
- [Entrepreneur: Sustainability News & Topics](#)
- [The Guardian: Inequality Topic](#)
- [Grist Magazine](#)

Plus, look for the sustainability or social responsibility topics and columns on your favorite industry and news sites, as well as any industry associations you belong to.