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On the topic



HOW TO DELIVER AGILE AND SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES?

Wednesday 9 June 2021
14:00-15:00 CEST

Registration required

Where: https://ifad.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P5nBUrvlQhOJUSzq5UAFHw

How to deliver agile sustainable procurement through innovative approaches?

Abstract

Efficient and transparent procurement is a key determinant for effective development as it links funding activities, project start-up and implementation to the development outcomes that suppliers, contractors and consultants produce.

Developing countries are spending an estimated US\$820 billion a year on procurement-related transactions; and in sub-Saharan African procurement makes up more than 50 per cent of government expenditure and 15 per cent of GDP.¹ Public procurement therefore presents a significant and important instrument for governments to improve public services, to create fiscal space and jobs, and to stimulate private sector growth.

Procurement in donor-funded projects faces two main challenges: effectively enforcing environmental and social safeguards and tending to complex, sometimes evolving needs that are not fully clear at the start of the procurement process.

About the session

This session explores: (i) how agile and innovative approaches to procurement can be introduced to support institutional effectiveness and sustainable procurement; (ii) which preconditions must be met and (iii) how an enabling environment for innovative solutions can be created.

Participants will get insights into innovative approaches to address these challenges from leading experts in their field.

Specifically, the panel will discuss:

- **Organizational culture:** what is the panelists' organization's stance on innovation in procurement? How this has been incorporated/cascaded down to the project procurement function and what lessons have been learnt?
- **Enabling environment:** Which preconditions need to be in place to support innovation through procurement (processes, people and systems, policies)?
- **Innovations:** What can innovative procurement solutions such as promoting and/or piloting start-ups, research, crowd funding etc. deliver?
- **Combining agile and sustainable procurement:** How can procurement processes be expedited while at the same time promoting environmental and social standards (ESS) compliance?
- **Lessons learned on the ground:** What is the track record from organizations that introduced innovations through project procurement? Which challenges did organizations face?
- **Scaling-up:** Which successful programmes, strategies and knowledge can be shared across the network of MDBs to deliver larger results for project procurement through innovation?

See overleaf for the provisional agenda.

¹ Léon de Mariz, Ménard, Abeillé (2014): Public Procurement Reforms in Africa, p. 2.

Agenda

Event Moderator: Gladys H. Morales, Senior Innovation Adviser, Change, Delivery and Innovation Unit (CDI), IFAD

Opening remarks

14.02 – 14.05	Thomas Eriksson, Director, Operational Policy and Results Division, IFAD
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Keynote

14.05 – 14.15	Enzo de Laurentiis, Chief Procurement Officer, World Bank
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Panel discussion

14.15 – 14.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Taylor, Director, Procurement Division 1, Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Jan Jackholt, Director of Procurement, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, (EBRD) • Shirley Maud Gayle, Senior Procurement Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) • Aisha Nadar, Senior Procurement Specialist, Advokatfirman Runeland AB • Priscilla Torres, Lead Procurement Advisor, Operational Policy and Results Division (OPR), IFAD
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Live Q&A

14.35 – 14.55	Questions from the audience
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Closing remarks

14.55 – 14.57	Dina Saleh, Regional Director, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD
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