

PROGRAMM FOR THE SECOND EAST AFRICAN PROCUREMENT FORUM

- **Background:**

In 2008 the First East African Procurement Forum under the theme "Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Public Procurements Systems" was held in Uganda. It was organized by the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) of Uganda in conjunction with the World Bank.

The objective of the forum was to enable participants to learn and benchmark with each other on their respective public procurement systems. At the end of the event it was unanimously agreed that the forum should be turned into a regular organization on an annual basis and that the next forum will be held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Second East African Procurement Forum will be hosted by the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) of Kenya with the support of German Technical Cooperation – GTZ "Capacity Development in Public Procurement" Project and the World Bank.

- **Date, Timing and location of the forum:**

Two and a half days (from Wednesday 19th of August to Friday 21st of August 2009) at Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

- **Theme of the forum:**

"Transforming Public Procurement in East Africa"

- **Topics to be discussed:**

- Enforcement of Public Procurement laws
- E-procurement
- Capacity Development
- Harmonizing Public procurement systems in Eastern Africa
- Roles of SME's and PPP's in Public procurement

- **Participants:**

- Up to 250-300 Public Procurement professionals and specialists (public and private sector) from East African countries as well as experts from development partners and other interested African Countries

- **Programme of the forum:**

Day 1:

Time	Topic	Subjects	Presenter	Moderator
08:30-09:00	<i>Registration of participants and hand out of conference materials</i>			
09:00-10:00	<p>Welcome Address and Opening of the Forum by Kenyan Government</p> <p>Keynote address by the host of the Forum</p> <p>Opening Remarks by development partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General remarks - Political impact of Public Procurement - Economic importance of Public Procurement Systems - Overview on Public Procurement reforms in Kenya - Lessons learned - Public Procurement transformation initiatives - Relevance of Public Procurement Systems for development cooperation 	<p>Deputy PM and Minister of Finance/PS of the Ministry of Finance of Kenya (requested)</p> <p>Ms. Mariamu El-Maawy, Chairlady of the Public Procurement Oversight Advisory Board (PPOAB), Kenya</p> <p>Mr. Gottfried von Gemmingen, Head of Division Economic Cooperation and Development, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Nairobi</p> <p>Ms. Erna Kerst Mission Director, USAID, Kenya</p>	Mr. M.O Juma, Interim Director General of PPOA, Kenya
10:00-11:00	Overview on current status of Public Procurement Systems in East African Countries (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - Short country presentations (15 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tanzania ✓ Uganda ✓ Burundi 	<p>Mr. M.O. Juma, Interim Director General of PPOA, Kenya</p> <p>Representatives of Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi</p>	Mr. Akich Okola, PPARB Member, Kenya
11:00–11:30	<i>Tea break</i>			
11:30–12:15	Overview on current status of Public Procurement Systems in East African Countries (Part 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rwanda ✓ Kenya - Summary/conclusion 	<p>Representative of Rwanda</p> <p>Mr. Henock Kirungu, Manager Policy and Research, PPOA, Kenya</p>	Mr. Akich Okola, PPARB Member, Kenya

12:15–13:00	Enforcement of Public Procurement laws – examples and practices from Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview on regulations and institutions for enforcement of Procurement regulations in Tanzania - Examples, best practices and problems - Steps on improving enforcement systems 	Representative from Tanzania	
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00–14:30	Enforcement of Public Procurement laws – examples and practices from Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview on the regulations and institutions for the enforcement of Public Procurement regulations in Rwanda - Examples, best practices and problems - Next steps for improvement of the enforcement system 	Representative from Rwanda	Ms Judith Guserwa, PPARB Member, Kenya
14:30-15:00	E-Procurement as an important tool for the improvement of Public Procurement systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to e-Procurement - Benefits of e-Procurement - Legal fundament for e-procurement - Costs of implementing e-Procurement solutions - Multinational e-Procurement solutions - Overview on best e-Procurement practices - Recommendations for a start on e-Procurement 	Representative of the World bank	
15:00–15:30	<i>Tea break</i>			
15:30–16:00	Kenyan e-Procurement strategy and actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the Kenyan e-Procurement strategy - Overview on the actions taken and the status of implementation efforts - Further steps and prospects 	Mr. Jerome Ochieng, ICT Manager, PPOA Kenya	Mr. Patrick Mtange, Vice Chairman of the PPOAB, Kenya
16:00–16:45	Implementation of an e- Procurement solution – practical problems and experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction/overview on a practical example of the successful implementation of an e-Procurement system - Practical demonstration of the system 	<p>Mr. Klaus Groth, Head of Procurement Department, Senate for Urban Development of the State of Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Mr. Michael Reith/Mr. Benjamin Boeges Software sales and service Managers, RIB Germany GmbH</p>	
18:00	<i>Cocktail reception</i>			

Day 2:

Time	Topic	Subjects	Presenter	Moderator
09:00–9:30	Recap of previous day proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current status of Public Procurement in East Africa - Enforcement of Public Procurement laws in different countries - e-Procurement 	Mr. Peter Ndungu, Compliance, PPOA, Kenya	Ms. Augusta Njue, Manager Capacity Building, PPOA, Kenya
09:30–10:15	Capacity Development in Public Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General understanding of Capacity Development (CD) - Importance of CD - Definition of CD - Elements of CD - Fields of action for CD in Public Procurement - Overview on experiences and best practices in the European Union 	Mr. Mathias Muehle, GTZ Government Adviser, “Capacity Development in Public Procurement” Project at PPOA, Kenya	
10:15-11:00	Capacity Development in Public Procurement – experiences and best practices from Uganda		Representative of Uganda	
<i>11:00–11:30</i>	<i>Tea break</i>			
11:30–12:15	Harmonization of Public Procurement Systems – Examples and best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasons for the harmonization of Public Procurement Systems - Cornerstones of harmonization - Development and overview on the General Procurement Agreement (GPA) - Experiences with harmonization efforts in the European Union 	Mr. Stephan Rechten, Attorney at Law, Beiten Burkhardt, International Law Firm, Berlin, Germany	Ministry of Trade, Kenya
12:15–13:00	Prospects of harmonization of Public Procurement Systems in Africa		Mr. Isaac Ndahiro, COMESA Procurement expert and advisor on public Procurement Reforms, Zambia	

13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00–14:30	Code of conduct for procurement practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the relevance of a code of conduct - Overview on best practices - Recommendations for key elements of a code of conduct 	Mr. Mishek Kaoma Country Manager Crown Agents, Zambia, and African representative on CIPS	Mr. George Mboya, Director of the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport, Kenya
14:30–15:00	The Roles of SME's (Small and Medium Enterprises) in public procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview on how SME's can best participate in public procurement 	Mr. Henry Malinga, Chief Director Supply Chain Policy, National Treasury of South Africa	
15:00–15:30	<p>Breakout in working groups:</p> <p>Participants will break out into 4 groups to discuss the following topics</p> <p>(i) Further steps for the harmonization of Public Procurement Systems in East Africa</p> <p>(ii) Requirements for the introduction of e-Procurement solutions</p> <p>(iii) Codes of Conduct for Procurement practitioners as a tool for the enforcement of Public Procurement regulations</p> <p>(iv) Elements of an academic Public Procurement education</p>			Mr. C. R. Amoth, Secretary of PPARB, Kenya
15:30–16:00	<i>Tea break</i>			
16:00–17:30	Working groups continue			
19:30	<i>Joint Diner</i>			

Day 3:

Time	Topic	Subjects	Presenter	Moderator
09:00–10:00	Implementation of PPP's (Public Private Partnership) in public procurement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the PPP's - PPP regulations - Overview on best practices - Recommendations for key elements for a successful PPS's implementation 	Mr. Jeff Woodhams, ARD/USAID Consultant, UK/Kenya	Ms CelestineOtunga, Director PPD, Ministry of Finance, Kenya
10:00–11:00	Reports from the working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further steps for the harmonization of Public Procurement Systems in East Africa - Requirements for the introduction of e-Procurement solutions - Codes of Conduct for Procurement practitioners as a tool for the enforcement of Public Procurement regulations - Elements of an academic Public Procurement education 	Representatives of the working groups	
11:00–11:30	<i>Tea break</i>			
11:30–12:15	Plenary Session, way forward and wrap up of the Forum		Amb. Charles M. Amira, PPARB Member, Kenya	Mr. M. o. Juma, Interim Director General of PPOA, Kenya
12:15–12:30	Closing remarks		Mr. Ramadham Milinga, CEO of PPRA, Tanzania Mr. David Nalo PS Ministry of East African Community, Kenya	
12:30–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00	End of Forum			