Two new publications from the OECD/DAC Task Force on Procurement

The OECD Task Force on Procurement has recently released two new publications on strengthening and transforming public procurement systems. The two documents together form a comprehensive package of case study material, lessons learned and practical guidance on the development of procurement capacities. The publications are part of the Task Force’s submissions to the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness that will take place in Busan, Korea in a few weeks.

Both publications highlight the importance of context and the political economy surrounding public procurement. Without a solid understanding of the political environment in which the efforts to transform procurement systems take place, addressing the technical side of procurement capacities may not have the desired results.

The publication *A Practical Guide to Transforming Procurement Systems* provides detailed step-by-step guidance on the process of developing procurement capacities. The process includes a series of stages, including stakeholder engagement, diagnostics, planning, implementation and evaluation, and the practical guide includes tools and templates to address each stage.

During the next six weeks a web application will be developed, based on the practical guide from the OECD/DAC. The new app will adapt process guidance, tools and templates and will utilize the strengths of the online format, with easy navigation, sharing of key documents and rapid updates as the methodology evolves.

While the practical guide provides input on how to develop procurement capacities, the publication *Strengthening Country Procurement Systems: Results and Opportunities* presents the case material and country evidence from procurement system reform and from applying the OECD/DAC Methodology for Assessment of Procurement Systems (MAPS).
Results from the second PCDC Flash Poll
The first flash poll undertaken showed a perception that procurement will transform from being a primarily clerical and administrative function to one that is a much more strategic. The second flash poll asked what role knowledge has to play in that transition. The results showed that people primarily get the knowledge they need from practitioner-oriented material, the internet and through their networks.

Further, the poll showed that the content most sought after is related to assessments/planning and how to integrate procurement with broader public sector management.

The full survey results are available here.

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