Access PCDC services on any mobile device

We are proud to announce the PCDC mobile app! The PCDC platform and web applications are now available to access on any mobile device, including PCDC’s knowledge repository and procurement capacity development guide. This provides the public procurement community instant access to the key information that helps analyze, improve and maintain public procurement systems, at the local, regional or national level.

The procurement capacity development guide is a first-of-its-kind web application that takes the user through the UNDP Capacity Development Group’s five step capacity development process. It enables quick access to practical guidance on how to understand and enhance procurement systems and enables the user to share relevant files with colleagues and other stakeholders.

The intended use of the web application is to provide support to capacity development and procurement practitioners, but also to support the process of engaging stakeholders in a meaningful change process that is relevant, sustainable and adds real value.

Access to relevant, up-to-date and user-friendly knowledge and guidance is only one benefit among many to be derived from utilizing mobile devices in a development context. In a recent report by UNDP’s Democratic Governance Group, *Mobile Technologies and Empowerment: Enhancing human development through participation and innovation*, the benefits of mobile technology for development are highlighted. These include:

- Real-time access to information in remote areas;
- The possibility to reach populations that were previously out of reach;
- Increasingly affordable technology;
- Developmental leapfrogging through mobile infrastructure (as opposed to traditional, hard-wired ICT infrastructure);
- Governance benefits, including increased transparency, accountability, citizen engagement and reduction of information gaps.

To try out the new mobile site go to www.unpcdc.org on your smartphone (Android, iOS, Windows Mobile, etc.). The server will recognize that you are accessing the site from a mobile device and redirect to the mobile server. To take a look at the mobile site using your PC you can click this link.

Participate in the Procurement Innovation Challenge

You are invited to submit a case study for the Procurement Innovation Challenge. The case must describe your experiences with innovation in public procurement reform. The challenge seeks to uncover and highlight experiences with innovative approaches, processes, initiatives, policies or tools that have led to effective procurement reforms and/or better performing systems.

The challenge is a led by the World Bank Institute (WBI), and supported by the Procurement Capacity Development Centre (PCDC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH with the financial support of
the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Public Procurement Research Group of the University of Nottingham, and Making Integrity Work (Tiri).

For more information on the submission process, visit the challenge website. Submissions must be in no later than 31 March 2012.

Visit the website here and connect with the challenge through Twitter (@proactweet / #IPROC).

New Policy Advisor in PCDC
Peter Van de Pol has joined the PCDC team as Policy Advisor for National Implementation Capacities. Prior to joining UNDP HQ, Peter worked as change management expert and project manager in the Civil Service Change Management Programme of UNDP Bangladesh (2008 - 2011). Before joining UNDP, Peter gained extensive experience in the field of capacity development, organizational development and change management.

We welcome Peter to the team!

As always you are welcome to share your public procurement and/or capacity development through our interactive calendar. We also invite your participation in our online discussion forum.

The PCDC Team

Latest News

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The Learning Network on Capacity Development - LenCD - has just launched a new call for submission of countries' experiences on the LenCD website. Building on LenCD’s ongoing work on CD a...

Africa - Namibia : Namibian Industry: Lack of Preferential Procurement Rules
‘Local manufacturing companies are crying for government to procure more locally produced products and help boost their margins. According to Hubertus Hamm, managing director of Namibian...

Africa - Sierra Leone : TI: Need for Procurement Monitoring in Sierra Leone
‘Executive Director of Transparency International Sierra Leone (TISL) Mrs. Lavina Banduah has expressed the urgent need for increased monitoring of the public procurement processes in Sierra Leone...

Latin America & the Caribbean - Chile : ChileCompra compartió enfoque chileno anticorrupción durante conferencia de la OCDE en Túnez
‘Invitado por la OCDE, director de ChileCompra participó en Conferencia Internacional “El establecimiento de un marco nacional de la integridad y la prevención de la corrupción: Buenas práctica...”

Asia & the Pacific - India : Group of Ministers on Corruption Approves Procurement Bill
‘The draft Public Procurement Bill, which seeks to regulate government purchases using a transparent bidding process, was today approved by a panel of ministers set up to tackle corruption. ...

Africa - South Africa : Green procurement in South Africa's Western Cape
‘The Western Cape Government is to become the first province in South Africa to incorporate environmental criteria into its procurement processes. The white paper will be published and made av...

Latin America & the Caribbean - Mexico : ¿Qué es CompraNet?
‘Es el sistema de información pública gubernamental sobre adquisiciones, arrendamientos, servicios, obras públicas
Europe and the CIS - United Kingdom: CloudStore launched in the UK
'The government has launched a new "app store" which it says will help small businesses offer IT services to the public sector. 'The Cloudstore, as it will be known, will feature ...'

Europe and the CIS - Czech Republic: Tighter public procurement terms
'Czech President Vaclav Klaus signed yesterday an amendment tightening the public procurement conditions, his spokesman Radim Ochvat has said. 'Under it tender winners will have to...'

Africa - Botswana: Mandatory Contractor Registration Certificate in Botswana
'The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB) has said that the Contractor Registration Certificate will become mandatory from August 15, 2012. Therefore, all contractors operating ...'

Europe and the CIS - Serbia: Launch of Serbian Association of Professionals in Public Procurement
The Serbian Association of Professionals in Public Procurement was founded on 25 January 2012. The founding assembly was held in Novi Sad and was attended by around 40 founding members along wi...

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Buying for a Better World - A Guide on Sustainable Procurement for the UN System
Sustainable Public Procurement - Briefing Note
Compras Públicas Sostenibles - Nota Informativa
Recursos y herramientas de IHOBE (Gobierno Vasco) para la compra verde
Buenas prácticas vascas en compra pública verde
Manual práctico para la compra y contratación pública verde (CCPV). Modelos y ejemplos para su implementación en la administración pública vasca
Estrategia progresiva para la implementación de la compra y contratación pública verde (CCPV)
Acuerdo sobre incorporación de criterios sociales, ambientales y otras políticas públicas en la contratación del Gobierno Vasco

These and all other key resources can be accessed here.