New discussion note on risk management
In follow up to the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) held in Busan in November/December 2011, PCDC wanted to take a closer look at how the conclusions of that meeting are affecting public procurement as a part of development cooperation. Central to the post-Busan debate in the development community is the concept of risk and PCDC is now launching a new discussion note: Risk Management in Public Procurement.

Excerpt from the discussion note:

“Evaluations of progress since the Paris Declaration prepared prior to the Busan High Level Forum showed that while most developing countries had made some progress in strengthening their public procurement systems the progress of development partners in using those systems was limited.

“As a result the lack of progress in moving towards use of country systems, the concept of risk came to the fore in Busan. That approaches to manage (rather than avoid) risk should support developing countries efforts to strengthen core institutions and policies and that this should include joint risk management frameworks between the countries and their development partners.”

The note is available on the PCDC website and can be directly downloaded by following this link.

E-discussion on knowledge and institutional transformation
UNDP Capacity-Net is currently rolling out the e-discussion on the Knowledge Needed for Institutional Transformation. The e-discussion runs from 15 May to 12 June and has already sparked a series of entries.

The e-discussion is intended to help the development community as whole, including both partner countries and bi- and multilateral development partners in the discussion and prioritization of the knowledge and skills needed to strengthen and transform national implementation capacities. Simply put: What do we need to know to make development work? Here are a few of the issues pointed out so far by contributors:

- We need to start from incentives, leadership and accountability mechanisms – knowledge should support these;
- It is not so much about new knowledge, but more about the application of existing knowledge;
- We should look at results in terms of behavioral change following knowledge products and exchanges;
- There is a need to capture cases and lessons learned on institutional transformation and present them in a practical, user-friendly manner.

The discussion takes place on the UNDP Teamworks platform. If you want to join the network and contribute to the discussion, please send an email to capacity-net@groups.undp.org. If you are already a member of Capacity-Net, you can find the discussion on this link.
**Procurement Innovation Challenge Winners**

In March 2012 the World Bank Institute (WBI) launched the Procurement Innovation Challenge supported by 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).

The Procurement Innovation Challenge sought 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. All in all, more than 50 case studies from around the globe were submitted, providing a wealth of information and experiences. The following cases were particularly noteworthy.

**Top 5 Case Story Authors:**

- Seember Nyager from the Public and Private Development Centre, Nigeria for the case story: *Developing the Nigerian Procurement Monitoring Portal Observatory*
- Ruta Mrazauskaite from Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter, Lithuania for the case story: *Analyzing Tendencies of Unannounced Tenders Practice*
- Jorge L Gonzalez from Instituto Nacional de Contratación Pública, Ecuador for the case story: *Acquiring medicine for the Ecuadorian public health sector just a click away!*
- Mustaqr Rahman from the Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project (AACP), India for the case story: *Improving Lives through Community Procurement of Pumpsets for Irrigation*
- Steven R samalsingh from The National Oil Company Petrotrin, Trinidad and Tobago for the case story: *Using ICT to improve effectiveness, increase transparency, reduce costs and save trees.*

**Innovation Award:**

- Jorge L Gonzalez from Instituto Nacional de Contratación Pública, Ecuador for the case story: *Acquiring medicine for the Ecuadorian public health sector just a click away!*

Two case story authors are also recognized and will receive a subscription to the Public Procurement Law Review:

- Anthony Flynn from Dublin City University, Ireland for the case story: *Leveraging e-Procurement Databases for Public Procurement Research*
- Matej Kurian from Transparency International Slovakia, Slovak Republic for the case story: *Open Public Procurement Portal: Making Use of the Procurement Data.*

Congratulations to all winners!

You can read more about the Procurement Innovation Challenge and the cases [here](#).

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

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Sustainable Procurement of Wood and Paper-based Products - Guide and resource kit
Sustainable Timber: A Guide to Procurement for the Public Sector
Local Government Procurement in Serbia: Decentralisation versus Centralisation - A Case Study
Convención de las Naciones Unidas Contra la Corrupción
Tools for Assessing Corruption & Integrity in Institutions – A Handbook

These and all other key resources can be accessed here.