Launch of the Capacity Development Facilities website

UNDP has launched a new site on Capacity Development (CD) Facilities. You can access the site here: http://cdf.capabilitydevelopmentcentre.org. The site contains a thorough review of CD Facilities along with guidance on how to establish and manage a CD Facility. While not directly concerned with procurement, the lessons on CD Facilities are relevant for anyone engaged with strengthening procurement capacities.

CD Facilities have many faces. Overall, they are the mechanisms through which CD support services are provided, funded, and coordinated. A CD facility can focus on a sector or on one or more institutions around a certain theme (like EU Integration). The documentation on the website describes a menu of options that are available to shape a CD facility in such a way that it directly responds to the specific needs. Click here for a list of country experiences with CD Facilities.

In the last decade, the CD Facilities have been receiving wider recognition as platforms for promoting development effectiveness, for providing integrated capacity development support particularly in transition settings, for strengthening national ownership over development processes, and for ensuring that capacity development initiatives respond to long-term human development needs.

We invite you to take a look!

Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity – what lies ahead?

Recently, UNDP’s Capacity Development and Knowledge Management groups merged into a new unit, the Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity Group (KICG), thereby shifting the ‘home’ of PCDC. KICG is focused on the ‘how’ of development: How do we strengthen capacities in a sustainable manner? How do we leverage knowledge to achieve results? How do we facilitate innovation and the search for new solutions to the ‘wicked problems’ of development?

Through the establishment of KICG we are adjusting to a development landscape that is experiencing a series of fundamental disruptions:

- Increasingly interrelated and complex development challenges require agile, adaptive and innovative
approaches that balance short and long-term results, learn quickly from evidence and rigorously test for potential to scale.

- A rise in demand for knowledge and evidence that cut across sectoral, institutional and geographic boundaries.
- A rapid expansion in how people connect, communicate and collaborate.

In PCDC we see this development as a great opportunity to enhance our ability to deliver relevant services to our clients, through stronger internal capacities for knowledge management and a new emphasis on innovation.

More knowledge resources available on unpcdc.org
Our knowledge repository has reached a new milestone. Now there are more than 1,400 tools, methodologies, assessment reports, articles, links and more available on our website.

As statistics show the knowledge resources are one of the most utilized parts of the site, we will continue to build out the knowledge repository for the benefit of the global public procurement community. Enabling easy access to knowledge and guidance is an important element of strengthening of procurement capacity.

We are always happy to receive documents and links for inclusion on the site, so please continue sharing!

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.

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