Introducing the PCDC blog

We are happy to introduce the new PCDC blog based on the Tumblr platform. As it was previously announced on our website, we have retired the old user forum and replaced it with the new blog. Through the blog we will share our thoughts on procurement capacity development along with links, pictures and more.

We hope that moving to a dedicated blogging platform will make it quicker and simpler for you, the friends of PCDC, to comment on and engage with us around procurement capacity development. The platform also integrates with other social media services such as Twitter, making it easier for us to reach a larger community with overlapping and complementary interest.

We invite you to take a look at the blog and share your comments here.

New publications on sustainable public procurement and risk management

*Sustainable Public Procurement - Mainstreaming sustainability criteria in public procurement in developing countries*

The publication authored by Rita Roos explores opportunities and challenges to mainstream sustainable public procurement in developing countries. It provides an overview of ongoing SPP initiatives and analyzes in detail the experiences of the Republic of Mauritius and Chile. The paper explores what is required to enable SPP and presents a generic model to mainstream SPP in developing countries. Recommended actions address the national level and are also broken down to the level of the individual procuring entity. The publication concludes by recommending the application of certain tools and by advocating for concerted actions to be taken by the international procurement community.

Excerpt: "A lot of work is still needed to integrate sustainability considerations in daily public procurement practices in developing countries. Some SPP initiatives however have begun and are showing encouraging results. Now, initiatives have to be launched at the global level to strengthen sustainable public procurement capacities. These initiatives should thrive for international consensus and joint benchmarks. At the same time, they should broadly support country-tailored reform programs to mainstream SPP in developing countries."

Download the publication here.
**Risk Management for Capacity Development Facilities**

This paper looks at risk management in capacity development programmes and capacity development facilities. The paper includes an introduction to risk management theories, but its main purpose is providing guidance on the application of risk management in capacity development facilities.

The risk conceptualization in the paper includes three levels: strategic, tactical and operational. Furthermore, it emphasizes the importance of being context sensitive and of engaging stakeholders continuously in the management of risk.

Excerpt: “The risk culture within any organization leads to a commitment to its risk management objectives. It is relatively difficult to define the risk culture of an organization. Is it a set of rules or shared values? A common perspective or a consistent behaviour? A risk culture is considered a complex process whereby risk management principles are learned and applied in everyday practice. In other words, a risk culture is seen through the prism of risk-taking behaviour and reflects how risk management principles are internalized within the organization.”

Download the paper [here](#).

As always you are welcome to disseminate your public procurement or capacity development event through our [interactive calendar](#). We also invite you to engage with us through [Twitter](#) or our [blog](#).

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- [Review of the Public Procurement Legal Framework in Lebanon](#)
- [ASPS II & WSSPS II Procurement Capacity Development Plan](#)
- [ASPS II & WSSPS II Procurement Capacity Assessment](#)
- [Procurement Capacity Development Process (Scoping Mission Report)](#)

These and all other key resources can be accessed [here](#).