

Theme: Transforming Public Procurement in Africa through Innovation, Inclusion, Sustainability, and Regional Collaboration

Day 1: Opening & High-Level Discussions

Time	Session	Resource Persons
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	Host Country
09:00 – 09:05	National Anthem(s)	Host Country
09:05 – 09:20	Welcome Remarks	APPN president
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote Speech: Innovations for Transforming Public Procurement	Moderator: Ms. Elmas Arisoy, Accredited Procurement Manager, the World Bank Keynote speaker: Professor Geo Quinot, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:00	The Digital Frontier of Public Procurement in Africa: Application of e-procurement Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning	Moderator: Mr. Amilcar Bilale, Chief Procurement Coordinator, AfDB Speakers 10 to 15 minutes each): Mr. Chanmo Choi, South Korea Ms. Sonia Ben Salem, e-GP Tunisia



		<p>Panelists¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Priya Balgobin, Mauritius, Public Procurement Policy Office • Dr. Rajesh Kumar Shakya, Senior Procurement Specialist, WB • Dr. Fredrick Mandizvidza, Zimbabwe • Ms. Kenza Khachani, Economist, OECD
12:00 – 13:00	Public Procurement as a Catalyst for Job Creation	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ashraf Ayad, Manager, AfDB</p> <p>Speaker: Professor Ron Watermeyer, University of Wits, South Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hiba Tahboub, Director and Chief Procurement Officer, the World Bank • Mr. Jimmy Christian Byukusenge, Rwanda • Ms. Winifrida A. Samba, Acting Director, Procurement and Supply Capacity Development, Tanzania • Mr. Benson Turamye, Executive Director, Public Procurement Authority, Uganda
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

¹ All panelists will be sent a template to briefly state what topic they would like to say about their topic.



14:00 – 15:15	Strategic Directions and Policy Updates from the World Bank and AfDB	<p>Moderator: Mr. Kofi Awanyo, AIIB</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Hiba Tahboub, Director and CPO, WB</p> <p>Mr. Frank Mvula, Director, AfDB</p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Health Break	All
15:30 – 16:45	Sustainability Priorities in Public Procurement	<p>Moderator: Aftar Toure MOROU, Technical Secretary APPN</p> <p>Speaker candidates:</p> <p>Dr. Olena Maslyukivska, PhD, Universite of Vaasa, Finland</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frank Mante, Public Procurement Authority, Ghana • Mr. Rodney Ndamba, Zimbabwe • Mr. Cyr Symphonien Moukaga, Director, Training and Technical Support, Gabon



16:45 – 17:15	Coffee Break	All
18:30 – TBA	Welcome Dinner	All