

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

Day 3: Breakouts, Reflections, and Closing

Time	Session	Resource Persons
09:00 – 12:00	<p>Group 1 (English-speaking countries): Emphasizing the pressing need to harness emerging technologies such as e-procurement, blockchain, AI, and machine learning to modernize procurement systems, improve service delivery, and combat inefficiencies and corruption.</p> <p>Group 2 (French-speaking) countries: Addressing the critical need to empower regulatory institutions with the mandate, tools, and capacity to ensure transparency, enforce compliance, and drive continuous improvement in procurement governance.</p> <p>Group 3 (Portuguese-speaking countries): Recognizing the urgent need for cross-border collaboration to align procurement laws, standards, and practices across African countries, thereby fostering regional trade, efficiency, and shared accountability.</p>	Each Group will select a chair/moderator and a rapporteur
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	All
13:00 – 14:30	Report Back from Breakout Groups	Rapporteurs from Each Group
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Closing Session and Communiqué</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks and way forward • Final communiqué • Expression of thanks • AfDB • WB • IsDB 	<p>The APPN President</p> <p>(Note: Coffee/tea will be available to pick up)</p>
15:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of technical and financial report, and discussions • Approval of Audit Reports • Election of new chair 	<p>Moderator: the APPN President</p> <p>Presenter: Technical Secretary</p>
18:30 – TBA	Gala Dinner	Host