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SOUTH ASIA REGION PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FORUM

SOALTEE CROWNE PLAZA, KATHMANDU

APRIL 26-28, 2011

HOSTED BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONITORING OFFICE, GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL
(CO-SPONSORED BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND WORLD BANK)

AGENDA

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2011		
9:00 - 09:30 am	REGISTRATION	
Session 1 **10:00 - 11:00 am**	**Inauguration and Opening Session** **Chairperson: Mr. Madhab Prasad Ghimire, Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal** **Chief Guest: Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Jhala Nath Khanal** **Moderator: Mr. Avanindra Kumar Shrestha, Secretary, PPMO**	
	• **Welcome Remarks, Background, Objective and Expected Outcome of the Forum**: ***Mr. Avanindra Kumar Shrestha, Secretary, Public Procurement Monitoring Office (PPMO)*** • **Opening Remarks** ***Mr. Paolo Spantigati, Office-in-Charge, Asian Development Bank*** ***Ms. Christine Kimes, Acting Country Director, World Bank*** • **Introduction of Key Officials of Government of Nepal, Country Delegates, and WB and ADB Senior Staff:** ***Mr. Bernard Becq***, Chief Procurement Policy Officer and Head of the Procurement Board, WB ***Mr. Hamid Sharif***, Principle Director, Central Operations Services Office, ADB ***Mr. Ignatius Santoso***, Director, Central Operations Services Office, ADB ***Mr. Nadjib Sefta***, Regional Procurement Manager, South Asia Region, World Bank. • **Inauguration of the Forum and Key Note Address.** ***Rt. Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Jhala Nath Khanal*** • **Chairman's Remarks and Closing of the Opening Session**: ***Mr. Madhab Prasad Ghimire***, Chief Secretary	
11:00 – 11:30 am	***High Tea/Coffee Break***	
Session 2	**Technical Session - Part I** **Chairperson: The Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance**	
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	**Principles of a Sound Public Procurement System; and Latest Development in the World Bank Policy**	***Mr. Bernard Becq*** Followed by Questions and Answers Session
12:15 – 01:00 pm	**Public Procurement in South Asia Region**	***Mr. Nadjib Sefta,*** World Bank **Followed by Questions and Answers**

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01:00 – 02:30 pm	**LUNCH BREAK**	
02:30 – 03:15 pm	**ADB Procurement Partnership Initiative-- Regional Capacity Building**	***Mr. Hamid Sharif***, ADB **Followed by Questions and Answers**
03:15-03:30 pm	**Chairman's Remarks**	The Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Session 3	**Country Presentations and Technical Session - Part II** **Chairperson: *Mr. Nadjib Sefta*, Regional Procurement Manager, South Asia Region, World Bank.**	
03:30 – 04:15 pm	**Afghanistan**	***Mr. Sayed Murtaza***, Head, Public Procurement Policy Unit Followed by Questions and Answers
04:15 – 4:45 pm	***Group Photo Session (Tea/Coffee Break)***	
04:45 – 05:30 pm	**Role of Civil Society Organizations in Public Procurement**	***Mr. Bharat Bahadur Thapa,*** Member, Transparency International – Nepal Chapter, Nepal **Followed by Questions and Answers**
05:30 - 05:45 pm	**Chairman's Remarks**	***Mr. Nadjib Sefta***, World Bank.
7:00 pm	**Reception and Dinner Hosted by the Government of Nepal**	

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DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2011		
Session 4	**Country Presentations and Technical Session – Part III** **Chairperson:** ***Mr. Avanindra Kumar Shrestha*, Secretary, PPMO, Government of Nepal**	
08:30 – 09:15 am	**Bangladesh**	***Mr. Amulya K. Debnath,*** Director General, Central Procurement Technical Unit, **Bangladesh** Followed by Questions and Answers
09:15- 10:00 am	**Bhutan**	TBD Followed by Questions and Answers
10:00 -10:45 am	**India**	***Mr. Ajanta Dayalan,*** Member Secretary, Expenditure Special Committee on Procurement Followed by Questions and Answers
10:45 – 11:15 am	***Tea/Coffee Break***	
11:15 -12:00 pm	**Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) and Public Procurement: A Discussion of Best Practices**	***Mr. Amulya K. Debnath***, Director General, Central Procurement Technical Unit, **Bangladesh** ***Mr. J. S. Deepak,*** Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, **India**
12:00- 12:45 pm	**Maldives**	***Mr. Samee Agreel***, Director General, Tender Evaluation Department Followed by Questions and Answers
12:45-01:00 pm	**Chairman's Remarks**	***Mr. Avanindra Kumar Shrestha, Secretary, PPMO***
01:00 – 2:30 pm	***Lunch Break***	
Session 5	**Country Presentations and Technical Session – Part IV** **Chairperson:** ***Mr. Ignatius Santoso***, Director, Central Operations Services Office, ADB	
02:30-03:15 pm	**Nepal**	***Mr. Mukti Narayan Paudel***, Joint Secretary, PPMO Followed by Questions and Answers
03:15-04:00	**Pakistan**	TBD Followed by Questions and Answers

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04:00 – 04:30 pm	***Tea/Coffee Break***	
04:30-05:15 pm	**Public Private Partnership in Public Procurement**	***Mr. Rajesh Khullar***, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, India Followed by Questions and Answers
05:15-05:30 pm	Chairman's Remarks	***Mr. Ignatius Santoso,*** ADB
7:00 pm	**Reception and Dinner Hosted by ADB and World Bank**	
DAY 3 - THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2011		
Session 6	**Technical Session – Part V** **Chairpersons:** ***Mr. Hiroyuki Maruyama,*** Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB/ ***Mr. Naushad Khan,*** Lead Procurement Specialist, World Bank ***Facilitator: Mr. Peter Trepte, Legal adviser and consultant in the law and practice of public procurement and public procurement reform***	
08:30-09:15 am	**Sri Lanka**	**TBD** Followed by Questions and Answers
09:15 - 10:30 am	International Procurement Standards and Practices (WTO/UNCITRAL/OECD-DAC, ETC)	***Ms. Laurence Folliot Lalliot*** Senior Counsel Procurement and Consultant Services Legal Vice Presidency (LEGOP) World Bank, Washington DC
10:30 - 11:00 am	***Tea/Coffee Break***	
Group Discussions Start in Breakout Rooms[1] –		

[1] Participants will be assigned for different groups by the Forum Committee on Day 2.

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11:00 am - 01:30 pm	**THEMES** **Group 1 – Legislative/ Regulatory Architect** **Group 2 – Capacity Building** **Group 3 – Procurement Environment to ensure economic, efficient, transparent and fair public procurement** **Group 4 – Modernization of Public Procurement and International Procurement Standards** **Group 5 – A mechanism, including coordination group to sustain the Regional Forum and follow up actions**	***Facilitators will explain the objective of group discussions and provide group discussion guidelines.*** ***Break out rooms will be notified.*** ***Based on enrollment, list of participants in each group will be distributed.*** ***Each group will nominate a Moderator and Rapporteur.*** ***Each group will be supported by facilitators.*** ***Group can use Power Point presentation or flip chart.*** ***Each group will recommend realistic Regional Action Plan that help to improve regional as well as country level systems in the specific themes.*** ***Group 5 will also propose an action plan to ensure continuous exchange of knowledge and experience among the participants after the Forum.***
01:30 – 03:00 pm	***Lunch Break***	
CONCLUDIING SESSION: GROUP PRESENTATION AND NEXT STEPS **Chairpersons:** ***Mr. Madhab Prasad Ghimire, Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal*** ***The Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance***		
03:00-04:30 pm	**Working Group Presentations (Groups 1-5)** ***Each Group will be allotted 20 minutes for Group Presentation.***	
04:30-05:00 pm	***Tea/Coffee Break***	
05:00 -06:00 pm	**Conclusion and Wrap-up Session** • **Chairpersons Remarks: The Finance Secretary** **Mr. Madhab Prasad Ghimire, Chief Secretary** • **Closing Remarks**: ***Mr. Bernard Becq***, World Bank ***Mr. Ignatius Santoso***, ADB • **Vote of Thanks:** ***Mr. Avanindra Kumar Shrestha***, Secretary, PPMO	
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