

ADB-WB JOINTLY SPONSORED SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FORUM

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REGIONAL ACTION PLAN (BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS)

Item No.	Description of Recommended Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Remarks
1	Establish South Asia Regional Public Procurement Coordination Group (SARPPCG). SARPPCG will comprise heads of public procurement in each SAR country plus their deputies as alternate members.	Current Forum Chair, i.e., Secretary PPMO, Nepal	July/August 2011	Secretary PPMO to contact relevant government officials in all SAR countries to seek official nominations of Group members
2	Hold the first meeting of the SARPPCG for the following agenda: (i) decide on the hosts for the next two Forums along with the topics for the next Forum; deliberate on the sustainability of the Forum – contributions by member countries, ADB and WB; and prepare a detailed regional action plan. SARPPCG will then meet on a quarterly basis via video conference to be facilitated by ADB and WB	Secretary PPMO, supported by ADB and WB	July/August 2011	During them meeting the SARPPCG will prepare its terms of reference
3	Make the Forum an annual event to continuously provide participants from SAR countries a platform for learning and networking	SARPPCG	September 2011	Until next Forum, the SARPPCG will be chaired by the current Forum Chair, Secretary PPMO of Nepal. PPMO will serve as the secretariat of the SARPPCG
4	Create a website to provide a feasible mechanism of linkage for dissemination of public procurement related information after the Forum, including the data and outcome of the Forum, key public procurement documents, good public	SARPPCG to prepare a detailed action	November 2011	PPMO Nepal to be responsible for creation and administration of

	procurement practices, etc. Countries will provide linkage to their own websites for information and experience sharing	plan		website
5	Work with SAARC Secretariat for inclusion of public procurement as a topic for ministerial committee of SAARC and raise awareness of respective SAARC FMs regarding importance of procurement	Head of SARPPCG supported by ADB and WB	Ongoing	Secretary PPMO to meet the SAARC Secretary General
6	SARPPCG to establish task force teams on key topics, as listed below, in support of public procurement in the region	SARPPCG	Beginning with the first SARPPCG meeting. To be completed by December 2011	ADB and WB to help SARPPCG explore resources for the follow up activities, including contributions from SAR countries
A	Regional public procurement capacity building mechanisms. This would include identification of existing capacity building institutions in different SAR countries and exploring the possibility of strengthening them for public procurement capacity building and linking them with each other; promotion of public procurement as a profession; supply side capacity building initiatives (contractors, suppliers, consultants and others); identification of stakeholders; interaction with trade organizations; linkage with broader PFM; involvement of academia and institutions, including University courses, diploma and certificate programs, etc.			
B	Enhancement of involvement of private sector and civil society. This would include a review of the role of civil society in public procurement with a view to preparing an action plan to enhance this role; and promotion/encouragement to civil society organizations and media for genuine initiatives in support of public procurement. This will also include control and oversight bodies and mechanisms, such as audit, people's voice, voice of private sector, media, third party reviews, impact analysis, etc.			
C	Modernization of public procurement. This would support to public procurement bodies in SAR countries in introduction and use of Electronic Government Procurement, Public and Private Partnership, Framework Agreements, Design and Build; Output/Performance Based Mechanisms, Value Engineering, etc.			
D	Collection and compilation of good public procurement acts, regulations, and practices relating to development of legislative and regulatory frameworks of public procurement in different countries; and good procurement practices, including the practices relating to management of goods, works and services contracts and their dissemination			
E	Study the feasibility of introducing regional arbitration mechanisms; and harmonization of procurement SBDs with a view to enhancing the commonalities of bidding and contract documents.			