

Third Central Asia Regional Public Procurement Forum, Issyk-Kul, May 22-24, 2007

Conclusions and Action Plan:

The main objective of the Forum was to provide a platform to the senior public procurement officials from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan for exchanging their experiences and ideas on how to effectively implement the public procurement laws and regulations. Also, the main focus of the Forum was to discuss the best practices and capacity building in public procurement over the four countries. This objective was substantially met.

The Forum was opened by Mr Nur Dosbol uluu, the Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyz Republic (host) and Mr Roger Robinson, the Country Manager of the World Bank Office in Bishkek. The speakers emphasized the importance of public procurement for the economic and efficient use of public funds. Mr. Bernard Becg, the Chief Procurement Officer of the World Bank made a presentation about the recent developments in area of public procurement over the world and the Bank's policy in development of public procurement systems in the member countries. Mr Naushad Khan, Lead Procurement Specialist for Central Asia has presented a topic on achievements and challenges of public procurement in Central Asia over the last year. The heads of delegations of the four participating countries made presentations about their public procurement systems, including their strengths and weaknesses, as well as, about their needs in capacity building for an effective implementation of public procurement laws and regulations.

The Poland delegation delivered a presentation on their public procurement system and the latest trends in further improvement of public procurement framework in Poland. The specific attention of the presentation was paid to discuss Polish experience in capacity building in public procurement. The Korean delegation made a presentation about their achievements in e-procurement. Each presentation were followed up by the question/answers session.

The Forum reviewed the implementation of the Action Plan for 2006 - 2007 of the Second Forum held in Almaty in April 2006, and based on group work agreed on the Action Plan for 2007-2008. The participants concluded that not all the recommendations of the Almaty Forum have been implemented. The main reason of that is still weak regional cooperation among the public procurement authorities of four countries, and the senior public procurement officials of the participating countries were preoccupied with the implementation of the public procurement laws.

The participants were divided into three groups who deliberated on the following important public procurement topics: Group 1 "How to effectively implement the public procurement law and build procurement capacity", Group 2 "How to seek and use donors support for improving public procurement system" and Group 3 "How to improve the regional cooperation in public procurement and benefit from it". On the third day of Forum, the Groups made presentations about their findings and recommendations in the plenary. The actions agreed in the plenary are summarized in the table "Action Plan for 2007 - 2008".

The Forum accepted the offer of the Tajik Head of Public Procurement to hold the next Central Asia Public Procurement Forum in Dushanbe on April 2008.

**REGIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FORUM
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AGENDA**

THEME: EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAWS, REGULATIONS, USE OF BEST PRACTICES, AND BUILDING PROCUREMENT CAPACITY

MAY 22, TUESDAY (DAY 1)		
CHAIR: KYRGYZ REPUBLIC		
FACILITATOR: RICHARD WESTIN		
9:00 - 09:30 am	REGISTRATION	
9:30 - 09:45 am	Opening Session	Mr. Nur Dosbol uluu, Vice-Prime-Minister Mr. Nurjanov Djumasarlyk, Chairman of State Agency on Public Procurement and Material Reserves.
09:45 - 10:00 am	Welcome remarks	Mr. Roger Robinson, Country Manager, the World Bank Office in Bishkek
10:00 - 10:20 am	Important aspects of Public Procurement, including use of country systems and World Bank's governance and anti-corruption agenda	Mr. Bernard Becq, Chief Procurement Policy Officer and Head of the Procurement Policy of the World Bank, followed by Question and Answer Session
10:20 – 10:45 am	Public Procurement in Central Asia: Achievements and Challenges	Mr. Naushad Khan, Lead Procurement Specialist for Central Asia, followed by Question and Answer Session
10:45 - 11:15 am	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 1:00 pm	Country Presentation (Kyrgyzstan)	Mr. Maksat Kunakunov, Head of Public Procurement Department of the Agency on Public Procurement and Material Reserves, Ms. Saina Abdymomunova, Acting Director of Regional Procurement Training and Information Center, followed by a Question and Answer Session
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Lunch Break	

2:30 - 3:15 pm	Country Presentation (Tajikistan)	Mr. Faizidin Kahorov, Deputy Director, Public Procurement Agency, followed by a Question and Answer Session
3:15 - 4:00 pm	Country Presentation (Uzbekistan)	Mr. Shukhrat Ernazarov, Head of department of mini-technologies and investments, Chamber of Commerce
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
4:30 - 5:15 pm	Country Presentation (Kazakhstan)	Ms. Gulzhan Amrina, Head of the Division for Methods of Procurement, CFCPP
7:00 pm	Reception hosted by the World Bank	Main Dining Hall of the Aurora Sanatorium
MAY 23, WEDNESDAY (DAY 2) CHAIR: KAZAKHSTAN FACILITATOR: RICHARD WESTIN		
9:30 - 10:45 am	Public Procurement Reform and Capacity Building (Polish Experience)	Mr. Bartosz Korkozowicz and Mr. Dariusz Piasta, Polish Public Procurement Office, followed by a Question and Answer Session
10:45 - 11:15 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30 pm	E-Procurement: Korean Experience	Mr. Min Hyung Jong - Director General, Public Procurement Service(PPS)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Participants Break into Groups to prepare an action plan for an effective implementation of procurement laws	<p>Group 1. How to effectively implement the PPL/Regulations and Procurement Capacity Building?</p> <p>Group 2. How to seek and use donors support for improving public procurement systems?</p> <p>Group 3. How to improve the regional cooperation in public procurement and benefit from it?</p>
4:30 pm	Reception - Celebration of 10th Anniversary of the Kyrgyz State Committee on Public Procurement and Material Reserves	Organized by the Kyrgyz Public Procurement Agency
MAY 24, THURSDAY (DAY 3) CHAIR: TAJIK REPUBLIC FACILITATOR: RICHARD WESTIN		
9:00 – 11:30 am (with a coffee break at 11:00)	Working Groups Present to Plenary	Discussion of the recommendations of the Working Groups and Preparation of an Action Plan
11:30 – 12:30 am	Conclusions	<p>Mr. Bernard Becq, World Bank</p> <p>Mr. Naushad Khan, World Bank</p>
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch Break	

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List of participants

Kazakhstan:

1. Mr. Amangeldi Taspikhov, Deputy of the Majilis, Parliament
2. Mr. Valikhan Abdilmanov, Head of the Division for Control in Public Procurement Sphere, CFCPP
3. Ms. Gulzhan Amrina, Head of the Division for Methods of Procurement, CFCPP
4. Ms. Alima Baimenova, Deputy Head of the Division, CFCPP

Kyrgyzstan:

1. Mr. Nur uluu Dosbol, Vice Prime-Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic
2. Mr. Jumasarlyk Nurjanov, Chairman of State Agency on Public Procurement and Material Reserves
3. Mr. Maksat Kunakunov, Head of the Department on Public Procurement
4. Ms. Saina Abdymomunova, Acting Director of Regional Procurement Training and Information Center
5. Ms. Jyldyz Sydykova, Head of the Supervision and Analysis Unit, State Agency on Public Procurement and Material Reserves

Tajikistan:

1. Mr. Buriev Negmatjon, State Advisor to the President, Executive Office of the President
2. Mr. Zuhurudin Kenjaev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy
3. Mr. Hamdam Tagaimuradov, Director of the Agency for procurement of goods, works and services
4. Mr. Rakhmonkul Davlatov, Head of Department, Ministry of Economy
5. Mr. Alisher Shukurov, Head of Department, Treasury
6. Mr. Kahorov Faizidin, Deputy Director, Public Procurement Agency

Uzbekistan:

1. Mr. Anvar Ikramov, Deputy Head of the department for legal expertise and support to entrepreneurs;
2. Mr. Shukhrat Ernazarov, Head of department of mini-technologies and investments
3. Mr. Rustam Shaymordonov, Director of unitary enterprise "Law Shield" under the Chamber.

Korea:

1. Mr. Min Hyung Jong, Director General, Public Procurement Service
2. Mr. Jong Yeul Kim, Information Planning Specialist, Public Procurement Service

Poland:

1. Mr. Bartosz Korcozowicz, Director of the Education and International Cooperation Department, Public Procurement Office
2. Mr. Dariusz Piasta, Advisor, Education and International Cooperation Department, Public Procurement Office

Donors:

1. Mr. Valeri D. Tian, Project Implementation Officer, ADB
2. Mr. Esen Turusbekov, Program Officer, DFID
3. Mr. Mambetkulov Kuban, Procurement Officer, UNDP CO, Head of Procurement Unit
4. Mr. Makhmutov Bakyt, Program Officer, SCO
5. Mr. Farida Sultanova, Office Manager, EBRD
6. Mr. Zarina Djansakova, Assistant , EBRD
7. Ms. Asel Uzagalieva, GTZ
8. Mr. Valeri Malotchko, Expert, ILO - ITC:

NGOs: Transparency International

1. Ms. Ahmatova Aygul, Director
2. Ms. Eshatova Nasib, coordinator
3. Ms. Fomenko Tatyana, coordinator

Anticorruption Agency:

1. Mr. Adylbek Sharshenbaev, Head of International Relations Department.

The World Bank:

1. Mr. Bernard Becq, Chief Procurement Policy Officer, OPCPR
2. Mr. Roger Robinson, Country Manager, ECCKG
3. Mr. Naushad Khan, Lead Procurement Specialist, ECSPS
4. Mr. Richard Westin, Consultant, OPCRX
5. Mr. Fasliddin Rakhimov, Procurement Specialist, ECSPS
6. Ms. Anara Akhmetova, Program Assistant, ECCKZ
7. Ms. Dilshod Karimova, Program Assistant, ECCTJ
8. Ms. Irina Goncharova, Program Assistant, ECCKG
9. Mr. Nurbek Kurmanaliev, Procurement Officer, ECSPS
10. Ms. Jyldyz Djakypova, Communication Associate, ECCKG

Action Plan for 2007 – 2008
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Action Plan for 2007 – 2008

Actions areas	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Group 1: How to effectively implement the public procurement law and build procurement capacity				
Implementation Regulations	Draft Law in Parliament	Finalize and disseminate the implementation regulation and the procurement manual	Finalize and disseminate the implementation regulations	Finalize the draft public procurement law
Standard Bidding Documents	Revise and disseminate bidding documents as soon as Parliament adopts the law	Finalize and disseminate RFP for selection of consultancy services	Finalize and disseminate all standard bidding documents	
Training	Prepare and implement a procurement training program for government servants as soon as Parliament adopts the law	Provide training to 1000 public officials at all levels of government	Train staff of the Procurement Agency in oversight and support functions. Train 40 trainers; Train 500 public officials at central level of government;	
Stakeholders capacity building	Please use text provided by the Kaz delegation (See the corrected version I left with you).	Hold six seminars for about 300 suppliers, contractors and consultants	Hold five seminars for about 200 suppliers, contractors and consultants	
Group 2: How to seek and use donors support for improving public procurement system				
Technical assistance	Provide guidance and advice to other countries in the region on the development of e-procurement	Donors to consider providing technical assistance and grant financing for the E-procurement system development	Donors to consider providing technical assistance and financing feasibility study of the E-procurement system development	
Equipment	-	Donors to consider providing financing for essential training equipment for the National Procurement Training Center	Donors to provide financing for purchase of training equipment to be provided by the Procurement Agency	
Support for civil society involvement to the PPS	Further strengthen involvement of the civil society in social audit of public procurement	Support and advice of the donors for the involvement of the civil society into the PPS	Support and advice of the donors the involvement of the civil society into the PPS	Support of the donors the involvement of the civil society into the PPS

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Group 3 How to improve the regional cooperation in public procurement and benefit from it				
Staff Exchange.	Appoint a person responsible for regional cooperation and staff exchange	Appoint a person responsible for regional cooperation and staff exchange	Appoint a person responsible for regional cooperation and staff exchange	
Regional website.	Provide updated information for regional website developed by the Kyrgyz Procurement Agency	Improve the content of the current regional web-site by adding information on legislation and training materials, providing links to the existing web-sites of each agency	Provide updated information for regional web-site.	
Improve Regional Cooperation in the area of public procurement	<p>Define the areas where: Regional cooperation is beneficial for the Kazakh Public Procurement and where it could provide guidance to other countries.</p> <p>Nominate one of the staff of the State Procurement Committee to the Regional Procurement Coordination Group</p>	<p>Define the areas where: Regional cooperation is beneficial for the Kazakh Public Procurement and where it could provide guidance to other countries.</p> <p>Nominate one of the staff of the State Procurement Committee to the Regional Procurement Coordination Group</p>	<p>Define the areas where: Regional cooperation is beneficial for the Kazakh Public Procurement and where it could provide guidance to other countries.</p> <p>Nominate one of the staff of the State Procurement Committee to the Regional Procurement Coordination Group</p>	<p>Define the areas where: Regional cooperation is beneficial for the Kazakh Public Procurement and where it could provide guidance to other countries.</p> <p>Nominate one government official to the Regional Procurement Coordination Group</p>
Donor's support	Initiate inclusion the issue of regional cooperation to the agenda of regional programs (CAREC)	Initiate inclusion the issue of regional cooperation to the agenda of regional programs (CAREC)	Initiate inclusion the issue of regional cooperation to the agenda of regional programs (CAREC)	Initiate inclusion the issue of regional cooperation to the agenda of regional programs (CAREC)