

Research and Policy Development Consultation Meeting
on e-Procurement for Innovative Governance
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TABLE OF TECHNICAL INPUT

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*Participants may use as much space as deemed necessary in filling out the following sections.

1. Merits and Problems of Existing e-Procurement Systems
<p>A) Kindly list three or more <u>merits</u> shared by the existing public e-procurement systems. In what way have they been successful in promoting innovative governance? Please include short remarks to provide their contexts (developmental stage, geographical scope, legal and institutional background, etc.).</p> <p>(1) Increased transparency and efficiency of public procurement throughout the process;</p> <p>(2) Reduced opportunity for fraud and corruption (less in-person contacts, automated compliance);</p> <p>(3) Improved management and quality of procurement by availability of data in electronic format;</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p> <p>B) Kindly list three or more <u>major problems</u> shared by the existing public e-procurement systems. In what way have these problems been proved obstacles to advancing government efficiency, transparency and participatory governance? Please indicate concrete examples to provide details.</p> <p>(1) The main problem is the name “E-Procurement” itself (technology vs. business).</p> <p>(2) Lack of awareness & capacity building including change management.</p> <p>(3) Technology can complicate rather than simplify procedures.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p>
2. A Common Framework / Toolkit for e-Procurement in Developing Countries
<p>UNPOG (United Nations Project Office on Governance) and DPADM (Division for Public Administration for Development Management, UNDESA) will jointly design a common framework and/or toolkit which aims to provide developing countries with a comprehensive set of strategic guidelines to advance e-procurement for innovative governance. In light of the existence of similar toolkits available in other organizations (such as multilateral development banks), and taking into account our necessity to avoid possible redundancies, kindly provide three or more <u>technical recommendations on how to develop such a common framework/ toolkit with added values.</u></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Simple and self-intuitive (2) Freely available (3) Modular to expand in future (4) Regular update and maintenance (5) Focus on specific areas such as benchmarking of e-Procurement systems and performance measuring
3. Recommended Methodologies for Data Collection and Analysis
<p><i>Following the conclusion of our consultation meeting (10-11 March), UNPOG and DPADM will undertake data collection and analysis on the e-procurement status of the United Nations member states. The information to be collected will include legal, administrative, managerial and other diverse institutional aspects of their public e-procurement status, including relevant cases of innovative governance. Kindly suggest three or more ideas on <u>the approach and/or methodologies</u> to be used in this data-gathering and analysis.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Collaboration with EC who did similar exercise (2) Clearly defined questionnaires channeled through high political level (3) Incentives for completing questionnaires/providing information (4) Follow-up activities (5)
4. Country Surveys
<p><i>In order to facilitate the above-mentioned data collection and analysis, UNPOG and DPADM plan to undertake <u>country surveys</u>, starting first with the <u>member states in Asia and the Pacific</u>. The compilation of these analytical surveys will lead to the formulation of a 'regional inventory of e-procurement systems for innovative governance' in Asia and the Pacific. Kindly list 3 or more concrete recommendations for preparing the <u>requisite questionnaires</u>.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Balanced mix of open and closed questions (2) Select consultant to develop questionnaires and follow up on completion in countries (3) Ask for specific examples and data as evidence for improved governance (4) Ask for available tools to measure the impact of e-Procurement (5)
5. Past and On-going Initiatives <i>*optional</i>

Briefly list three or more **major (past and on-going) initiatives** undertaken by multilateral agencies to assist governments, particularly of developing countries, in advancing innovative governance with the application of an e-procurement system. How have they contributed to advancing e-procurement systems? What specific approach have they employed in promoting innovative governance? For each initiative to be listed, kindly provide its title and short descriptions, as well as the name of the agency in charge.

- (1) GAC in Projects knowledge distribution, World Bank (see attached document)
- (2) MDB e-GP WG toolkit for e-GP, MDBs, (www.mdbegp.org)
- (3) Analytical and technical assistance in multiple countries, World Bank
- (4)
- (5)