



Draft Agenda: Meeting of the MENA-OECD Network on Public Procurement

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Mandate of the network

In the framework of the Deauville Partnership (DP) Action Plan on open governance, the G8 and DP partner countries called for the establishment of a public procurement network to assist reforms in partner countries in compliance with the OECD Principles on Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement. Under the auspices of the OECD and the support of member countries like Italy and Korea, the network was launched on 19 September 2012 in Caserta, Italy. Since then, several meetings were held and different workshops and training activities were carried out. In 2015, the OECD Council adopted the OECD Recommendation on Public Procurement, bringing a holistic perspective and a strategic vision to public procurement, expanding its coverage to include a balanced use of its economic power and social impact to achieve broader policy objectives, while ensuring ultimately efficiency and effectiveness, besides integrity, transparency and accountability, which is reflected in its 12 integrated principles.

Objectives of the network

The network's objectives are to share good public procurement practices and identify needs for support in this area, based on the assessment of country procurement systems. The activities of the Network will contribute to the implementation of international and legal standards on public procurement. The main reference framework is now the OECD Recommendation on Public Procurement and other sources of international good practice, such as the revised Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS) from 2017, the EU Procurement Directives (2014), the UNCITRAL Model Law (2011) and the United Nations Convention against Corruption under the overarching objective of achieving the Agenda 2030, reflected in the UN Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs (2015).

Presently co-chaired by Egypt and Italy, following rotation from previous co-chairs, Tunisia and Korea, the Network is composed of senior public procurement officials and practitioners from MENA and OECD countries as well as experienced representatives from international organisations. The topics included in the agenda reflect the priorities set by the countries in previous meetings.

Objectives of the meeting

- ▶ Enhance the regional dialogue
- ▶ Gaining in-depth knowledge of current challenges faced by public procurement agencies and policy makers
- ▶ Share experiences of MENA and OECD member countries in implementing solutions, and discuss with participants how they could be implemented within a MENA context;
- ▶ Provide an interactive environment that provides participants with tools to resolve common public procurement challenges.

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Day 1: 20th of Novembre

- 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. **Opening session & Tour de Table**
Mr Paulo Magina, Head of the Public Procurement Unit, OECD
Ms Renata Pavlov, Executive Director of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme Centre
Mr Khaled Nofal, MoF (Egypt) and Co-chair of the Network
Ms Angela Russo, Head of international cooperation, Consip Spa, Co-chair of the network.
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 a.m.– 12:15 a.m. **Institutional arrangements and set-up for public procurement functions;**
This session will discuss the key institutional arrangements for a sound public procurement system and the need to set up for public procurement functions. The session will enable countries to discuss the recent development regarding institutional arrangements and the professionalization of the procurement workforce. It will also allow an update on the monitoring exercise related to the implementation of the 2015 OECD Recommendation on Public Procurement, with a view of applying it in the region by occasion of the ongoing update of the Stocktaking report from 2016.
Paulo Magina, OECD
Ms Erika Bozzay, SIGMA
Mr Laila Zouhair, Mr Farid Moussaoui, Trésorerie Générale du Royaume, Morocco
Representatives from each country
- 12:15 a.m. -1:45 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 1:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Efficiency tools and centralisation strategies**
This session will focus on procurement tools and levers that can be used to achieve greater value for money by reducing duplication and optimising resources including centralisation and the use of framework agreements. During this session, countries will discuss challenges regarding the implementation of efficiency tools and centralisation in public procurement.
Ms Kenza Khachani, OECD
Mr Khaled Nofal, MoF (Egypt) and Co-chair of the Network
Ms Angela Russo, Head of international cooperation, Consip Spa
Representatives from each country
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **E-procurement and the use of data**
This session will discuss the different functionalities and recent trends of e-procurement systems and in the use of data. Participants will share the recent developments in their countries.
Mr Paulo Magina, OECD
Mr Massimiliano Barba, Consip Spa
Representatives from each country

Day 2 : 21st of Novembre

- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Risk Management**
Public procurement is an area prone to risk. Risk can emerge in different phases of the procurement cycle, from planning through to contract execution. This session will discuss the need to address different categories of risk all over the procurement cycle.
Ms Kenza Khachani
Ms Rim Zehri, HAICOP, Tunisia
Representatives from each country
- 10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.– 12:30 a.m. **Control mechanism (ex-ante, ex-post).**
As Public Procurement is an activity particularly vulnerable to corruption and inefficiencies. Control activities are key to ensure public money is spent efficiently. This session will discuss the different types of controls that are applied at different phases of the public procurement cycle.
Ms Kenza Khachani, OECD
Ms Erika Bozzay, SIGMA
Mr Mohamed Bouzerd, Head of the Public procurement division, Ministry of Finance, Algeria,

Representatives from each country
- 12:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 1:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Complementary policy objectives**
This session will discuss how to use strategically public procurement to achieve other policy objectives, in particular SMEs' access to public procurement, innovation, sustainable development and Responsible Business Conduct in line with the SGDs.
Mr Paulo Magina
Mr Khaled Johmani, HAICOP, Tunisia
Ms Rana Rizkallah Fares, Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan, Lebanon
Representatives from each country
- 3: 00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Remedies system**
Remedies systems are key to ensure suppliers trust on the system and thus the efficiency of the system. Indeed, countries need to ensure suppliers the possibility to undertake legal actions to request the enforcement of public procurement regulations in cases where contracting authorities, either intentionally or unintentionally, fail to comply with the legal framework for public procurement. This session will discuss the different remedies systems available in the different countries and how they could be improved to enhance the public procurement system.
Ms Erika Bozzay, SIGMA
Mme Khadija Faridi, Commission nationale de la commande publique, Morocco
Mr Jean Ellieh, Director General of the Central Tender Board of Lebanon
Representatives from each country
- 4:30 p.m. – 5: 00 pm **Conclusions and next steps**