



Expanding the Knowledge on Public Procurement

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SESSION BRIEF

Session 6: Expanding the knowledge on public procurement

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Background

Regional Dialogue

The regional dialogue is organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through its FairBiz – Promoting Fair Business environment in ASEAN, in partnership with UN Women, Open Government Partnership, Infrastructure Transparency Initiative (COST) and Open Contracting Partnership. The FairBiz project is supported by the UK Government, ASEAN Economic Reform Programme.

The regional dialogue will bring together government representatives from the region along with private sector leaders and civil society representatives interested in learning more about and/or implementing the sustainable public procurement agenda via the SDGs, integrity and value-for-money lenses.

This regional dialogue will contribute to:

- Promoting sustainable public procurement as a strategic tool in achieving progress on the SDGs
- Introducing new resources advocating for a collective action approach and multi-actor collaboration to improve the procurement ecosystem.
- Building community of practice and learning for procurement practitioners and reformers in Asia
- Understanding and managing integrity risks in public procurement vis-à-vis SDG attainments.
- Inspiring the community of practitioners and reformers in the region to adopt innovative solutions
- Facilitating knowledge exchange by showcasing relevant use cases and case studies
- Sharing emerging technology trends in public procurement

The Session 6: Expanding the knowledge on public procurement is organized in partnership with Global Project – Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS)

Session Description

This session will introduce online public procurement course which will improve participants' knowledge on how public procurement for inclusive and sustainable growth is vital to achieving the SDGs. The online course focuses more on the rudimentary basics/fundamentals of public procurement, serving as a primer for all stakeholders – procuring entities, businesses as prospective suppliers, as well as civil society participating in procurement for accountability and advocacy. It addresses their role in fostering transparent and efficient systems which facilitate sustainable public procurement with value for money, by exploring how public procurement is linked to the SDGs and how relevant considerations for environment and human rights can be included in procurement processes.

Session Objectives

The key objectives of this session are to:

- Provide a brief overview of **online procurement course** which includes 4 modules (a) fundamentals of transparent public procurement for achieving the SDG; b) the processes and components of public procurement systems; c) corruption risk mitigation in public procurement and d) public procurement for inclusive and sustainable growth)
- **Promote online procurement course** and encourage participants and their networks to complete the course
- Enhance the knowledge of participants about the **key elements of public procurement**

Format

Presentation of online public procurement (for 10 minutes) followed by two peer reviewers (each for 10 minutes providing their assessment of the usefulness of the course) and Q&A

Speakers and Panellists

Moderator: Aida Arutyunova, Programme Manager, Global Project – Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS), Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP

Speakers

- **Introducing UNDP online course on the fundamentals of public procurement, serving as a primer for all stakeholders**

Anga R Timilsina, Global Programme Advisor on Anti-corruption, UNDP Global Center for Technology, Innovation, and Sustainable Development

- **Reflections on the course and how it can help the work of our partners**
Francesco Checchi, Anti-Corruption Advisor for Southeast Asia , UNODC
Vivien Suerte-Cortez, Thematic Policy Areas at the Open Government Partnership

Detail Agenda:

<p>16.15- 16.45</p>	<p>Session 6: Expanding the knowledge on public procurement</p> <p>Moderator to introduce the session and the speakers- 5 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing UNDP online course on the fundamentals of public procurement, serving as a primer for all stakeholders Anga R Timilsina, Global Programme Advisor on Anti-corruption, UNDP Global Center for Technology, Innovation, and Sustainable Development 10 minutes presentation• Reflections on the course Francesco Checchi, Anti-Corruption Advisor for Southeast Asia , UNODC 10 minutes Vivien Suerte-Cortez, Thematic Policy Areas at the Open Government Partnership 10 min <p>Q&A discussion (if there is time for 5 minutes)</p> <p>Moderator: Aida Arutyunova, Programme Manager, Global Project – Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS), Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP</p>
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Speaker Profiles

Mr. Anga R. Timilsina, UNDP’s Global Programme Advisor on Anti-corruption.

Anga is currently the UNDP’s Global Programme Advisor on Anti-corruption and provides overall supervision and guidance to the UNDP’s Global Anti-corruption project titled “Anti-corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS)”, which is UNDP’s flagship initiative for policy and programme support to UNDP programme countries. Anga has provided governance and anti-corruption technical support to more than 40 countries, including support for strengthening the capacity of government institutions, business sector, CSOs, media, youth and women’s networks to prevent and combat corruption. Anga also coordinates UNDP’s anti-corruption



efforts at the global level including global advocacy and awareness, research and analysis, donor and partner coordination.

Anga was previously with RAND Cooperation, a U.S.-based nonprofit institution, where he worked on issues ranging from post-conflict reconstruction to health and education reforms in many developing countries. Anga has A Ph.D. in Policy Analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School and a master's degree in international development from the International University of Japan. He also brings his experiences working for various non-governmental agencies in Nepal.

Ms. Aida Arutyunova, Programme Manager, UNDP's Global Anti-Corruption Initiative

Ms. Aida Arutyunova is with UNDP's Global Anti-Corruption Initiative since 2010. Currently she manages UNDP's Global Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS) project based in UNDP Singapore Global Policy Center. She manages activities of the programme that relate to work on transparency, accountability and anti-corruption specifically focusing on social accountability initiatives, work in sectors (education, health and water), gender and local governance, integration of anti-corruption into country programmes, strategies, etc. Ms. Arutyunova works with approximately 40 UNDP Country Offices on yearly basis and liaises with different partners such as U4, Integrity Action, Transparency International, etc. in regard to joint activities. Ms. Arutyunova brings 20 years of experience in working on development and humanitarian issues. Prior to working in UNDP Headquarters, Ms. Arutyunova managed an Anti-Corruption Programme in UNDP Armenia Country Office as well as worked for European Union (EUAG) as a national advisor to the Government of Armenia on the issues of anti-corruption, transparency, accountability and e-governance. Ms. Arutyunova also brings 6 years of experience with Catholic Relief Services where she managed projects focusing on community development, conflict prevention, anti-corruption etc. She also worked for UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome and managed the Central Asian portfolio of programmes. Ms. Arutyunova holds Master's Degree in Political Science and International Relations from the American University of Armenia.



Francesco Checchi, Anti-Corruption Regional Adviser for Southeast Asia, UNODC

Mr. Checchi has more than 15 years of experience working in international organizations in the area of good governance, public administration reform and anti-corruption. Mr Checchi's work focuses on providing support to Member states of the UN Convention Against Corruption for implementation of the Convention; he provides expert advice and input to the development and implementation of technical assistance programmes in anti-corruption at the regional and/or national levels in Southeast Asia and South Asia, in accordance with the UNODC's overall strategy and as an integral element of the UNODC Regional Programme.



Main areas of Activity of Mr Checchi's expertise are: developing anti-corruption policy and regulatory frameworks at national and sub-national levels; providing technical assistance to independent agencies and governmental units dealing with anti-corruption or responsible for promoting transparency and accountability as well as sound public financial management in public services; development of integrity and disciplinary mechanisms in the line Ministries; development of anti-corruption legal frameworks and supporting criminal justice mechanisms to fight corruption.

Previously Mr Checchi worked as Anti- Corruption Specialist at the UNDP covering Eastern Europe and Central Asia; he collaborated with several NGOs on democratic governance and human rights related issues. He holds a BA in Political Sciences of the University of Pisa (Italy) and a Master Degree of the Sorbonne University in Public Administration.

Vivien Suerte-Cortez is currently a consultant for the Thematic Policy Areas at the Open Government Partnership.

Prior to joining the OGP, she was with Hivos Southeast Asia, and managed the Philippine portfolio of the Open Up Contracting and the Making All Voices Count programs. She also worked at the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP) where she led the team that successfully advocated for the institutionalization of the Citizen Participatory Audit program in the Philippines' Commission on Audit. From time to time, she has also internationally consulted on projects that involved anti-corruption, open contracting and public procurement, social accountability, stakeholder engagement, and public finance management.

