



PROFESSIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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Becoming good decision-makers

**“PROFESSIONAL IS NOT A LABEL YOU
GIVE YOURSELF**

**– IT’S A DESCRIPTION YOU HOPE
OTHERS WILL APPLY ON YOU”**

David Maister

- What does it take to be a public procurement professional in Africa?



Framework

Government of Kenya

- The National Treasury
- Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
- Kenya Institute of Supplies Management
- Institutions of higher and tertiary learning

Development Partners

- Worldbank
- African Development Bank
- Member countries

Other players

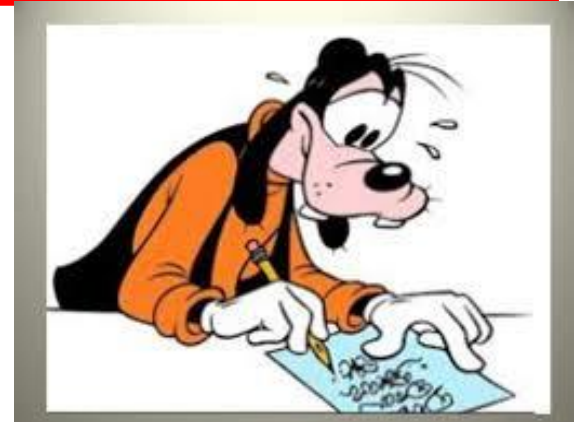
- Professionals
- Consultants
- Researchers



Why Professionalism

Someone once said;

“Doing things the same way and expecting to get different or better results- is the definition of madness”



- KISM is the procurement professional body in Kenya
- It acts to improve people element through enhancing professionalism and ethics in procurement
- Talent, skills and capacity of employees is an ever present need
- No single country can do it alone
- Thanks to APPN



Professionalism

“Professional development does not belong to the ‘nice to have’ basket”

Commitment of our institute to professionalism

- To develop personal qualities necessary to execute professional and technical duties in an ethical manner

Milestones

- Development and implementation of key policies
 - Growth in membership
 - Advocacy and mentorship
 - Accreditation
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Professionalization

This being a continuous process we are arguably not yet there.

- Young procurement professionals needs have not been well addressed
 - Professionals who can cope with the challenges of new policies are few
 - Regional partnerships – not strong
 - Research in procurement and supply – very minimal
 - Taking part in knowledge sharing
 - Innovation and automation of public procurement systems
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Capacity building

**Procurement is at the heart
of every government organ**

Support

Learning

Knowledge

Coaching

Mentorship

Skills

Development



Rate yourselves – Excellent – fair - Poor



Capacity Building

Achievements through government support and own initiative:

- ✓ Institutions of higher and tertiary learning offer courses to address the skills gap
 - ✓ PPRA partnerships and regional integration
 - ✓ KISM involvement in regional conferences with very representation
 - ✓ Leveraging on technology to build capacity
 - ✓ Capacity building workshops
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Parting shot!

Africa has what it takes to change
the narrative

Lets get out of the
'cocoon'

