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THEME :

**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**



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Mr Abdourahmane CISSÉ

*Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency
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Mr Adama COULIBALY
Minister of Finances and Budget



A WORD FROM THE RACOP PRESIDENT



Mrs BAMBA Massanfi
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*President of the Regulatory Council of the
National Public Procurement Regulatory
Authority (Côte d'Ivoire)*

Honored guests,

«**Akwaba**» in Côte d'Ivoire, a land of hospitality and fraternity.

The African Public Procurement Network is delighted to welcome you to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for its 3rd General Meeting.

We will be pursuing our reflections on the efficiency of our network, sharing experiences and learning from national and international



experts about innovations in the public procurement ecosystem.

Indeed, that's what RACOP is all about: a learning and networking platform that strengthens the capacities of its members, and works to build robust, dynamic and modern national public procurement ecosystems.

From November 13 to 16, 2023, in the magnificent setting of the SOFITEL Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire, we will be meeting face-to-face or remotely on the theme: «Public procurement for sustainable development in Africa».

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee, the Technical Secretariat and the members of the network for their contribution to consolidating our achievements, and for the work they have accomplished over many years.

My thanks also go to the Technical and Financial Partners of this event, the African Development Bank, the World Bank and the Islamic Development Bank, for their important support in making this event a reality.

This third General Assembly, placed under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Alassane OUATTARA, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, will be an opportunity for representatives of member countries to discuss themes such as «Socio-economic development through public procurement», «Public-private partnership for infrastructure development in

Africa», «Strengthening the role of women-owned businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises through public procurement», to name but a few.

Our country, Côte d'Ivoire, fully appreciates the honor of hosting this high-level meeting, and intends to live up to expectations.

We wish you all an excellent General Meeting!



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WORD FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK



Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala
*Senior Vice President, African Development
Bank Group*

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is delighted to be a sponsor of the third General Assembly of the African Public Procurement Network (APPN), hosted by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in Abidjan, and welcomes all participants. The hosting of the General Assembly in Côte d'Ivoire is of the utmost importance to the African Development Bank considering the Bank's headquarters are in Abidjan. AKWABA!

Over the years, the Bank's senior management has shown its commitment to supporting public procurement reforms and modernization in its Regional Member Countries. The Bank is proud to have laid the foundations for the launch of the APPN during the High-Level Forum on Public Procurement in Johannesburg in 2017. The APPN was formally established in 2018 in Lomé, Togo with the support of the AfDB, in collaboration with other partners.

Since its creation, the network has grown. It offers multiple opportunities for members as a platform for exchanges and experience sharing, despite the challenges faced during the Covid-19 pandemic. This work is consolidated during the General Assembly meetings, and the Bank welcomes the opportunity to add its voice to the discussions and to contribute to the promotion of public procurement reforms in Africa.

This year's General Assembly's theme: "Public Procurement for sustainable development in Africa" is timely. It will enable participants to explore opportunities for optimal regional cooperation in public procurement, contributing to sustainable development in Africa. It will also be an opportunity for participants to exchange and familiarize themselves



with the emerging themes of public procurement, such as socio-economic development, gender promotion, prevention of corruption and investment in human capital to improve the performance of the public procurement system.

The African Development Bank is honored to provide technical and financial support for the organization of this third General Assembly of APPN from November 13 to 16, 2023. This follows the successes of the first and second General Assemblies of the APPN in Senegal and Eswatini in 2019 and 2022, respectively.

The Bank strongly believes that these meetings will strengthen the bonds and relations among Regional Member Countries through the proper functioning of this important network. We would like to assure you that the African Development Bank will continue to support the APPN and explore ways of ensuring its sustainability. On that note, the Bank wishes for a successful third General Assembly of the African Public Procurement Network.



WORD FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD BANK



THE WORLD BANK

Greetings.

On behalf of the World Bank, we warmly welcome you to the Third General Assembly of the African Public Procurement Network (APPN). Let us begin by congratulating the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for hosting this event in this beautiful city of Abidjan.

This Assembly is a significant event that brings together heads of public procurement from various African countries, international and regional expert resource persons and representatives of the World Bank, African Development Bank, and Islamic Development. We all have a stake in public procurement as the effectiveness of Africa's economic development depends to a large extent on the performance of the public procurement systems of the countries represented here.

The APPN is the largest formal procurement network globally. Forty-three African countries have signed the APPN Articles of Association. It continues to provide a platform of learning and networking for the public procurement policy makers and practitioners. It facilitates exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices through knowledge exchange sessions and

procurement webinars on topics of interest to its member countries. The network has become an important platform for regional cooperation for the continuous improvement of public procurement systems.

Public procurement plays a crucial role in Africa's economic growth by promoting local industries, fostering innovation, improving governance, and enhancing economic inclusivity. To fully unlock the potential of public procurement, African nations need to ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in their procurement processes. Strengthening legal frameworks, investing in capacity building, encouraging collaboration between the public and private sectors, and making effective use of innovative technology are vital steps in harnessing the transformative power of public procurement for African economies. We are pleased to learn that the APPN has been contributing to the efforts of its member countries to help them achieve the above-mentioned goals of their public procurement systems.

The APPN holds immense importance for Africa's economic development as its efforts enhance regional integration, stimulate economic growth,



and foster sustainable development. Embracing the APPN presents African nations with an opportunity to maximize the benefits of public procurement, create a conducive business environment, and accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals – the main purpose of which is to raise the living standards of the peoples of Africa.

We expect the APPN to continue and expand its efforts for stronger regional integration,

and harmonization, and encourage enhanced collaboration within the Network members. The World Bank, along with the other Development Partners, has been supporting and will continue to support the APPN in these efforts.

We encourage you to enjoy your stay in this beautiful host country and contribute to fruitful conclusions and recommendations for the continued economic development of Africa.

Ousmane Diagana

*Regional Vice President
Western and Central Africa
Region*

Victoria Kwakwa

*Regional Vice President
Eastern and Southern
Africa*

Ferid Belhaj

*Regional Vice President
Middle and North Africa
Region*



A WORD FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK



Aamir Mir

*Manager, Project Procurement and
Financial Management Division*

The Islamic Development Bank is participating in the 3rd General Assembly of the APPN, which is a high forum that promotes discussion and reflection on crucial issues, particularly those relating to sustainable development.

The Bank's participation attests to its continuing interest in the APPN and its will to support its member countries' thinking on issues likely to improve their procurement framework. Supporting sustainable development in Africa through public procurement involves putting in place a legal and operational framework that encourages and facilitates the use of sustainable public procurement in its social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

There are opportunities for sustainable development in Africa through public procurement. Taking account of the sustainable development dimension in public procurement remains a major asset for Africa if the challenges and problems associated with it are properly identified and strategies are put in place to apply them effectively.

The Islamic Development Bank hopes that the discussions and the various sessions will be fruitful and will lead to conclusions that will enable great strides forward on the issues and challenges of public procurement for sustainable development in Africa.

Wish you all success.



CÔTE D'IVOIRE, A LAND OF HOSPITALITY

Côte d'Ivoire is a state located in West Africa, with an area of 322,463 km², it is bordered to the northwest by Mali, to the northeast by Burkina Faso, to the east by Ghana, to the southwest by Liberia, to the west by Guinea and to the south by the Atlantic Ocean. In 2021, its population was estimated at 29,389,150 inhabitants.

Yamoussoukro is the political and administrative capital and Abidjan the economic capital. The official language is French, the country bringing together more than 60 ethnic groups divided into 4 large groups: the Akans, the Mandés, the Krous and the Voltaïques. Its currency is the CFA franc and the country is a member of several organizations such as ECOWAS, the African Union (AU), the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), the United Nations (UN), the Bank African Development Bank (AfDB).

On the economic level, Côte d'Ivoire represents a significant weight in the West African sub-region, contributing nearly 40% to the GDP of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA).

In the agricultural sector, the country is the world's

leading producer of cocoa with more than 40% of the market and is also the world's leading producer of cashew nuts, with 20% of production. It ranks first in Africa for several other agricultural export products (rubber, cotton, coffee, palm oil, banana, pineapple and cola).

The primary sector is mainly focused on agriculture, with 22% of GDP ; the secondary sector, which also accounts for around 22% of GDP, mainly concerns oil refining, energy, agri-food and construction; finally, the tertiary sector, predominant at around 56% of GDP, is dominated by telecommunications, transport, trade and financial activities.

After an economic growth of 8% per year between 2012 and 2019, the growth stood at 2.3% in 2020 despite the global health context and its economic consequences (compared to 6.7% initially forecast by the IMF).

The prospects are good for Côte d'Ivoire and its inhabitants, the national development program (NPD) for the period 2021-2025 provides for major structural reforms aimed at stimulating sustained growth, particularly driven by the private sector.





In terms of tourism, the country has a wide variety of historical monuments. The historic town of Grand-Bassam, the first capital of Côte d'Ivoire, has been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2012. The country's first colonial port, economic and legal capital from the end of the 19th century to the first part of the 20th century, Grand-Bassam offers colonial architecture and town planning, is a true witness to the history of Côte d'Ivoire.

In Yamoussoukro, the Basilica Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix of Yamoussoukro, inaugurated and consecrated by Pope John Paul II in 1990, is a replica of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and can accommodate, in its central part, 18,000 people including 7,000 seated, 30,000 people standing on its square and more than 150,000 people standing in the space between the columns of its esplanade. It is also considered one of the largest and most extensive religious buildings in the world.

In the north of the country, Muslim religious buildings in the Sudanese style characterized by a type of architecture introduced in the Mali Empire are also remarkable. The most significant are the mosque of Kaouara (department of Ouangolodougou), the mosque of Tengréla, the mosque of Kouto, the mosque of Nambira (sub-prefecture of M'Bengué), the two mosques of Kong having, according to specialists, a triple architectural, historical and heritage value.

Finally, it should be noted that sport and culture occupy a very important place in the hearts of Ivorians. Thus, several Ivorians have distinguished themselves in these fields, like Didier DROGBA, legend of Chelsea FC (England), one of the best strikers of his generation, or Alpha BLONDY considered one of the most successful, emblematic and influential artists in Africa.





Day 1

Time	Subject	Resource Persons
08:30-09:00	Registration	Host
OPENING CEREMONY		
09:00-09:10	Welcome Speech by Chairman of the African Public Procurement Network	Mrs BAMBA Massanfi married name DIOMANDE , President of the Regulatory Council of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ANRMP) of Côte d'Ivoire
09:10-09:20	Speech by the Minister in charge of Public Procurement in Côte d'Ivoire	Mr Adama COULIBALY , Minister of Finance and Budget
09:20-09:40	Opening Remarks by Sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Swazi Bajabulile TSHABALALA, Senior Vice President, AfDB • Mrs. Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira, Country Director, the World Bank • Mr Elhadj Malick Soumare, Global Lead Procurement Specialist, IsDB
09:40-10:25	Network achievements and challenges since second General Assembly in Mbabane in November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr ALASSANE BA, APPN Executive Committee Coordinator • Mr Aftar Touré MOROU, Secretary General APPN
10:25-10:35	Opening speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdourahmane Cissé, Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
10:35-11:40	Coffee Break/Family Photo/Meeting with the press	
11:40-12:40	Keynote Speech : Socio-economic Development through Public Procurement	<p>Moderator: Mr Frank Mvula, Director, Fiduciary and Inspection Department, AfDB</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Alastair Merrill, Director, Merrill Solutions, Ltd, Scotland</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:40-13:40	LUNCH BREAK	
13:40-14:55	Challenges and opportunities of sustainable procurement to African economic development	<p>Moderator: Mr ALASSANE BA, APPN Executive Committee Coordinator</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Farid Yaker, Consultant Sustainable</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya: Mr. Thomas Otieno • Morocco: Mr. Hassane Zaidi • Mr. Kofi Awanyo, the World Bank, • Ms. Carey Kluttz, OCP, • Mr. Jean Alexandre Blanchard, Infrastructure Professional in PPP Sector
14:55-15:25	COFFEE BREAK	



Time	Subject	Resource Persons
15:25-16:55	Public Private Partnership for Infrastructure Development in Africa	<p>Moderator: Mr. Kofi Awanyo, Procurement Practice Manager, World Bank</p> <p>Speaker : Mr. Jean Alexandre Blanchard, Infrastructure Professional in PPP Sector</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Côte d'Ivoire: Mr. Moussa Kouyate • Kenya: Mr. Thomas Otieno • Nigeria: Mr. Aliya Edogi Aliyu • South Africa: Mr. Tumelo Ntlaba • Mr. Sambe Ababacar, Senior PPP Operations Officer, AfDB
16:55-18:10	Enhancing Role of SMEs and Women-owned Enterprises through Public Partnerships Procurement	<p>Moderator: Mrs. Sakinatou Balde, Principal Environmental Officer AFAWA, AfDB</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women-owned Enterprises: Mrs. Carey Kluttz, Open Contracting Partnership • SMEs: Mr Alastair Merrill <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana: Mr Kwame Prempeh • Mali: Mrs. Fatoumata Djagoun Touré • Mozambique: Mrs. Albertina Carlos José Fruquia • Mr David Kagoro Baguma • Mrs. Nazaneen Ali, the World Bank
19:00-22:00	Welcome Cocktail Reception	By African Development Bank

Day 2

Time	Subject	Resource Persons
08:45-10:00	Investing in human capital for enhancing public procurement performance	<p>Moderator: Mr Elhadj Malick Soumare Global Lead Procurement Specialist, IsDB</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Bategeka Kabagambe Levi, Head, Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Makerere University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria: Mrs. Rabiya Ozigis Yahaya • Senegal: Mrs. Poulmery Ba Niang • Togo: Mr. Rassidi SOUMAILA • Tanzania: Mrs. Winifred Aloyce • Mrs. KENZA KHACHANI (OECD)



Time	Subject	Resource Persons
10:00-12:00	Dispute Resolution Mechanisms: Dispute Resolution Boards and AfDB initiative to support African Arbitration Centers	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ashraf Hussein Ayad, Lead Procurement Policy Officer, AfDB</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul KAREKEZI, Representative of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) • Mr. Augustin BARRIER, LALIVE, Counsel <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRCICA: Mrs. Malak LOTFI, Case Manager and Legal Researcher, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Egypt • KIAC: Mr. Victor MUGABE, Secretary General, Kigali International Arbitration Centre, Rwanda • CCJA : Mrs NGO MOUTNGUI Esther, President, CCJA-OHADA, The Common Court of Justice and Arbitration, Côte d'Ivoire. • Kenya: M. Thomas Otieno • Sénégal : Mrs. Poulmery Ba Niang,
COFFEE/TEA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING THE SESSIONS		
12:00-13:15	Introduction and Operationalization of e-GP in Africa for Efficiency, Transparency and Value for money	<p>Speaker/Moderator: Mr. Edwin Muhumuza, OCP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angola: Mr. Osvaldo Tome Dos Santos Ngoloimwe • Botswana: Mrs. Tumelo Motsumi • Rwanda: Mrs. Joyeuse UWINGENEYE • Uganda: Mr. Benson Turamye
LUNCH BREAK		
14:15-15:30	MAPS contributions to sustainable economic development in Africa – country cases	<p>Speaker/Moderator: Mr. Nicolas, Penagos, Head, MAPS Secretariat</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angola: Mr. Osvaldo Tome Dos Santos Ngoloimwe • Gabon: Mr. Bastide Ngonga • Ethiopia: Mr. Glendo Haji Ibsa • Mauritius: Mr. Bhagwansing Dabeesing • Mr. William Dakpo, OIC Procurement Division Manager, AfDB • Mrs. Etel Bereslawski, the World Bank • Mr. Elhadj Malick Soumare, IsDB



Time	Subject	Resource Persons
<p>Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs BAMBA Massanfi married name DIOMANDE, President of the Regulatory Council of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ANRMP) of Côte d'Ivoire and current President of RACOP plus Local Committee. • Mr. Aftar Touré MOROU, Secretary-General, APPN 		
15:30-18:00	<p>Moderator : FIVE WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Each Group will discuss and formulate three implementable actions on the topics as follows:</p> <p>Group 1: Ways and means of establishing and strengthening APPN governing and executive bodies.</p> <p>Group 2: How APPN can play a role in sustainable capacity building of officials involved in public procurement</p> <p>Group 3: What actions APPN can take to promote e-GP, Sustainable Procurement, PPP, Oversight of Public Procurement</p> <p>Group 4: How to improve the knowledge creation and sharing aspects of APPN for the benefit of its member countries.</p> <p>Group 5: Establishing and strengthening APPN relationship with African regional economic cooperation bodies involved in public procurement.</p>	<p>Each group will comprise the representatives of the member countries in the Sub-regional networks as follows:</p> <p>Group 1 – Sub-regional Network East Group 2 – Sub-regional Network West Group 3 – Sub-regional Network North Group 4 – Sub-regional Network South Group 5 – Sub-regional Network Center</p> <p>The Subregional Network Coordinators will serve as the chairperson of their respective Groups.</p> <p>Each Group will elect a moderator and a rapportor.</p>



Day 3

Time	Subject	Resource Persons
09:00-10:30	Groups report to the plenary	The Technical Secretariat will record the recommendations and convert them into regional and sub-regional action plans.
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
APPN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Mrs BAMBA Massanfi married name DIOMANDE, President of the Regulatory Council of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ANRMP) of Côte d'Ivoire and current President of RACOP plus Local Committee.		
11:00-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of technical and financial report, and discussions (General Secretary, Technical Secretariat) • A new policy on membership and membership fees and dues • Amendments to the Articles of Association 	Facilitator : Mr. Aftar Touré MOROU, Secretary General APPN
12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of procedures • Manuals • Any other business 	Facilitator : Mr. Aftar Touré MOROU, Secretary General APPN
15:00-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of new Chair and host for the Fourth General Assembly • Introduction of new Chair and handover/takeover ceremony 	Facilitator : Mr. ALASSANE BA, Executive Committee Coordinator
CLOSING CEREMONY		
17:00-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks and way forward • Final communique • Expression of thanks • AfDB • Ms. Boutheina Guerhazi, Director, the World Bank • Elhadj Malik Soumare, Global Lead Procurement Specialist, IsDB • Closing speech by host • Speech by new Chair of the Network 	
19:30-22:00	GALA DINNER	BY HOST COUNTRY



Day 4 : Cultural activities

Time	Subject	Resource Persons
09:00-12:30	Touristic visit	All participants
12:30-14:00	Lunch	All participants



Boulay Island, Côte d'Ivoire



LOGISTICS NOTE

The Third General Assembly of the APPN is going to be in Abidjan, the economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire – Yamoussoukro being the administrative and political capital.

Abidjan is the most populated town of all the West French Speaking Countries in Africa and is the third town of Francophonie. Considered as the cultural center of West Africa, Abidjan witnesses a high growth with a high level of industrialization and urbanization.

THE VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The plenaries and the working meetings will take place in Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire, a hotel that is both touristic and modern in the chic district of Cocody on the edge of Ebrié lagoon.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

The official language of Côte d'Ivoire is French. But English and Portuguese will be available in simultaneous interpreting.

CONFERENCE TIME

The conference will start from Monday, November 13, 2023 at 09:00 a.m. GMT to Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 06:00 p.m. GMT.





CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

To confirm their participation, the network's member countries should provide information as follows, before September 15, 2023 to the following : I.kra@anrmp.ci, jp.tano@anrmp.ci.

- The appointed delegate's surname, first name and professional title ;
- Number of days for participation ;
- A copy of the passport;
- Dates of travel (arrival and departure);
- Preferred language.

We kindly invite you to send to us the same information concerning additional members of your delegation.

YOUR STAY

Participants' travel costs, boarding and accommodation will be financed by the Network supported by the Co-sponsors including the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the Islamic Development Bank.

Each member country will cover all travel costs for non-sponsored participants.

VISA PROCESS

E-visa application process

E-visa applications are made via the site as follows: www.snedai.com. (the only website approved and recognized by the government of Côte d'Ivoire)

The application is valid only for ordinary passport holders with validity period of minimum six (6) months, and in accordance with the process as follows.

Pre-registration

Record your information and upload the following documents:

- Your passport identity page (s),
- The round-trip air ticket booking,
- Invitation letter or accommodation certificate (to be entered and legalized before uploading for the certificate).

NB: The three (03) documents listed above are important for the visa application. The visa application will be rejected in advance if these documents are not correctly scanned (JPG/PNG/GIF/PDF format) and uploaded to the online form. The maximum size per file must be less than or equal to 1 MB.



Payment of visa fees for a period of three (03) months (multiple-entry), currently 73 Euros per VISA or MASTERCARD;

Receipt of an instant email, accompanied by an attachment containing the unique and personal payment certificate code.

Receipt of response from approving authority: Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (D.S.T)

Within 48 hours (working days), the applicant receives a bar-coded document at his or her e-mail address, containing the authority's response (approved or refused).

NB: The approved pre-registration document is valid for 3 months from the date of approval.

Airport check-in

The applicant embarks with the «Pre-enrolment approved» document and, on arrival at Abidjan airport, goes to the «Airport Visa» area. There, he or she completes biometric enrolment, and the visa is printed and issued immediately. E-visa enrolment booths are available 24/7.

N.B: Enrolment (fingerprinting and photo) is compulsory for each visa application, even if the applicant has already obtained several visas.

List of physical documents to be presented at Abidjan airport

- Original receipt for visa fees;
- Approved pre-registration document (positive response from E-visa validation services) ;
- Passport valid for at least six months;
- International yellow fever vaccination certificate.



COVID-19 AND HEALTH MEASURES

In Côte d'Ivoire, no certificate of negative COVID-19 or vaccination is required. However, travelers will be subject to a systematic temperature check. Travelers leaving Côte d'Ivoire will be subject to a COVID-19 health document check according to the recommendations of transit and destination countries by airline companies.

Proof of yellow fever vaccination is mandatory (up-to-date health record or digital proof). Treatment to prevent malaria and the following vaccinations are recommended before departure: viral hepatitis A and B, diphtheria, meningitis A and C, typhoid.

For more information: <https://ivory-coast.visahq.com/customs/>

MOVING

At your arrival:

Vehicles will be available for transfers from the airport to your hotel.

You will be welcomed in the «arrival» hall by a hostess who will be holding a sign with the «APPN» logo.

If necessary, you can contact the logistics manager at: (+225) 05 46 01 95 70 (Mr DJORO Rodrigue)

For your personal outings:

There are several apps for booking cabs in Côte d'Ivoire: Uber, Yango and Heetch. These apps are available on Playstore and Applestore.

OTHER RECOMMENDED HOTELS

All non-sponsored participants are invited to make a reservation at one of the hotels we recommend below, by contacting them directly.

Please note that all non-sponsored participants will be required to pay their accommodation bill and all related expenses in full at the time of departure.

A shuttle bus will be available morning and evening to take you from your hotel to the conference venue. Shuttle times will be announced on site.

Name of the Hotel	Location	Room rates (breakfast included)
	Plateau Avenue Terrasson De Fougères Angle, Rue Gourgas. Tél : (+225) 2720232023 Email: abidjan.reservation@accor.com	Between 155,000 FCFA and 350,000 FCFA (from superior room to suite)
	Plateau Avenue Lamblin, Rue Colomb Tél : (+225) 25 20 00 67 00 Email: info.abidjan@seenhotels.com	Between 75,000 FCFA and 140,000 FCFA (standard room or junior suite)
	Marcory Boulevard Valéry Giscard d'Estaing Tél: (+225) 27 21 22 25 55 Email: reservationaha@azalaihotels.com	Between 135,000 FCFA and 160,000 FCFA (from standard to executive room)



RESTORATION

Meals	Participants staying at SOFITEL	Participants staying at other hotels	Precisions
Breakfast	Included in room rate	At participant's expense. Recommended hotels have breakfast packages.	
Lunch	Available to all participants on the conference site (Monday to Wednesday)	Available to all participants on the conference site (Monday to Wednesday)	On Thursday lunch will be taken at the field trip site. Friday: Departure or free time (*).
Dinner	Included in room rate (Monday to Thursday)	At participant's expense	Wednesday evening's closing dinner is offered to all participants.

(* End of sponsors' support)

ELECTRICITY AND UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

You can use your electrical appliances in Côte d'Ivoire if their voltage is between 220 and 240 V (as in the UK, Europe and Asia). If not, provide a power plug adapter.



CLOTHING AND CLIMATE

Côte d'Ivoire is the transition zone between a humid equatorial climate and a dry tropical climate, with abundant rainfall in the south.

In November, there are likely to be a few rainy spells and temperatures between 26° and 28°C.

The work rooms are all equipped with air conditioning. Working clothes will therefore have to take account of the above-mentioned factors.

For the closing dinner, the dress code will be «smart casual».

For the outing, we recommend casual/sportswear..



CURRENCY

Côte d'Ivoire uses the CFA franc (XOF), which has had a fixed parity with the euro since January 1999 :
1 Euro (EUR) = 655,957 Francs CFA (XOF) 1 FCFA (XOF) = 0,00152 EUR

Besides the Euro, the most frequently traded currencies, at a variable rate, are the US Dollar, the Canadian Dollar, the British Pound, the Swiss Franc, the Japanese Yen, and the Chinese Yuan.

Average rate :

1 dollar américain (USD) = 599,50 Francs CFA (XOF) 1 FCFA (XOF) = 0,00166 USD

1 livre sterling (£) = 762,51 Francs CFA (XOF) 1 Fcfa (XOF) = 0,0013 £

MEANS OF PAYMENT

The most common method of payment in Côte d'Ivoire, as in many African countries, is cash.

The use of debit and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express) and Mobile Money payments is limited to restaurants, hotels and popular shopping centers.

Secure ATMs are available everywhere, especially in Abidjan's banks and financial establishments. Each bank charges a different commission for cash withdrawals with a foreign card.

TELECOMMUNICATION

There are three cell phone operators in Côte d'Ivoire (Orange CI, MTN CI, and MOOV AFRICA).

To make calls, you can use the roaming option or buy a SIM card from one of the three cell phone operators in Côte d'Ivoire as soon as you arrive at Abidjan airport.





SECURITY

For your own safety, we recommend that you take the following steps :

- Always keep an eye on your wallet, especially in crowded places.
- If you're carrying a bag, make sure you close it properly when walking and keep it close to you in an appropriate place.
- Keep your important documents and valuables in your hotel safe, and provide the hotel with a release form.
- During the day, please bring an official identity card (passport, CNI).
- Avoid dark, lonely places
- In general, but especially in public places, avoid commenting on political and electoral issues.
- Identify evacuation routes in all the places you visit, and especially at your hotel.
- If you are caught in a potentially violent situation, such as a public demonstration, seek shelter immediately in upscale hotels (Sofitel, Novotel, Pullman, Noom Hôtel, Radisson Blu, Azalai, Ibis Hôtel, Movenpick, Le Wafou, etc.) or large public buildings, such as libraries, theaters, hospitals or museums.
- Use credit and debit cards only at recognized institutions.
- If possible, ask for a receipt for each purchase.

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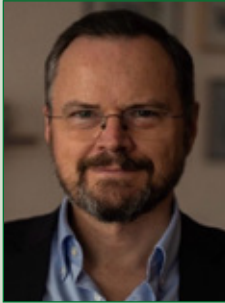
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PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKERS

Keynote Speech 1 : **Socio-economic Development through Public Procurement**

Conférencier



Alastair Merrill

MA FCIPS, FRSA

Alastair has over 35 years' experience working in a wide range of public sector, international, diplomatic and operational settings, providing a unique perspective on business transformation and strategy development.

Alastair combines a role as Vice Principal of the University of St Andrews responsible for corporate governance, with the provision of strategic consultancy services through his company, Merrill Solutions Ltd. He has worked with governments and international public and private sector organisations worldwide, advising on all

aspects of procurement reform, risk management, and corporate governance.

Alastair held the roles of Commercial Director and Chief Procurement Officer in the devolved Scottish Government from 2009-15. He is the architect of the internationally acclaimed “Scottish Model of Procurement”, and successfully led the wide-ranging change programme required to implement it across the Scottish public sector. He remains an influential advocate of procurement reform as a strategic enabler of policy development and public service delivery.

Particularly interested in the use of public contracts to deliver innovation and sustainable social, environmental, and local economic benefits, Alastair pioneered the introduction of a “sustainable procurement duty” in primary legislation. He was an early champion of using e-procurement and data analytics to deliver greater transparency in public spend, improve decision-making and tackle fraud and corruption. He has led a range of initiatives to encourage SMEs as drivers of economic growth, and to place sustainability at the heart of public purchasing.

Alastair received an Outstanding Award for Services to Procurement from GO Procurement Awards in 2015, and is a visiting lecturer on Tor Vergata University’s prestigious International Masters in Public Procurement Management degree programme.



Modérateur



Frank MVULA

Director Fiduciary and Inspection Department, ADB

Mr. Frank Mvula is a citizen of Zambia currently employed as Director Fiduciary (Procurement and Financial Management) Services and Inspection since October 2018, has over 20 years wealth of experience in Procurement, Water and Sanitation, Infrastructure Development and Project Management. He is currently responsible for development and implementation of Fiduciary policies.

He served as Country Manager for African Development Bank in Malawi, from 2017 – 2018. In this role, he led policy dialogue with the Malawian government and other development partners. From 2014 – 2017 he was the Division Manager for the Procurement Division, supervising a team of over fifty Procurement Professionals across the continent. He led the fiduciary oversight of the Bank Group's portfolio and provided advisory services to Senior Management on policy, strategy and a broad range of procurement issues relating to Bank's operations across sectors. From 2009 to 2013, he worked as the Chief Regional Procurement Coordinator, in East and Southern Africa spearheading procurement reforms. He joined the Africa Development Bank in 2003 as Senior Architect/Implementation Specialist in the Human and Social Development Department.

Prior to joining the African Development Bank, Mr. Mvula worked at the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company as Director, Commercial Services in 2003, as Projects Manager/Senior Engineer between 1998 and 2003, and as a Graduate Engineer between 1995 and 1996. He also worked as a Lecturer/Staff Development Fellow at the University of Zambia from 1996 – 1998.

Mr. Mvula holds a Master's Degree in Sanitary Engineering from the IHE Delft, Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands and a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Zambia, Lusaka.



Keynote Speech 2 : Challenges and opportunities of sustainable procurement to African economic development

Speaker



M. Farid Yaker

Consultant, commande publique durable

Farid Yaker, senior expert, is specialized in the support to emerging countries in the development and implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement policies.

He led the work of UNEP on SPP from December 2008 to March 2023.

As such, he directed the publication of numerous UNEP publications including the periodical Global SPP Reviews and the SPP Implementation Guidelines. Farid Yaker supervised the development of the SDG 12.7.1 methodology and the first two data collection exercises in 2020 and 2022.

Farid taught Agricultural economics at the University of Blida, Algeria from 1988 to 1990 before joining the international NGO Enda (Environmental Development Action) after the Rio summit that he attended in 1992.

Farid took the direction of the European office of Enda before joining UNEP.

He holds a master's degree in Agricultural economics from the University of California at Davis, USA.

Moderator

Alassane BA

Executive Committee Coordinator, APPN

Alassane BA is the current President of the Regulatory Authority for Public Procurement and Public Service Delegations (ARMDS) re-elected for a term of five (5) years at the end of the second extraordinary session, held on Thursday April 7, 2022, in the ARMDS meeting room. This re-election reflects the renewed confidence of the highest authorities and his peers on the Regulatory Council. Indeed, during his first term as a member of the Regulatory Council (March 2017 to March 2022), he was elected President on February 18, 2021 following the departure of his predecessor.

And since then he has headed this independent administrative authority whose main mission is to ensure the regulation of the public procurement system and public service delegation agreements with a view to increasing their transparency and efficiency. Currently in his second term since March 30, 2022, he promises virtuous governance based on strict respect for the cardinal principles of public procurement.

An Exceptional Class Civil Construction Engineer, from March 2012 to 2015, he served as Technical Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office and from February 2015 to March 2017, he was Head of the Infrastructure and Industries Development Unit. From August 2015 to November 2015, Alassane BA was appointed by the Prime Minister as Acting President of the Organizing Committee of the 2017 Africa-France Summit.

He holds a Doctorate Degree (PHD) obtained in 1993 at the Institute of Aerial Photo Geodesy and Cartography in Moscow (Russia). But, following his higher studies at the same University from 1983 to 1989, he already had his Cartographic Engineering Diploma in his pocket.

He obtained his last Master's degree in Sustainable Geo-development in 2011 at the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec. Mr BA has carried out several study trips and training courses around the world.

Producer of the Total-Mali network map (published in 200 copies) and the Tourist Map of Mali (published in 5,000 copies) on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Alassane BA is fluent in French, Russian, English, Bambara, Ouolof, Peulh and Sonrhai.





Keynote Speech 3 : Public Private Partnership for Infrastructure Development in Africa

Conférencier

M. Jean Alexandre BLANCHARD

Infrastructure Professional in PPP Sector

An infrastructure professional with more than 20 years' experience in the transports, infrastructure and PPP fields. M. BLANCHARD spent his early years within the French Ministry of Transport developing his PPP expertise in the opening of the French railway sector to competition with large infrastructure PPP projects such as HSL «Sud Europe Atlantique» and «Bretagne Pays-de-la-Loire». Then, M. BLANCHARD joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2008 for nearly 9 years: first as a PPP/concessions specialist in Russia, where he led a range of transactions/initiatives to achieve transition or investment/financing objectives in relation to PPP/infrastructure concession projects, and later as principal banker in Russia and Central Asia. He then became Fund Manager in the EBRD's Infrastructure Project Preparation Fund (IPPF) in 2015, covering the PPP component of this facility, developing PPP projects on behalf of Belarus, Egyptian and Ukrainian authorities. In 2017, he returned to the French ministry of Transports as Senior Director of Concessions then Deputy Head of Motorway PPP Procurement dept covering all motorway concession tender of the Ministry. He recently joined Île-de-France Mobilités, the authority in charge of public transportation for the Île-de-France region (12M inhabitants including France capital, Paris), as Director - Opening to competition of the urban railway sector overseeing the preparation, planification and organisation of the tenders opening to competition the regional and urban railway services. In addition, M. Blanchard has been a certified CP3P trainer since 2018, delivering on behalf of K-infrastructure(<https://www.k-infrastructure.com/>)numerous CP3P training programs across Africa notably.



Modérateur



Kofi Awanyo

Civil Engineer

Civil Engineer and Member of the Ghana Institution of Engineers is currently Practice Manager (Procurement) for Africa West and Central working in the Governance Global Practice, World Bank. He has worked in the World Bank for over 25 years in projects in several countries in the East Asia and Pacific Region and in the Africa Region including China, Mongolia, Vietnam, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, and Ghana. His current interests include implementation support for public procurement reforms, sustainable public procurement and the design and implementation of procurement and contract information systems. Prior to joining the World Bank, he had been working as design/site engineer/project manager for infrastructure projects in the water and transport sectors. He has a graduate degree in Highway Engineering from the University of Birmingham, UK.



Keynote Speech 4 : Enhancing Role of SMEs and Women-owned Enterprises through Public Partnerships Procurement

Conférenciers

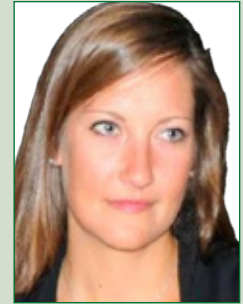
Carey Klutz

Head of Partnerships

Carey Klutz leads our country engagement strategy and supports open contracting implementation around the world. She also directly oversees our projects in Africa, the Middle East, and France.

Before joining OCP, Carey served as a Fulbright-Clinton Fellow with the national mining company of Côte d'Ivoire, where she also supported the Open Government Partnership process. Prior to her Fellowship, Carey was with the World Bank's Governance Global Practice where she focused on open contracting as well as governance of the extractive industries, and previously served as Executive Director of the Bridges of Understanding Foundation, dedicated to fostering understanding between the United States and the Arab world.

Carey holds an MA from the American University of Paris and a BA from the University of Virginia. She has studied Arabic and is fluent in French. Carey is based in Washington, DC.



Alastair Merrill *(Cf p. 25)*

Modérateur



Sakinatou BALDE

Principal enabling environment officer for AFAWA

Sakinatou BALDE is a Guinean national with 15 years' experience in multilateral organisations and in the private sector, mainly supporting public decision makers in designing and implementing specific strategies, policies and projects to enable women-led SMEs to formalise their business and access finance and markets. She currently work as Principal Officer for the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative at the African Development Bank. AFAWA is a flagship initiative that specifically focuses on increasing inclusive finance for women entrepreneurs in Africa. Prior to AFDB, she worked at the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), as a Project advisor to the Administrator's Office (N°2 of the Organisation) and was responsible for providing strategic advice to top management on the Organisation projects' structuration and efficacy specifically with regards to gender inclusion and women's economic empowerment. She oversaw the design and the implementation of the emergency Fund which intends to mitigate economic and social impacts of Covid-19 on women-led businesses in more than 30 African countries. Prior to OIF, Sakinatou worked for Euromonitor International, a consulting company based in London where she was responsible for coordinating studies on the private sector and the business environment, and covered Algeria, Cameroon, DRC, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Tunisia. Sakinatou holds a Master of Science in Development Economics with a major in International Project Management from Panthéon Sorbonne university in Paris.



Keynote Speech 5 : Investing in human capital for enhancing public procurement performance

Conférencier



Dr. Bategeka Kabagambe Levi

Head of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Makerere University Business School

Bategeka Kabagambe Levi is a Procurement specialist with over 17 years experience in Public Sector Procurement and Advisory. He is currently a Board Member of Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) of Uganda, serving a second 4-year term till 2025. He has served on Committees of the Board, including Human Resources, Advisory, and Audit and risk. Dr. Bategeka holds a Ph.D in Business Administration (Global supply management) from the University of Nairobi, and Msc. and B.COM Degrees from Makerere University. He is a procurement Professional and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply, UK (MCIPS-UK). He is also a Certified Procurement Practitioner (CPP) of the Institute of procurement professionals of Uganda (IPPU).

Dr. Bategeka has twice served as Chairperson of the Institute of procurement professionals of Uganda on a 3-year term. During this period, he supported Public sector Procurement Capacity Development in Uganda and the region. Dr. Bategeka has a wide-spanning experience in Procurement training and Advisory in areas of institutional, regulatory, sourcing strategy, and contract management, peculiar to Africa. Besides the industry experience, Dr Bategeka is a Senior Faculty at Makerere University Business School, where he has taught and supervised both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students in various research projects. At the University, Dr. Bategeka has previously served as the institutions Quality Assurance Director besides other roles. Currently, Dr. Bategeka is the Head of Procurement and Supply Chain Management at Makerere University Business School.

Modérateur



Elhadj Malick Soumare

Global Lead Procurement Specialist, IsDB

Elhadj Malick Soumare is a Ph.D. Engineer in Civil Engineering and Ph.D. in Management of Sciences with more than 25 years of experience in procurement and project management in IFIs/MDBs. After having worked as a Project Manager at the Agency for the Execution of Works of Public Interest Against Underemployment (AGETIP) created by the World Bank in Senegal, Manager of the Procurement Division at the Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), Senior Procurement Specialist at the African Development Bank (AfDB), he is currently working as a Global Lead Procurement Specialist at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).



Keynote Speech 6 : **Dispute Resolution Mechanisms: Dispute Resolution Boards and AfDB initiative to support African Arbitration Centers**

Conférenciers



Paul KAREKEZI

Représentant de la Dispute Resolution Board Foundation

Mr. Paul Karekezi is a member of the Region 2 (Africa, Asia, Europe and Middle East) board of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF), a worldwide organization that is committed to promoting the use of Dispute Boards (DB) as a method of dispute avoidance and resolution. The DRBF is a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization in the United States. Before his appointment to the board in 2022, he served as the DRBF country representative in Kenya for a period of nearly 10 years.

Mr. Karekezi was until 2020 the managing director of GIBB Africa Limited, an engineering and environmental consultancy with a large footprint in Africa. He currently serves as its executive chairman.

Since early 1990s Mr. Karekezi has provided assistance to various public sector entities across Africa in the procurement of works contracts for infrastructure projects, mostly financed by multilateral development banks and international finance institutions. These projects include both traditional contracting as well as public private partnerships.

Mr. Karekezi is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), an Accredited Mediator by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), and an adjudicator – he is listed on the Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs Conseils (FIDIC) President List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators.



Augustin BARRIER

Lawyer

Augustin Barrier joined LALIVE in 2016. His main area of practice is international arbitration, including commercial and investment treaty arbitration in a wide array of business sectors including the oil & gas industry and renewable energies, mining, joint-venture, supply and distribution and foreign investments, notably in Europe and Africa. He has acted as counsel in numerous international arbitral proceedings under the aegis of various institutions (ICC, LCIA, SCC, NAI, CCJA, ICSID) as well as ad hoc proceedings governed by a range of substantive and procedural laws,

both common and civil law, such as French, Swiss, Swedish, English, Algerian, Nigerian, Mauritanian, OHADA and international law. He regularly publishes content relating to international law, international arbitration and arbitration law. He also contributes to the preparation of the Revue des revues for the Journal du Droit International (Clunet).



Augustin Barrier is a member of several professional associations, including the Young Arbitrators Forum of the ICC (YAF), the Young International Arbitration Group of the LCIA (YIAG), CFA-40, Young ICCA, Young ITA, ASA below 40 and the African Arbitration Association (AfAA). He is a co-Founder of the Swiss Chapter of the ENERAP (Energy-Related Arbitration Practitioners) association.

Before joining LALIVE, Augustin Barrier practiced international arbitration at leading international firms in Paris, where he also practiced commercial and white-collar crime litigation.

Augustin Barrier holds a Licence de droit from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Masters degrees in Economic Law from Sciences Po Paris and in Litigation, Arbitration & ADR from the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas.

Modérateur



AYAD Ashraf Hussein

Lead procurement policy officer

Ashraf Ayad, accumulates over 22 years of experience in procurement and project management. In particular he possesses extensive experience in designing efficient procurement arrangements and monitoring of procurement performance within projects of various sizes and with different complexity levels. Mr. Ayad currently serves as the Lead Procurement Policy Officer in the African Development Bank (AfDB) responsible for the development of various procurement tools and policy documents. He significantly contributed to the development of the AfDB's current

Procurement Framework and was also selected as a member of the High-Level Panel responsible for the review of the Islamic Development Bank's Procurement Policy. Before joining the Bank, he worked as a business development and procurement expert in Egypt, Namibia and Swaziland where he assumed different roles. During this period he developed bidding strategies and market analysis for private sector firms. He also served as a Member of various high-level committees assigned to approve high value procurement, claims, contract amendments and complaints. Mr. Ayad holds an MBA from the American University in Cairo, he was also certified by the Project Management Institute, Pennsylvania, USA as a Project Manager Professional (PMP), in June 2002. He also acquired a B.Sc. In Civil engineering from Cairo University in 1992.



Keynote Speech 7 : Introduction and Operationalization of e-GP in Africa for Efficiency, Transparency and Value for money

Conférencier / Modérateur



M. Edwin MUHUMUZA

Head of Africa, OCP

Edwin Muhumuza is the Head of Africa at the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP)- where he leads the portfolio to open up and transform public procurement across the African continent. Edwin works with frontline government teams in several African countries to redesign government processes and systems through open data, better civic and business engagement, monitoring and research. Through engagements with senior decision makers at country, regional and global levels, he advocates for changes in how procurement and procurement systems serve African governments and their citizens, turning procurement from a compliance driven, complex, paper-based process into an open, results-driven digital service that delivers value for money, as well as value for many.

Before joining OCP, Edwin worked at the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), the public procurement regulator in Uganda where he rose through the ranks to the position Director Corporate Affairs. He was responsible for strategy, partnerships and performance monitoring and was at the forefront of some key reform initiatives such as e-procurement, open contracting and promotion of partnerships with non-state actors in contract monitoring.

Edwin holds a BA (Econ/SA) from Makerere University, a Msc Procurement and a Masters in Public policy and International Development) from the University of York (UK). He has attended several post graduate courses in Leadership development, public policy, monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning to mention but a few.



Keynote Speech 8 : **MAPS contributions to sustainable economic development in Africa – country cases**

Conférencier / Modérateur



M. Nicolas PENAGOS

Head of the MAPS Secretariat

Nicolas Penagos is the Head of the MAPS (Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems) Secretariat housed at the OECD in Paris. Before joining the MAPS Secretariat, he was the Head of Latin America at the Open Contracting Partnership. Prior to that, he was Acting Director and Deputy Director at Colombia's National Procurement Agency. Nicolas holds a double major in industrial engineering and mathematics; and a masters in sustainable development from the University of Paris - Dauphine.



Facilitateur



Aftar Touré MOROU *Secretary General of APPN*

A graduate of Ecole Nationale d'Administration (National School of Administration) of France, Promotion Jean ZAY, à Sciences Po Strasbourg, he is certified by the training institute of the International Monetary Funds (IMF) for his training in macroeconomics management and budget policy. And currently, he is the Director General of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority of Togo (ARCOP) and is the Secretary General of the African Public Procurement Network (APPN) as of 2019. He has a solid 13-year experience in macro financial matters, as well as in strategic advice to the private and public sectors pertaining to budget reforms and economic policy and public procurement. Before joining the firm of Mr. SANI YAYA as advisor responsible for mission, Aftar was at the State budget department as economist, at the General Directorate of budget and finances at the Ministry of Economy and finance in Togo. He also worked, especially on public and financing policy in health sector, technical and vocational educational system, development from the grassroots and youth employment. With the help of his team and national actors, between 2019 and 2022, he contributed actively to the assessment of public procurement system in Togo and to the public procurement management reform, which has enabled the government to adopt innovative texts as far as public procurement is concerned in Togo. Again, with his team and stakeholders, he produced a study on the professionalization of the public procurement and promoted the establishment of the African Public Procurement Institute in Togo. He has been several times top award winner of CHOISEUL 100 AFRICA respectively in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and is an alumnus of the IVLP Leadership program of the US state department.



Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala

Senior Vice President, African Development Bank Group

Ms. Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala is the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) Senior Vice-President having been appointed to the position in November 2021. Prior to that she was the Vice President Finance and Chief Finance Officer since November 2018 and the acting Senior Vice President from March 2020 to October 2021.

Reporting directly to the Bank's President, Ms. Tshabalala has broad responsibilities for coordinating the overall work program of the entire group, in fulfilment of the Bank's Long-Term Strategy and its High 5 Operational Priorities. As Senior Vice President of the Bank Group, she is responsible for overseeing the Bank Group's operational lending program, together with the overall management of the key administrative functions of the Bank Group including strategy and

operational policies, programming and budgeting, framing of operations procurement and financial management policies and their implementation, operations quality assurance, delivery and performance management, amongst others. As the Senior Vice President, she also chairs the Senior Management Coordination Committee (SMCC), the Operations Committee (OpsCom) and the Wakanda Steering Committee while overseeing the attainment of key corporate strategies and work program activities in line with key commitments to the Bank Group's member countries following the Bank's historic 7th General Capital Increase (GCI VII) and the 15th Replenishment of the Africa Development Fund (ADF 15).

Ms. Tshabalala has nearly 30 years of experience in finance, treasury management, capital market operations and investments. She has a BA in Economics from Lawrence University (1989) and an MBA from Wake Forest University (1992) both in the USA.



M. William DAKPO

Procurement Manager at the African Development Bank (AfDB)

Mr William DAKPO accumulates over 30 years' experience in the field of procurement and contract management of which 21 years working for Multilateral Development Banks. He has solid experience in the appraisal and implementation of development projects of various complexity in Africa. He has also been involved in the assessment of procurement systems, has supported and conducted public procurement reforms and dialogues in a number of countries. Mr DAKPO is currently acting procurement Manager at the African Development Bank (AfDB). In this capacity, he supervises on behalf of the institution, all ongoing and prospective operations in the 27 countries under the Division and within the North, Central and West regions. Mr. DAKPO holds an MScA in civil engineering from Ecole polytechnique de Montréal (1993) as well as an engineering degree in public works from ENTP-d'Alger (1988).



Boutheina Guermazi
*World Bank Director for Regional Integration
Africa, the Middle East and Northern Africa*

Ms. Guermazi, a Tunisian national, joined the Bank in 2004 as a Regulatory Specialist. She has since held several positions of progressive responsibility in the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) teams, including Practice Manager for the Digital Development teams covering the Middle East and Africa Regions, and World Bank Director for Digital Development.

She became the World Bank Director for Regional Integration for Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa since October 18, 2021. In this position she oversees the implementation of the World Bank Group's regional integration strategy and leads the policy dialogue and partnership with regional organizations, country clients, and partners.

Ms. Guermazi holds a PhD in Civil Law from McGill University.



Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira
Incoming Country Director for Côte d'Ivoire, Bénin, Guinea and Togo

Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira is the World Bank Country Director for Côte d'Ivoire, Bénin, Guinea and Togo.

A Rwandan national, she joined the Bank as an Operations Officer in 1995 in the Rwanda country office and has subsequently had extensive experience working across World Bank various departments.

Prior to her new assignment, Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira was a World Bank Country Manager for Madagascar. She is an Economist by training with more than 20 years of experience in the field of development. She worked across the various departments of the World Bank spanning from field to Headquarters, global practices and country management. She held different various positions including at the corporate level as chief of Staff/Deputy Chief to the World Bank Executive; at country management level leading the formulation and implementation of countries strategies and high-level country dialogue; at the sectoral level including managing a Water Sector Practice Group.

She also served as an Assistant to the President in EXC in 2010, before rejoining the African Region as Country Program Coordinator for Cape Verde/Gambia/Guinea-Bissau/Senegal.

She was also a Practice Manager for the Water Global Practice and Deputy Chief of Staff to the World Bank Group President. Her recent assignment was Head of Office for the Chief Executive of the World Bank. Her prior Bank experience includes executive positions in the private sector as well teaching assignments in universities.

Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira holds a Master's degree in Economics and business administration.



Elmas Arisoy

***Regional Procurement Manager for Eastern and Southern Africa Region
in the Governance Global Practice of the World Bank***

Elmas Arisoy is the Regional Procurement Manager for Eastern and Southern Africa Region in the Governance Global Practice of the World Bank since July 2022. She currently oversees the operational procurement in Eastern and Southern African countries under the Bank financed projects and works closely with the client countries in supporting their public procurement reform activities. She has been with the World Bank for more than 23 years and has earlier worked in Europe and Central Asia, East Asia and Pacific and South Asia Regions of the World Bank, including as Regional Procurement Manager for the last 10 years.

She has been involved in every step of the project cycle of Bank financed projects and also led analytical work on public procurement at the country level by leading Country Procurement Assessment Reviews, Use of Country Systems Assessments etc. in multiple countries. During 2018-2022, she guided her team to carry out Country Procurement Assessments using MAPS tool in Bangladesh and in India, which were highly appreciated by the countries and recommendations are being implemented. She also oversaw implementation of comprehensive public procurement reform in a project in Bangladesh, which was the first and only such project financed by the Bank.

Prior to joining the Bank, Ms. Arisoy, a Turkish national and engineer by training, worked for the Ministry of Tourism in Turkey for about 10 years as an engineer, procurement specialist and project manager in designing and implementing Government and World Bank-financed infrastructure projects along Aegean and Mediterranean coastline. She has a Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees from Middle East Technical University, Turkey in Environmental Engineering.



Etel Patricia Bereslawski

Procurement Manager Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank

Etel Patricia Bereslawski, an Argentinian and Spanish national, joined the Bank in 2008 as a Senior Procurement Specialist in Procurement Sector Unit in Latin America and Caribbean Region

She has since held various positions as a Senior Procurement Specialist, Hub procurement coordinator and Lead procurement specialist in the Latin America Caribbean and East Asia and Pacific regions in the World Bank. Since February

2020, she is the Procurement Manager for the Middle East and North Africa Region for the World Bank based in Cairo.

Before joining the World Bank, she worked for several international organizations, such as UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, European Union, and Asian Development Bank and for one of the largest Spanish consulting firms. Overall, she accounts with more than 30 years of experience and has lived and worked in ten different countries (Argentina, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Angola, Spain, Honduras, Philippines, USA, Brazil and China).

Etel Patricia Bereslawski holds a master's in civil engineering from the University of Buenos Aires, postgraduates in Water Resources and Hydrogeology, from the Institute of Hydrology of Madrid and Polytechnic University of Catalonia, and an Environmental Sciences certificate from the University of Harvard, Massachusetts and a Master LLM on Public Procurement Law and Policy by the University of Nottingham (2015).



Nazaneen Ismail Ali

Procurement Practice Manager for the World Bank in Africa Western and Central Region

Nazaneen I. Ali is a Procurement Practice Manager for the World Bank in Africa Western and Central Region based in Washington, DC. She has over 17 years of public procurement operational and advisory services experience working with governments on planning and execution of reform programs, including: Assessment and modernization of public procurement systems, introduction of innovations in their practices, building capacity, and promoting SME and gender

inclusion.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Ali led several public procurement reform programs, served as World Bank Hub Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Africa East and South (AFE) regions. Her procurement experience spans countries of all income groups and includes procurement in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

Ms. Ali holds a master's degree in architectural engineering. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked as an architect in the US and in Iraq in both public and private sectors. She also lectured on project management. In addition to being author or co-author of a number of publications on public procurement, she is also a winner of several awards in recognition of her work and for her integrity in public procurement.

Select Publications :

1. State Owned Enterprises Procurement Landscape in MENA – 2023
2. Building for the Future: Public Procurement during Challenging Times in the Middle East and North of Africa – 2022
3. Can Public Procurement Bring Socio-economic Empowerment Policies into Implementation? – 2020
4. Yes, They Can: SMEs Filling the Infrastructure Gap in Fragile Countries – 2018
5. Financing Needs Cannot Be Met Without Private Sector's Help – 2015
6. The Political Economy of Procurement Reform in Iraq – 2014 (winner of the World Bank's Procurement for Complex Situations Challenge in 2014)



CONCEPT NOTE

Historical

Forty African countries' representatives formally established the African Public Procurement Network (APPN) in Lomé in October 2018 by signing its Articles of Association (AA). The main purpose of the APPN is to provide a platform for learning and networking to public procurement policy makers, regulators and practitioners of its member countries.

The AA deal in detail with the objectives of the Network, set out the rules for membership, and established its governing bodies and their functions. The organs of the Network include Chair, the Executive Committee, and the Technical Secretariat based in Lomé and eventually to be affiliated with the African Union.

The APPN is the largest formal public procurement network. APPN comprises almost all African countries which are grouped in five sub-regional networks as follows :

North Africa Sub-regional Public Procurement Network (NASPPN) : Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, South Sudan, and Tunisia - **Tunisia/Egypt**

East Africa Sub-regional Public Procurement Network (EASPPN) : Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda – **Uganda/Rwanda**

West Africa Sub-regional Public Procurement Network (WASPPN) : Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo - **Mali/Nigeria**

Central Africa Sub-regional Public Procurement Network (CASPPN) : Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and São Tomé & Príncipe – **Gabon/Central African Republic**

Southern Africa Sub-regional Public Procurement Network (SASPPN) : Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe – **Botswana/Eswatini**

The Executive Committee (EC) is composed of the representatives of the five regions of Africa, as shown above in bold. These representatives were elected by the sub-regional network members in Mbabane in November 2022. The sub-regional network members also elected Mali as the EC Coordinator and Nigeria as Alternate Coordinator.



Second General Assembly (SGA)

The participants of the First General Assembly in Dakar in November 2019 selected Eswatini as the Chair of the Network until the Second General Assembly and its host, and Côte d'Ivoire until the Third General Assembly (TGA) and its host. Therefore, TGA will be held in Abidjan from November 13 to 16, 2023.

The SGA held in Mbabane achieved all its objectives. More specifically :

- ➔ Participation of all the African countries (43 countries) in the high-level meeting on public procurement consisting of knowledge exchange.
- ➔ Elaboration of recommendations for regional and sub regional networks through five working group discussions which will form the basis of a regional action plan for improvement of public procurement through regional cooperation; and
- ➔ Successful deliberation on the APPN administrative matters.

Third General Assembly (TGA)

Key Objectives

The Third General Assembly (TGA) of the APPN to be hosted by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire will aim at achieving the Network's overarching goal of providing the heads of public procurement and other key stakeholders of the APPN member countries a platform of learning and networking.

The General Assembly is intended to give an opportunity primarily to the heads of public procurement of the member countries to learn from one another, and from experienced procurement officials/experts from the countries with well-functioning public procurement systems. However, the member countries can nominate more participants provided that (i) these nominations belong to the sectors and agencies relevant to public procurement such as procurement capacity building institutions, oversight bodies, civil society, construction, manufacturing and consulting industries and (ii) they bear the cost of their participation, including airfare, lodging and boarding.



TGA Theme and Timeline

The themes and the date of the TGA have been decided by the Executive Committee (EC) of the APPN during its meeting on March 28, 2023. The Executive Committee has also discussed and decided upon the other aspects of the TGA, including the financing requirements and the sources of funding, the role of the Technical Secretariat in supporting the host for successfully holding the TGA, etc. The draft agenda of the TGA is at Annex 1.

In order to effectively achieve the objectives of the TGA, it is imperative that only the key stakeholders such as senior officials relevant to public procurement including representatives from the private sector (contracting and consulting industry) and civil society organizations (CSO) are nominated for participation.

Host, Cosponsors, Participants and Agenda

The Public Procurement Agency of Côte d'Ivoire will be the host and organizer of the TGA. It will be co-sponsored by the World Bank and African Development Bank, and other MDBs (TBD). The key participants of the TGA will be the heads of public procurement regulatory bodies in the APPN member countries as well as the ones responsible for controlling and auditing public procurement

The following African cooperation and integration organizations will be invited to send delegates :

1. African Union
2. Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
3. Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
4. Community for Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)
5. East African Community (EAC)
6. Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
7. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
8. Southern African Development Community
9. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
10. West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

The Network will bear the travel, boarding and hotel stay cost of only one participant from each APPN member country. However, the member countries can nominate additional participants at their own expense. The Assembly sessions will also be made available virtually. A large number of participants are expected to be nominated by the host country. These participants would include the representatives of the civil society, academia, bidding community, and associations. The relevant UN agencies, such as IFAD/ILO, who contribute to the capacity of the public procurement officials, will also be invited.



Presentations and Discussions

Each member of the Executive Committee will make a brief presentation on key topics and issues of common interest if the countries in their respective Sub-regional networks.

International experts including co-sponsors will also make presentations on various topics of interest related to the TGA theme.

Relevant topics related to the theme of the TGA will be debated by all practitioners of public procurement to come out with essential recommendations and key resolutions for the proper functioning of public procurement in their respective countries.

The TGA will be a platform for substantive work and reflection in small working groups within which all the six sub-regional networks of West, East, North and Southern Africa and central 1 and 2 will be represented.

The TGA will also discuss the issue of network membership, including its sustainability. This question will include a discussion of the level of dues and membership fees and the collection of payments.

Venue and Duration

The GA will be held in Abidjan from November 13 to 16, 2023.

Planned Activities

These following main activities are included in the program.

- ➔ Inaugural session
- ➔ General Assembly (GA) for the exchange of knowledge and experiences from other regions and the Africa region.
- ➔ Focus on :
 - The viability of the network
 - The operationalization of the Technical Secretariat
 - Implementation of the regional action plan
- ➔ Approval of amendments to the statutes
- ➔ Election of the new Chair of the network and the host of the Fourth General Assembly.

On the last day, the TGA participants will break into five working groups. Each group will be assigned one or more topics relevant to the TGA theme. Each group will discuss and elaborate a list of three common issues and propose actions for implementation by the APPN Technical Secretariat.



TGA Coordination Team

The host will be supported by the TGA coordination team, which will include the current President of APPN, the Secretary General of APPN (ARCOP-Togo), members of the Executive Committee, as well as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, and the Islamic Development Bank, as follows :

- ➔ Mrs. BAMBA Massanfi épouse DIOMANDE, President of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ANRMP) of Côte d'Ivoire and current Chair of APPN plus Local Committee.
- ➔ Members of the APPN Executive Committee
- ➔ APPN Technical Secretariat
- ➔ The World Bank (Sponsor)
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- ➔ African Development Bank (sponsor) - Mr. William Dakpo (Chief Regional Procurement Coordinator for West Africa Region)
- ➔ IsDB (sponsor) – Ms. Ndyé Fatou Diongue, Field Procurement Officer, Dakar Regional Hub (NDiongue@IsDB.org)

Key Outputs of the Conference

The outputs of the TGA in Cote d'Ivoire will be as follows:

- Knowledge exchange on topics relevant to the TGA theme takes place.
- Knowledge on new and innovative public procurement developments is acquired from international experts.
- Effectiveness of the APPN as a platform of learning and networking is ascertained and recommendations are sought from the participants (broken into working groups) for a regional action plan to improve further as necessary.
- APPN administrative matters are discussed and resolved as necessary.



Logistics and Travel and Other Expenses

The host in collaboration with the Technical Secretariat and the Coordination Team will prepare a detailed note on logistics and will post it on the RACOP-APPN website and circulate it to the participants in due course of time. Travel expenses and boarding and lodging of one participant from each country will be borne by the sponsoring agencies. Other participants will bear their own, travel, boarding and hotel stay costs.

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