

# Editorial

## Preventing Fraud and Improving Transparency in Public Procurement

Fraud and corruption in public procurement represent major challenges for many African countries. These issues undermine trust in public institutions and divert essential resources from crucial development projects.

In public procurement, fraud often manifests through practices such as bribery, kickbacks, and fraudulent bidding. Corruption can distort the competitive process, leading to inflated contract costs and substandard goods and services. To combat these practices, it is essential to establish robust regulatory frameworks and implement rigorous oversight mechanisms.

It is worth noting that on August 29, 2024, Wolfgang K.C. Koehling, Operations Manager at the World Bank, spoke at a session organized by the RACOP on the theme: "Detecting Fraud and Combating Corruption in Public Procurement: Tools and Practices to Prevent Fraud and Improve Transparency."

Edwin Muhumuza, Head of Africa at the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP), who participated in this session, stated: "There is no single solution to combat fraud and corruption, but rather a combination of tools." (Read the contribution).

Among these tools, technology plays a crucial role in enhancing transparency and reducing opportunities for corruption. Electronic procurement systems, or e-GP, can streamline the procurement process, making it more efficient and less prone to manipulation. By digitizing public procurement activities, governments can provide a transparent platform where all transactions are visible and accessible for scrutiny. This not only deters corrupt practices but also promotes fair competition among suppliers.

Ultimately, addressing fraud and corruption in public procurement requires a comprehensive approach. Governments must commit to implementing robust anti-corruption measures, leveraging technology, and promoting transparency.

On this note, I invite you to read the 10th issue of our newsletter for an enriching read.

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# News

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TOGO:

**HAPLUCIA AND ARCOP LAUNCH A CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM ON CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND COMBAT IN LOMÉ**



On August 26, 2024, in Lomé, the High Authority for the Prevention and Fight Against Corruption and Similar Offenses (HAPLUCIA), in collaboration with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARCOP), launched a capacity-building program for members of public procurement management bodies, focusing on **corruption prevention and combat**.

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CÔTE D'IVOIRE



**CREATION OF A PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAM IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: EXPERT TRAINERS AT THE INP-HB TEACHING TECHNIQUES SCHOOL IN YAMOUSSOUKRO**

In Côte d'Ivoire, the National Authority for Public Procurement Regulation (ANRMP) organized a training workshop on teaching techniques according to the LMD system, held from August 1 to 2, 2024, in Grand-Bassam. This workshop is part of the **project to establish the Professional Master's in Public Procurement (MPCP)**.

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**LIBERIA**

**VISIT OF THE E-GP PROJECT TECHNICAL TEAM TO LIBERIA: RAISING AWARENESS AMONG KEY MINISTRIES FOR THE PILOT PHASE**

In Liberia, the Ministry of Public Works, the Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs, and the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning hosted the technical team for the pilot phase of the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System as part of the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) visit.

Led by Mr. Bodger Scott Johnson, the Chief Executive Officer of the project, this visit aimed to raise awareness among the selected institutions about the implementation of the project.

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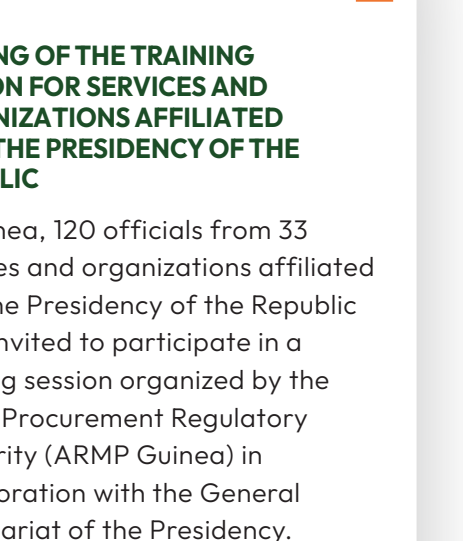
**WORKSHOP ON ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

In Burundi, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARMP), in partnership with UNDP Burundi, organized a workshop on ethics and professionalism in public procurement for Contracting Authorities on August 21 and 22, 2024.

At the end of the two-day training, the representatives of the Contracting Authorities praised the organization of the workshop and the importance of the topics discussed for improving ethics and professionalism in public procurement.

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GUINEA

**CLOSING OF THE TRAINING SESSION FOR SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC**

In Guinea, 120 officials from 33 services and organizations affiliated with the Presidency of the Republic were invited to participate in a training session organized by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARMP Guinea) in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Presidency.

This session is part of an effort to strengthen the capabilities of those involved in public procurement and PPP processes within presidential entities. The goal is to help participants become familiar with and adapt to the new institutional, legislative, and regulatory framework for public procurement in Guinea.

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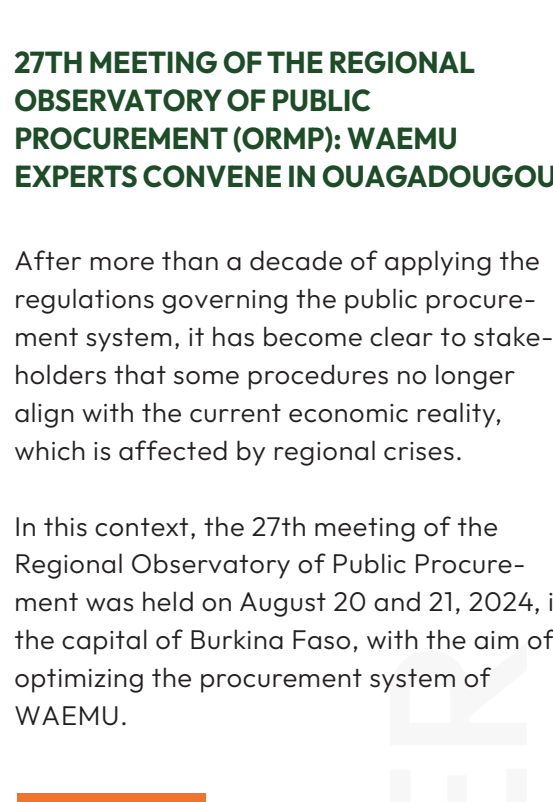
**ARCOP TOGO: ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF CCTI'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT MEMBERS**

In Togo, the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARCOP) has made capacity building for public procurement professionals a top priority.

The year 2023 was marked by an extensive training program across the entire national territory. In addition, the Master's in Public Procurement Engineering, launched in October 2021, continued to advance, with the first cohort of students completing their curriculum in 2023.

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BURKINA FASO



**27TH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVATORY OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (ORMP): WAEMU EXPERTS CONVENE IN OUAGADOUGOU**

After more than a decade of applying the regulations governing the public procurement system, it has become clear to stakeholders that some procedures no longer align with the current economic reality, which is affected by regional crises.

In this context, the 27th meeting of the Regional Observatory of Public Procurement was held on August 20 and 21, 2024, in the capital of Burkina Faso, with the aim of optimizing the procurement system of WAEMU.

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SENEGAL



**DEMATERIALIZATION: CONGO DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM SENEGAL**

Senegal is leaving a very positive impression within the public procurement community, generating significant interest from its peers in its expertise in the digitalization of procurement processes.

In this context, Congo, represented by a delegation, was hosted by Senegal's Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARCOP), the Central Directorate of Public Procurement, and the consultancy firm 2SI, which supports ARCOP in the development of a dedicated platform. This meeting, held on August 16, 2024, was part of a mission focused on immersion and experience-sharing in the digitalization of public procurement.

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COTE D'IVOIRE



**DEMATERIALIZATION: ANRMP EXCHANGES WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CONTROL (DGCMP) OF THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

On August 13, 2024, a delegation from the Ministry of Budget, Public Accounts, and Public Portfolio of the Republic of Congo visited the headquarters of the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ANRMP). The purpose of this immersion and exchange mission was to learn about the advancements in public procurement digitization achieved by ANRMP.

The delegation was led by Mr. Gavinet Duclair MAKAYA BAKU-BUMB, Director of Information and Assistance at the Directorate General for Public Procurement Control (DGCMP). Upon arrival, they were welcomed by Dr. BILE Vincent, Deputy Secretary-General in charge of Appeals and Sanctions at ANRMP.

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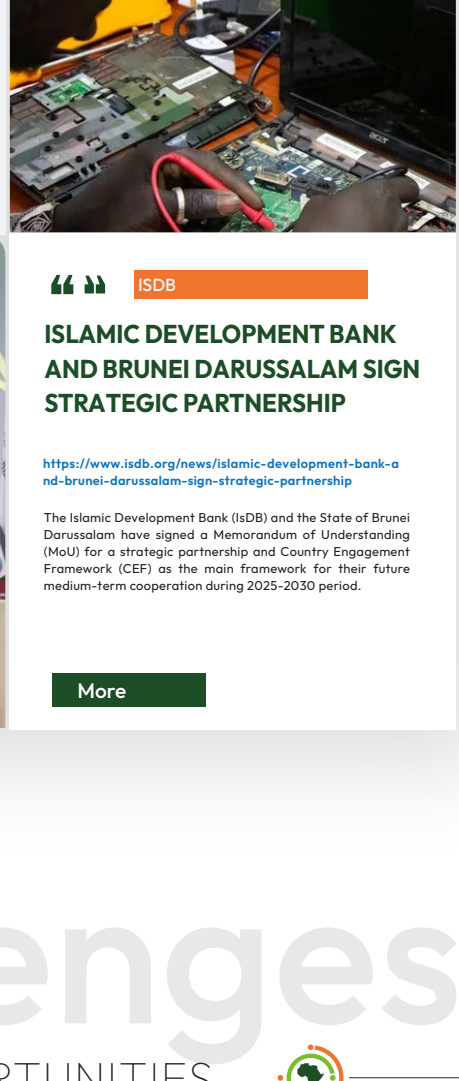


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**ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK AND BRUNEI DARUSSALAM SIGN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

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