

**9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network**  
**e-Government Procurement Conference 2023**  
18–20 October 2023  
Tbilisi, Georgia

## **AGENDA**

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### Day 1 – 18 October 2023

8:00 – 9:00 am      Registration

9:00 – 9:20 am      **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome Remarks, Mr David Songulashvili, Chairperson, Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee, Parliament of Georgia  
Opening Remarks, Mr Jeff Taylor, Deputy Director General and Chief Procurement Officer, Asian Development Bank  
Keynote Address , Mr Lee Sangyun, Vice Administrator, Public Procurement Service, Korea

9:20 – 10:30am      **SESSION 1**

#### **Artificial Intelligence and Procurement Efficiency**

*Panel discussion to cover strategic sourcing, specifications, bid documents, dynamic purchasing systems, spend analysis, contract negotiations, contract management, due diligence.*

#### **Panelists:**

Mr Manoj Kumar, Deputy CEO, Government e-Marketplace SPV, Ministry of Commerce, India

Mr Jeff Taylor, Deputy Director General and Chief Procurement Officer, ADB

Mr Kim Byung-il      Data Analysis expert, SKC&C, Korea

Mr Hunt La Cascia, Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank

Moderator: Ms. Sarah Cotgreave, FCIPS, ADB Consultant

10:30 – 11:00 am      **Coffee Break and Picture Taking Session**

11:00 – 12:30 pm      **SESSION 2**

#### **Public Trust in Procurement Systems and Processes – Part 1. Digital Tools**

*Development of digital tools supporting integrity, anticorruption, citizen engagement and Participation.*

#### **Panelists:**

Mr Vitaliy Trenkenshu (Red Flags AI) Kazakhstan experience

Dr Ahu Meryem Erdogan, Head of International Relations Department, PPA, Turkiye

Mr Goran Davidovski, Department Head, Public Procurement Bureau, North Macedonia (Red flags Tools in e-GP: Macedonia experience)

Mr. Ramesh Radhakrishnan, Deputy Director General, eProcurement Software Development Division, National Informatics Center, India

Moderator: Mr Chenjerani Simon Chirwa, Practice Manager, Procurement-Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

12:30 – 1:30pm

**Lunch Break**

1:30 – 3:00 pm

**SESSION 3**

**Public Trust in Procurement Systems and Processes – Part 2**

*How e-GP can contribute to improvement of transparency, fairness, accountability of public procurement.*

**Panelists:**

Ms Eliza Niewiadomska, Associate Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Mr Manoj Kumar, Deputy CEO, Government e-Marketplace SPV, Ministry of Commerce, India

Mr Volodymyr Tarnay, Senior Manager- Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Open Contracting Partnership

Mr Tserensabuu Nurenzedgombo, Head of Electronic Procurement and Information Technology Division, State Procurement Agency, Mongolia

Moderator: Mr Chris Smith, ADB Consultant

3:00 – 3:15 pm

**Coffee Break**

3:15 – 4:30 pm

**SESSION 4:**

**Public Trust in Procurement Systems and Processes – Part 3. Digital Tools**

*Development of digital tools supporting accessibility, privacy, citizen engagement and participation.*

**Panelists:**

Ms. Leslie Harper, Senior Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (online)

Mr. Hiram Kuykendall, CTO, MicroAssist, Global Disability Inclusion (video-link)

Ms. Susanna Laurin, Funka Foundation Chair, IAAP and G3ict Representative to the EU

Mr. Dmytro Donets, Procurement Specialist, World Bank Office in Ukraine

Moderator: Ms Galiya Ismakova, Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB

4:30 – 5:30 pm

**SESSION 5**

**Professionalizing the Public Procurement Workforce**

*Learning from the implementation of the European Competency Framework for Public Procurement Professionals*

**Presenters:**

Masayuki Omote, Policy Analyst, OECD

Tamara Buadze, Component Lead, USAID Economic Governance Program

Moderator: Ms Galiya Ismakova, Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB

5:30 – 9:30 pm      **Networking Session hosted by ADB**

**Day 2- 19 October 2023**

9:00 – 10:30 am

**SESSION 6**

**Sustainable Public Procurement – Part 1.**

*Panel discussion to cover issues of social, economic, environmental, and institutional dimensions of SPP. Role of public procurement in achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.*

**Panelists:**

Dr. Solomon Pavliashvili, Deputy Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture, Georgia

Atty. Rowena Candice Ruiz, Executive Director, Government Procurement Policy Board, Philippines

Mr. Hu Kaixiang, Principal staff member, Government Procurement Management Office, Department of Treasury, Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China

Ms. Leslie Harper, Inter-American Development Bank (on line)

Moderator: Ms Jenny Yan Yee Chu, Procurement Specialist, ADB

10:30 – 10:45 am

**Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:30 pm

**SESSION 7**

**Sustainable Public Procurement – Part 2**

*Leveraging digital procurement to measure and advance climate change mitigation and adaptation*

**Presenters/ Panelists:**

Mr. Karolis Granickas, Head-Europe, Open Contracting Partnership

Mr. Saimoni Veramu, Head of Procurement, Fiji Procurement Office

Mr Shawkat Muhammad Quamrul Hasan, Lead Procurement Specialist, World Bank

Moderator: Hunt La Cascia, Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank

12:30 – 1:30 pm

**Lunch Break**

- 1:30 – 2:45 pm      **SESSION 8**  
**Role of International Organizations in Supporting Public Procurement Reform – Part 1**  
*Benchmarking public procurement systems, capacity building.*
- Panelists:**  
Mr Jonaid Myzyri, Chair, State Procurement Agency, Albania  
Prof Dr Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chair, State Procurement Agency, Georgia  
Ms Astghik Solomonyan and/ or Mr Reto Malacrida, World Trade Organization (videolink)
- Moderator: Galiya Ismakova, Principal procurement Specialist, ADB
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm      **Coffee Break**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm      **SESSION 9**  
**Role of International Organizations in Supporting Public Procurement Reform**  
*Assessing procurement systems: MAPS supplementary modules*
- Presenters:**  
Mr. Nicolas Penagos, MAPS Secretariat, hosted by the OECD  
Mr Tanvir Hossain, Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank
- Moderator: Ms Sarah Cotgreave, FCIPS, ADB Consultant
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm      **SESSION 10**  
**e-Procurement Survey, Benchmarking and Moving Forward.**
- Presenters:**  
Mr Chris Smith, ADB Consultant  
Dr. Ramanathan Somasundaram, ADB Consultant
- Moderator: Galiya Ismakova, Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm      **CLOSING SESSION**  
**Closing Remarks**
- Ms Lesley B Lahm, Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission, ADB

**Day 3- 20 October 2023**

- 9:00 am              Field Trip c/o State Procurement Agency (Program TBC)
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm      Fellowship night, hosted by SPA, Georgia