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# Mauritius - MAPS E-PS Supplementary Module

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# **Mauritius Journey of e-Procurement**





The Republic of Mauritius is an island in the Indian Ocean, about 2,600 km from the East Coast of Africa with a surface area of 2,040 km2

Software
Development
Started in
January 2014

Launch of e-PS September 2015 Public Procurement (Electronic Bidding System) Regulations 2015

Amended in 2016, 2018 and 2022

Mandatory Use of e-PS 01 January 2021

(Directive No.47 Mandatory Use of e-PS) (21 August 2020) MAPS Assessment 2021-2022

Initial request to assess the e-Procurement System dated 2018 MAPS E-PS Assessment on going

## **Team of Consultants**



| Core Assessment                             | E-Procurement Assessment                  |
|---|---|
| Lead Consultant – Procurement<br>Specialist | Lead Consultant – e-Procurement<br>Expert |
| Procurement Lawyer                          | Procurement Lawyer                        |
| Local Consultant                            | Procurement Consultant                    |

## **Core Assessment – Main Findings**







- Regulation of elements necessary for proper functioning of e-procurement: procurement legal framework is compliance driven and underpinned by assumption (correct when PPA and PPR initially issued) of paper-based procurement, now lagging behind use of e-PS in practice and legal provisions not fully aligned for e-PS
- e-procurement supports broader government policies of sustainability: sustainability (environmental, economic, social) not comprehensively embedded in procurement legal framework and e-procurement ecosystem

## **Core Assessment – Main Findings**







- The current e-PS is not an end-to-end e-Procurement System and there is no integration with other systems like Tax Authority, Financial Management System, Inventory Management, Business Registration and Banks.
- Full potential of e-PS not in use: Despite, the fact that modules for Procurement Request, Challenge and Appeal, Online Pre-bid meeting, Reverse Auction and Contract Monitoring have been developed and already available in the e-Procurement system, they have yet to be activated in operations.
- Open Contracting Data Standards not supported by e-PS

### **Core Assessment – Main Findings**







# Pillar III. Procurement Operations and Market Practices

Pillar IV. Accountability, Integrity and Transparency of the Public Procurement System

- Procurement methods [and tools] No twostage bidding in e-PS, limited provisions for innovative procurement methods and tools
- Offline bid evaluations
- Technical issues

 e-procurement facilitates review of complaints and appeal - complaint module available but not yet activated.

# Timeline of the E-PS assessment - important milestones



### November - December 2022

• Start of assessment, Preparation of AS-IS report

### January 2023

 Preparation of TO-BE Report and Draft E-PS functional Specifications

### February 2023

• Draft MAPS E-PS Supplementary Module Report

### March 2023

 Review and amendment to the MAPS E-PS Supplementary Assessment Report

### June 2023

 Submission of the revised final MAPS E-PS Supplementary Assessment Report after approval from the MAPS secretariat







# Thank you