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SESSION 7: GROUP DISCUSSIONS

GROUP 1: e-GP SYSTEM DESIGN AND ROLLOUT

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Target Participants

DMCs planning to introduce or upgrade e-GP systems.

Discussion Focus

How to design and roll out e-GP systems that are functional today and AI-ready for future enhancement.

SESSION OBJECTIVE

The discussion aims to help participating countries identify practical strategies for designing and implementing e-GP systems that meet current procurement needs while creating a foundation for future AI-enabled enhancements.

Through peer learning and experience sharing, participants will assess their readiness, discuss key system design considerations, identify implementation challenges, and agree on priority actions for moving forward.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

By the end of the session, participating countries should:

- Assess their current stage of e-GP development or upgrade planning.
- Identify key institutional, technical, and governance considerations for e-GP implementation.
- Define priority actions for developing or strengthening their e-GP systems.
- Record agreed actions in the group discussion template.

• Contribute to a consolidated group summary for reporting during Session 8.

MODERATOR SCRIPT

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 minutes)

Good afternoon, colleagues, and welcome to Group 1 on **e-GP System Design and Rollout**.

This discussion is intended for countries that are planning to introduce a new e-GP system or undertake significant upgrades to existing platforms.

Our focus today is not only on building systems that address current procurement requirements, but also on ensuring that these systems are designed in a way that will support future innovations, including artificial intelligence, data analytics, and advanced digital procurement tools.

By the end of this session, we aim to identify practical actions that countries can take to advance their e-GP journey and strengthen future readiness.

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2. Country Status Assessment (15 minutes)

To begin, I would like each country to briefly describe its current situation.

Please share:

• Current stage of e-GP implementation or planning.

• Main objectives for introducing or upgrading the system.

• Key implementation challenges being faced.

Guiding Questions

- Is your country planning a completely new e-GP system or upgrading an existing platform?
- What are the primary drivers for change?
- Which procurement functions have already been digitized?
- Which functions remain manual?
- What institutional or technical constraints are affecting progress?

Please keep interventions to approximately two to three minutes per country.

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3. Designing an AI-Ready e-GP System (20 minutes)

Now let us focus on key design considerations.

As countries develop or upgrade e-GP systems, it is important to ensure that future AI applications can be integrated without requiring major redesign.

Discussion Questions

Data and Architecture

- How should procurement data be structured and standardized?
- What data governance arrangements are needed?
- How can data quality be ensured from the outset?

System Design

- Which core functionalities should be prioritized during the initial rollout?
- How can systems be designed to remain modular and scalable?
- What interoperability requirements should be considered?

Institutional Readiness

- How can procurement staff be prepared for digital transformation?
- What governance arrangements are needed to support digital procurement?

Moderator Prompt:

"What is the single most important design feature your country should prioritize today to support future AI adoption?"

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4. Implementation and Rollout Strategies (20 minutes)

Let us now turn our attention to implementation.

Even well-designed systems can encounter challenges during rollout.

Discussion Questions

- What implementation approach is most suitable for your country?
- Would a phased rollout be preferable to a nationwide launch?
- How can stakeholder buy-in be secured?
- What training and change-management efforts are required?
- How should suppliers and procuring entities be engaged?

Please encourage participants to share examples of risks and lessons learned.

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5. Action Planning Exercise (20 minutes)

We will now move from discussion to action planning.

Using the Group Discussion Template, please identify priority actions for your country.

For each action, specify:

• Action description

• Responsible institution

• Indicative timeline

• Support required

• Expected outcome

Possible Actions

- Develop an e-GP strategy or roadmap.
- Establish procurement data standards.
- Create data governance and management frameworks.
- Review procurement legislation and regulations.
- Define system architecture and interoperability requirements.
- Conduct readiness assessments.
- Develop implementation and training plans.
- Strengthen stakeholder engagement and change management.

Please focus on actions that are practical and achievable.

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6. Consolidation of Key Messages (10 minutes)

Let us identify common themes emerging across countries.

Discussion Questions

- What are the most common challenges?
- Which design principles received the strongest support?
- What actions should all countries prioritize?
- What forms of regional cooperation could support implementation?

As a group, please agree on:

1. Three key lessons learned.
2. Three priority actions.
3. Key support needs identified by the group.

7. Selection of Presenter (5 minutes)

Please nominate one representative to present the group's findings during Session 8.

The presentation should summarize:

- Main discussion themes.
- Key lessons learned.
- Priority actions identified.
- Support requirements and opportunities for collaboration.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for your active participation.

Before we conclude, please ensure that all country inputs and agreed actions have been captured in the discussion template.

Group 1: e-GP System Design and Rollout Discussion Template

Country	Current e-GP Stage	Main Objective / Challenge	Key Design Considerations Identified	Priority Action	Lead Institution	Timeline	Support Required	Expected Outcome

Group 1 Consolidated Summary

Discussion Area	Key Findings
Common Challenges	
Most Important Design Principles	
Top 3 Priority Actions	1. 2. 3.
Regional Cooperation Opportunities	
Support Needs	
Key Lesson 1	
Key Lesson 2	
Key Lesson 3	