

Presentation to the Africa Regional Meeting (Kampala, Dec. 12 – 14, 2006)

OECD –DAC Joint Venture for
Procurement –
« Methodology for Assessing National
Procurement Systems »


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Outline

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- Baseline Indicators (BLIs)
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Objective and Intent -

- A common framework for donors and partner countries to assess the quality and effectiveness of public procurement systems
- Same benchmarking and assessment result:
 - ❑ An input to partner country capacity development
 - ❑ An input to donor risk assessment



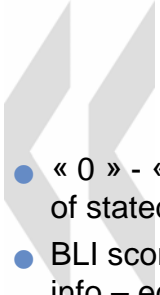
Baseline Indicators (BLIs)

- « Snapshot » comparison of actual system vs international standards
- 12 indicators and 54 sub-indicators arranged around four « pillars »
 - ❑ Legal and regulatory environment
 - ❑ Institutional architecture
 - ❑ Operations of the system and competitiveness of the national system
 - ❑ Integrity of public procurement



Compliance and Performance Indicators (CPIs)

- CPIs look at « how the system actually works »
- Analyzes samples of procurements, transactions and other info (a representative sample of the performance of the system)



Scoring of the BLIs

- « 0 » - « 3 » for sub-indicator (eg 3 – full achievement of stated standard)
- BLI scores are part of the narrative report providing info – eg changes underway but no impact yet
- Judgement of experienced procurement specialists needed



Planning and Preparing

- identification and collection of needed information
- availability and reliability of information, identification of stakeholders to be interviewed, surveyed
- identification and preparation of qualified team of assessors
- for planned self-assessment: validation workshop with donor group is critical
 - credibility and transparency of process
 - accountability to donor parliaments and partner citizens



Assessment Report

- narrative analytical report in addition to assessment results and scores
- provides:
 - context to the assessment
 - the assessor's evaluation of the entire system and status of progress of improvements



References

- OECD-DAC JV website for aid effectiveness / procurement
 - methodology and excel worksheet in: English, French, Spanish and Portuguese
 - Guidance and planning for Pilot Exercise
 - Regional meetings – locations and dates