OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRIDGING DEVELOPMENT AND OECD POLICY COMMUNITIES IN PROCUREMENT

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Bridging Communities of Practice

1. Collaboration is not new...

   – OECD Working Group on Bribery and reviews of anti-corruption measures in bilateral aid procurement
   – Task Force on Procurement: tools for assessing procurement systems (MAPS)

2. But increasing demand for dialogue, in the context of:
   – OECD Council recommendations and OECD Development Strategy
   – The G20
   – The Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation
1996 Recommendation on Anti-Corruption Proposals for Bilateral Aid Procurement

1. The 1996 DAC Recommendation

   - Requiring anti-corruption provisions governing aid-funded procurement
   - Reference for the OECD Working Group on Bribery’s review of ODA related work on anti-corruption and in the 2009 Anti-Bribery Recommendation.

2. Update reflecting best practices on corruption prevention in aid procurement

   - The updated Recommendation presented as a joint DAC/WGB Recommendation to the OECD council (end of 2013)
   - Wide consultations in this process across communities of practice
   - As part of broader collaboration to harmonise principles that will prevent the risk of corruption in aid delivery.
Responding to Busan commitments on effective development cooperation

1. Agreement in Busan (2011) to form a Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation
   - Broad coalition of stakeholders
   - Including commitments to strengthen procurement systems (Cusco Declaration, 2011)
   - Procurement as a strategic function of government
   - Request review of Methodology of Assessing Procurement Systems (applied in over 60 countries)
   - Holistic approach to procurement: linking to broader governance systems

2. Building an inclusive community of practice through a global network of procurement leaders (Task Force on Procurement and leading public procurement practitioners)
Partnership OECD and G20

1. G20
   – G20 committed to promote transparency in public procurement in line with the OECD Recommendation on Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement
   – Procurement is a priority for the Russian Presidency in 2013 under the Anti-corruption Working Group

2. OECD Council (June 2012)
   – Request that the Public Governance Committee foster policy dialogue between OECD and G20 countries on public procurement reforms
Summary: Future collaboration

1. Importance of collaboration key as procurement impacts significantly on economic development

2. The Task Force on Procurement priorities including:
   - Revision of the methodology on assessing procurement
   - Guidance on integrating public procurement within broader governance reforms
   - Increased use of country systems

3. The OECD has developed instruments and recommendations on public procurement:
   - the 2008 Recommendation on Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement;
   - the 1996 DAC Recommendation on Anti-Corruption Proposals for Bilateral Aid Procurement;
   - the 2012 Recommendation on Fighting Bid-Rigging in Public Procurement; and
   - Assessment tools (MAPS and OECD comparative data).

4. Collaboration and knowledge sharing should promote consistent procurement standards and assessment tools shared across policy communities