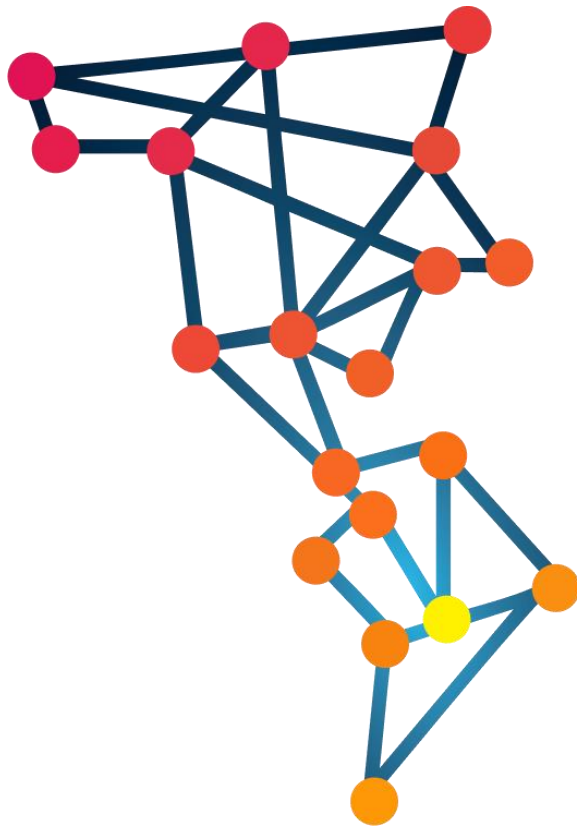




MANAGEMENT REPORT 2023



XVIII CONFERENCE

INGCP

INTER AMERICAN NETWORK ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

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Organization of American States (OAS)
Technical Secretariat RICG - Public Procurement Program



Declaration PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AS A STRATEGIC AREA FOR GENERATING GREATER PUBLIC VALUE AND BETTER ACCESS TO CITIZENS' RIGHTS



RECOGNIZING

The standing of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) as a mechanism for high-level horizontal technical cooperation to mobilize and exchange human, technical, financial, and material resources with a view to generating awareness, experiences, and best practices in public procurement among the member countries of the Organization of American States (OAS), which serves as technical secretariat to the INGP, through the Department for Effective Public Management;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT

The commitments agreed upon by the Heads of State and Government of the OAS member countries, which commitments were adopted through regional instruments such as the Lima Commitment "Democratic Governance against Corruption" from the VIII Summit of the Americas in Lima, Peru (2018) and OAS General Assembly resolutions, underscoring the importance of public procurement as a strategic area for preventing corruption and promoting the sustainable development in the countries;

RECOGNIZING

The efforts and progress made by the national public procurement agencies of the INGP member countries to fulfill their national and institutional objectives; and that transparency, integrity, efficiency, ethics, innovation, competition, and sustainability to achieve triple-impact procurement are key pillars for securing the best value for money and for strengthening their public procurement and contracting systems;

RESOLVES

That, in order to continue strengthening and advancing towards ongoing improvement of national public procurement and contracting systems, in collaboration and consultation with the relevant national agencies, as well as with other key stakeholders;

1. <http://www.oas.sam.gov/ingp/ingp2021.pdf> (INGP) 2021 (09/01/21)
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WE COMMIT TO ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to pursue actions and measures that will contribute to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, and the 2030 and 2050 agendas in public procurement.
2. Promote a culture of integrity for public servants, based on openness, a sense of belonging, commitment, and the passing on of institutional values, to produce greater adherence to the principles and purpose of public procurement, aligned with the institutional mission and vision.
3. Design policies, instruments, and strategic plans geared towards measures to strengthen the institutional capacities of public procurement agencies, oriented to the optimization and efficient use -with quality- of public spending.
4. Promote and raise the professional level of public procurement officers, to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to strengthen their capabilities, to generate greater public value through the processes to procure goods, services, and works.
5. Develop strategic measures to strengthen market capacities to promote more innovative and sustainable solutions consistent with the triple-impact economy.
6. Increase transparency, traceability, integrity, innovation, value for money, and fair competition by making electronic systems for public procurement more robust, using open data and new technologies to enable contracting modalities to be implemented more effectively, strengthening the registry of vendors, and identifying and preventing risks of inefficiencies and possible acts of corruption - all of which also help to foster more inclusive participation of underrepresented sectors in the domestic economy.
7. Implement interagency and cross-sector activities that are coordinated and pursued jointly, to promote greater collaboration and participation of all actors in the public procurement system, including the public sector, the private sector, academia, civil society, etc.
8. Adopt the instruments, tools and cooperation mechanisms developed through the INGP, to serve as a guide for more effective public procurement management, considering the institutional capacity and domestic context in the countries.

This Declaration does not create any legally binding or enforceable obligations on the parties.

This Declaration is issued on December 9, 2021, during the private session of the INGP XVI Annual Conference, with the participation of the national public procurement agencies of INGP member countries, the Organization of American States (OAS) as its technical secretariat, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada.

* In June 2022, the recommendations outlined in this declaration were formally adopted as a mandate during the IX Summit of the Americas on "Building a sustainable, resilient, and equitable future" within the Resolution "Plan of Action for Democratic Governance" aiming to drive the implementation of strategic actions to ensure the fulfillment of these recommendations.

In December 2022, the Inter-American Public Procurement Network (REDICOP) expresses its commitment to adhere to this declaration to promote its implementation from the academic sector.



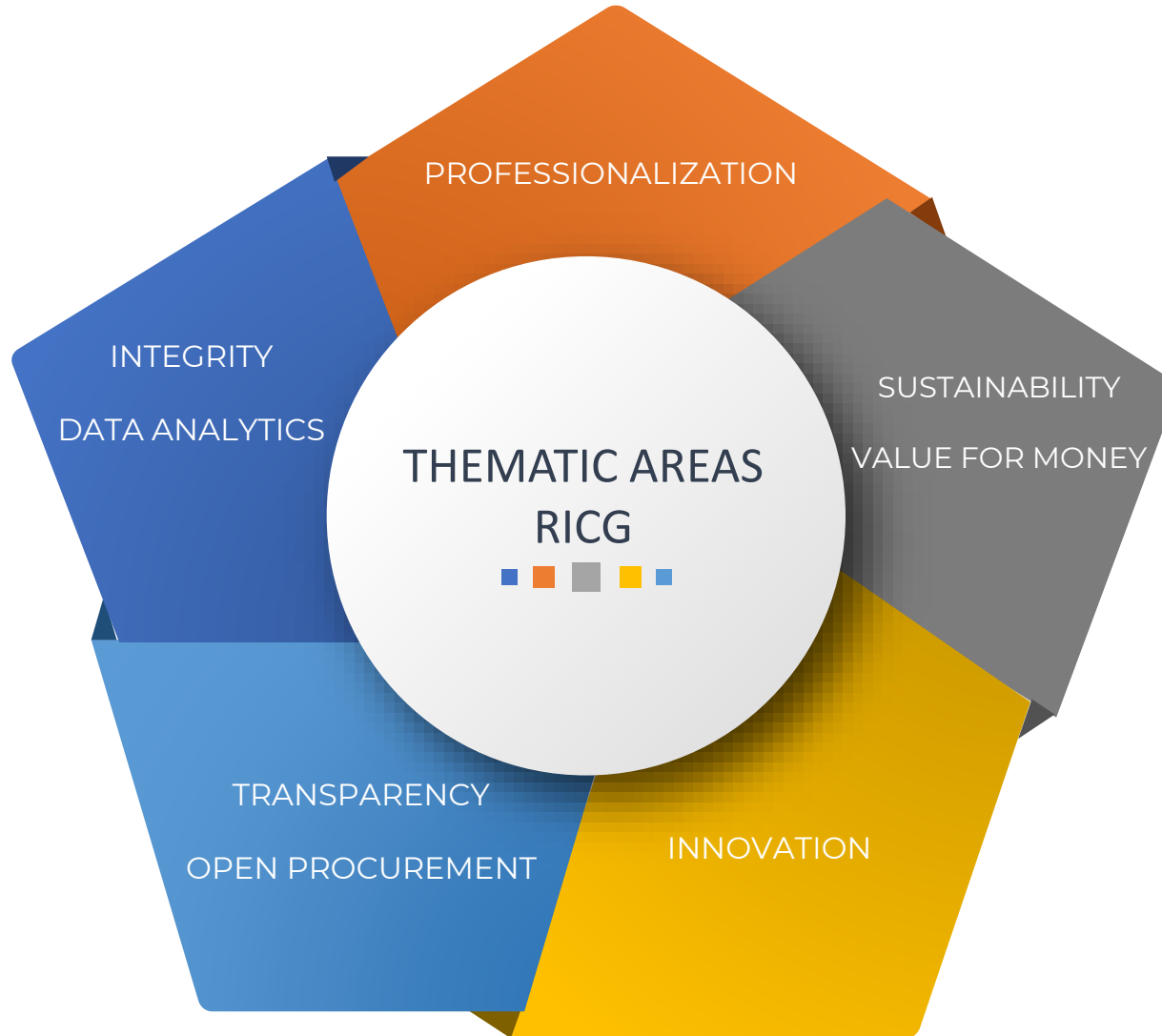
IX SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS LOS ANGELES • 2022

Included as a mandate:
**"Inter-American Plan of Action
on Democratic Governance"**



PURPOSE: GENERATE REGIONAL ACTIONS TOWARDS CONTINUOUS INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT







5 AREAS OF ACTION

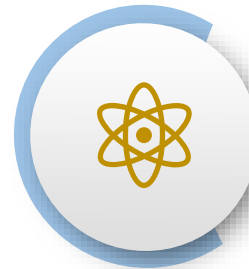
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II. TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES



III. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



IV. TECHNICAL SUPPORT



V. SYNERGIES





ACTIVITIES - RESULTS OCT. 2022 - FEB. 2024

Annual Conference Panama (October, 2022).

I. DIALOGUE





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I. DIALOGUE



21 Webinars/Seminars: participations / Co-organizers.

- ❖ **"Fair Trade and Sustainable Public Procurement"**: Colombia, Argentina. Nov. 2022
- ❖ **"Strategy and Public Value in Public Procurement: The RICG Declaration"**: 24 RICG LAC countries. December 2022.
- ❖ **"Good Practices in Sustainable and Inclusive Public Procurement in Latin America"**: December 2022.
- ❖ **"Public Procurement as a medium for Human and Sustainable Development"**: OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP). Dominican Republic. March 2023.
- ❖ **"Public Integrity and Corruption Prevention for Good Governance and Effective Public Management": "Public Procurement and Contracts"**. Session 08, Diplomacy School: Paraguay, Ecuador. June 2023.
- ❖ **Launch of INNSITE Platform**: RICG Countries. July 2023.
- ❖ **7 training workshops for buyers and suppliers of the HAPS tool**: Paraguay, Province of Mendoza and Córdoba (Argentina).



South Korea Exchange: April 2023 - IDB Mission

7 participating countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico (Subnational)

- Seminar with Public Procurement Service (PPS): KONEPS System.
- RICG Workshop.
- Suppliers Fair.
- International Workshop on Public Procurement: OCP and PPS.

I. DIALOGUE





Signing Event of The Commitment Act for the use of HAPS in the Dominican Republic.

May 2023

General Directorate of Public Procurement, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Environment, OAS, and IDB.

I. DIALOGUE

Participation of more than 80 State suppliers.





1st Congress on Decarbonization and Strategic Public Procurement

Costa Rica, July 2023

4 RICG participating countries: Costa Rica, Chile, Paraguay, Dominican Republic.

Coordinated by REDICOP in collaboration with RICG.

Congress conclusions as a proposal for the RICG-REDICOP Declaration "Enhancing Sustainability through Public Procurement".

I. DIALOGUE

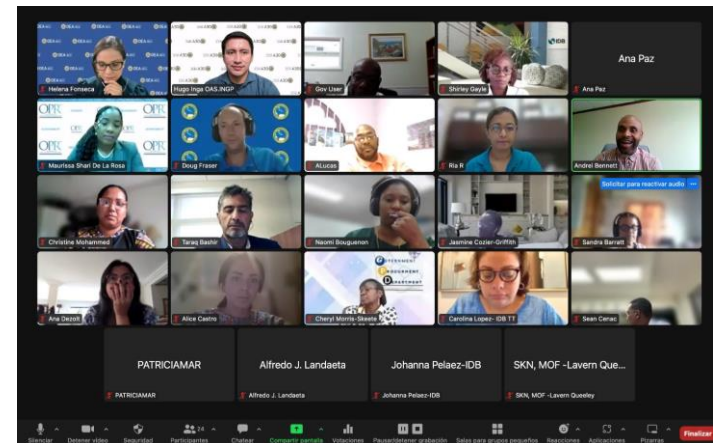
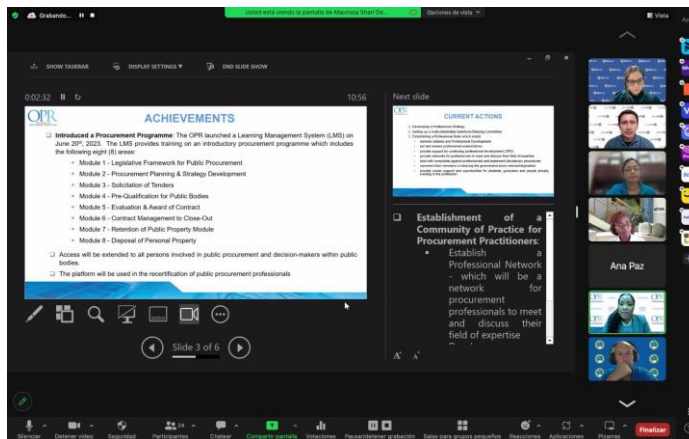




Subregional Caribbean Dialogue "Sustainable Public Procurement and Professionalization"

15 Caribbean countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia, Anguilla, Turks and Caicos, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat.

I. DIALOGUE





1st Congress "Public Procurement as a Driver of Development" Colombia, October 2023

4 RICG participating countries: Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, and Paraguay.

I. DIALOGUE

Organized by Colombia Compra Eficiente in collaboration with the OAS, IDB, and RICG.





COP 28 – Dubai, december 2023

Regional efforts towards sustainability and carbon footprint reduction through public procurement.

I. DIALOGUE





IV Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Group of The Summit of the Americas process on "Democratic Governance".

February 2024

I. DIALOGUE



IV Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Group on Democratic Governance



Regional actions in follow-up to the mandate on recommendations from the RICG Declaration 2021. IX Summit of the Americas 2022.

5 Participating Countries: Jamaica, Paraguay, United States, Argentina (Province of Mendoza), and Dominican Republic. OAS, IDB, CDB, CAF, MAPS.



ACTIVITIES - RESULTS OCT. 2022 - FEB. 2024

4 Virtual Courses
1 OAS-UNSAM Diploma (Argentina)



+ 495

Registered public procurement managers



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II. TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES



28
LAC Countries

315
Partial scholarships USD 63,000.00

180
Full scholarships USD 72,000.00

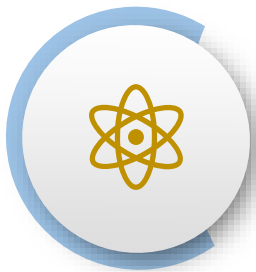




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Cooperations between **13** LAC countries - Exchange of experiences and lessons learned in **+ 9** thematic areas.

III. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



Argentina	El Salvador	Honduras
Chile	Peru	Uruguay
Mexico	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic
Paraguay	Bolivia	
Ecuador	Brazil	

1. Reverse Auctions in Construction Projects.
2. Tenders for Vehicle Maintenance.
3. Functionalities of Electronic Platforms.
4. Procurement Strategies for Insurance of Movable and Immovable Property.
5. Historical Prices of Purchasing Strategic Goods in the Health Sector.
6. Incorporation of Services in Framework Agreement Processes.
7. Latin American Benchmarking of Demand Aggregation Instruments and Price Framework Agreements.
8. Requirements and Criteria for Evaluating Economic and Financial Solvency of Bidders in Public Procurement Procedures.
9. Joint Purchases.



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1 Diagnosis and analysis of supplier records from 16 countries

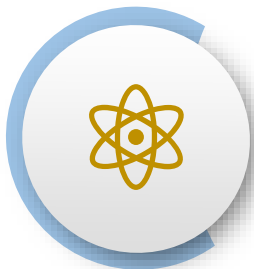
“Proposal for Strengthening Sustainability in Supplier Records”

6 blocks of technical recommendations with 23 associated actions to promote the development and identification of sustainable suppliers.

1 Strategic Plan for Professionalization in Public Procurement: Costa Rica.

3 Developed and Implemented Digital Tools.

III. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



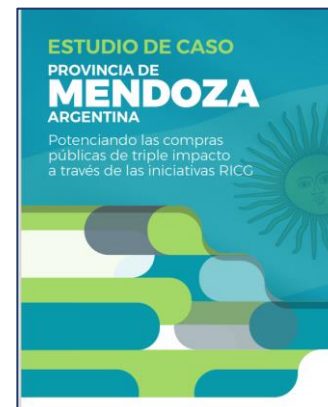
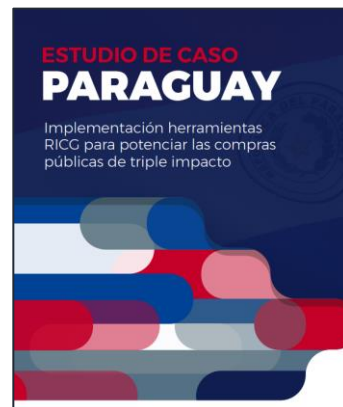
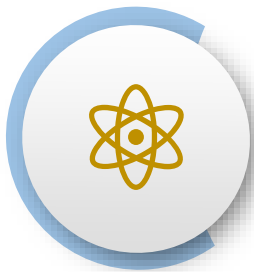


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3 Case Studies Developed from HAPS Implementation:

- Paraguay.
- Province of Mendoza (Argentina).
- Province of Córdoba (Argentina).

III. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT





SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

IV. TECHNICAL SUPPORT



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Adquisiciones de Impacto

Sustainable Supplier Self-Assessment Tool

- ✓ **80** indicators in 3 dimensions: social, environmental, and economic.
- ✓ Adopted by **3** national and provincial jurisdictional levels (2023-2024).
 - Paraguay.
 - Argentina: Nation, Province of Mendoza, and Province of Córdoba (gender focus).
 - Dominican Republic: Coming soon in 2024.





SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

IV. TECHNICAL SUPPORT



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Autoevaluación en
Sostenibilidad para
Entidades Contratantes



159 associated questions in 5 thematic pillars and sub-pillars.

Implemented as a pilot by:

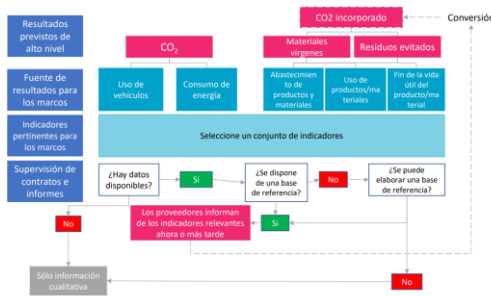
- Province of Mendoza, Argentina.
- Paraguay.
- Dominican Republic.





SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Triple Impact Measurement Maturity Model through Public Procurement



105 Indicators in 5 pillars associated with the dimensions: Social, Economic, and Environmental.

Pilot Implementation:

National Directorate of Public Procurement (DNCP), Paraguay: Roadmap considering selected indicators in the short, medium, and long term.





PUBLIC INNOVATION



Institutional Measurement Tool for Innovation and Digital Transformation in Public Procurement:

Implemented by **23 Public Institutions** from **11 countries**.

Types of institutions: Procurement Entities, Education, Customs, Finance, Health, Public Innovation Agencies, Governorships, and Municipalities, among others.



RICG 2023 Award for Innovation in Public Procurement:

23 nominations from 11 countries at the national, local and provincial levels: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

4 winning experiences: Mexico City, Costa Rica, Medellín (Colombia), and the Dominican Republic.





PROFESSIONALIZATION

Design of Strategic Professionalization Plans for public procurement managers.



Implemented in Costa Rica (2023): with the participation of **420** public officials from **12 state purchasing institutions.**



Result: Strategic Plan with short, medium, and long-term actions.



Implementation in 2024: Guatemala and Uruguay.





2024 INGP-REDICOP DECLARATION

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Declaration ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

WHEREAS

The Inter-American Network of Government Procurement (INGP) is a high-level horizontal technical cooperation mechanism recognized in its role of Technical Secretariat by the Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS);

REAFFIRMING

INGP's advocacy capacity, which has allowed it to contribute to the continuous improvement of public procurement management to raise awareness and commitment to the purpose of generating greater public value, with better access to citizens' rights; and, therefore, to the strategic promotion of a more responsible vision of development with balance and respect for nature.

CONSIDERING

The Declaration on "Public Procurement as a Strategic Area for the Generation of Greater Public Value and Better Access to Citizens' Rights" of December 9, 2021, approved at the XVI Annual Conference of the INGP; and the inclusion of its recommendations as a mandate in the resolution "Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance" of the IX Summit of the Americas (Los Angeles, 2022);

RECOGNIZING

The current challenges facing the region and the global crisis that urges governments to take measures that contribute to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 and 2050 Agendas;

WHEREAS

Public procurement, taking advantage of its public spending power in countries, has become a strategic tool worldwide for the implementation of public policies to achieve environmental objectives; especially, in the fight against climate change through the transformation of production and consumption habits in the economic systems of the region;

BEARING IN MIND

The initiatives led within the framework of the INGP, with the support of organizations such as the OAS, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), CAF-Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP), in promoting strategic actions to follow up on the resolution on the "Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance" of the IX Summit of the Americas (Los Angeles, USA, 2022); as well as the collaborative work carried out with the Ibero-American Network of Public Procurement (REDICOP), through the conclusions of the First International Congress on "Decarbonization and Strategic Public Procurement" held on July 20 and 21, 2023, in San José, Costa Rica.

HIGHLIGHTING

The aspiration of INGP member countries to achieve sustainable, environmentally responsible and emission-free management and development through the provision of public goods, works, and services to their citizenry;

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THE FOREMENTIONED PARTNERS RESOLVE:

- To urge INGP member countries to promote measures with sustainability criteria, which allow the promotion of strategic actions to address socio-economic and environmental challenges, including combating climate change, and the transition to clean and renewable energy.
- To raise awareness and promote a culture of sustainable and responsible institutional procurement; especially, through the adoption of a strategic professionalization plan that allows for strengthening the skills, knowledge, and abilities of public procurement managers; as well as strengthening institutional and technical capacity, aimed at having the necessary instruments and tools for strategic decision-making, effective contract management, definition of technical specifications, use of sustainable contractual clauses, among others, that are necessary to have a positive impact on the life cycle of public procurement.
- To activate inter-institutional and inter-sectoral coordination and collaboration to motivate constructive dialogue between public and private actors for the identification of institutional, market, regulatory, and other needs. This, at the same time, promotes the alignment of efforts and the effective planning of acquisitions, to guarantee the proper execution of public spending with quality and accountability, considering the achievement of greater value for money in terms of the balance between cost/benefit and the positive impact on the citizenry.
- To promote and strengthen the market capacity and business competitiveness of key and vulnerable groups, with special emphasis on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); family farmers, women, among others in order to promote more sustainable and environmentally friendly consumption and production practices, that contribute to national and global Objectives and to the generation of a better quality of life for the citizenry.
- To promote regulatory reforms, and develop and implement sound public policies that enable proper and high-quality public spending, through the incorporation of the principles of sustainability, innovation, and value for money in order to promote adaptation to climate change, emission reduction, and the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- To promote transparency, quality, and the use of open data, together with the adoption of new technologies, with the aim of strengthening environmental governance in the fight against climate change and encouraging active citizen participation. Likewise, promote actions that guarantee the effectiveness and positive impact of environmental initiatives in a way that is sustainable over time.
- To incentivize and strengthen the innovative capacity of public institutions to implement creative public procurement tools for the monitoring and measuring of carbon footprints, as well as its effective reduction and offsetting through the use of indicators and methods to evaluate and calculate the carbon footprint.
- To promote the formation of a working group, composed of various actors from countries, international and multilateral organizations, academia, the private sector, and civil society, to identify progress, challenges, and recommend solutions that contribute to more effective public procurement management and sustainable, equitable, and resilient development.

This declaration does not generate any legally binding or enforceable obligations for the parties.

This Declaration is formalized within the framework of the XVIII INGP Annual Conference, held from February 21 to 23, 2024, in Asunción, Paraguay. The initiative is endorsed by the national public procurement agencies of the INGP member countries and related organizations.





V. SYNERGIES

17 global multi-sector collaborations:
Government, international and multilateral organizations,
global initiatives, academia, civil society, and the private
sector.





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