Declaration

INNOVATION AS A DRIVER OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT TRANSFORMATION

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CONSIDERING

Whereas the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) is a high-level horizontal technical cooperation mechanism, recognized by the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) in its role as technical secretariat; and whereas the influence of the INGP has contributed to continuous improvement in public procurement management, and to raising awareness and fostering commitment around the goal of advancing a more strategic, responsible, open, and effective public procurement in the generation of public value;

WHEREAS

That innovation is a continuous, dynamic and multidimensional process that can manifest in various forms within public procurement, including new policies, regulatory frameworks, management models, institutional capacities, technology adoption, and collaboration mechanisms focused on resolving complex public challenges;

HIGHLIGHTING

The progress achieved by the countries of the region in modernizing their public procurement systems through regulatory reforms, digital transformation, institutional strengthening, professionalization, and the adoption of innovative approaches, thereby enhancing efficiency, transparency, and the capacity of public institutions to respond effectively to current and emerging challenges;

RECOGNIZING

The technical, financial, and strategic support provided by international organizations, development banks, cooperation partners, academia, and other allies to strengthen institutional capacities and promote innovation in public procurement systems;

RESOLVES

That, in the interest of continuing to strengthen and advance toward the continuous improvement, excellence, and sophistication of public procurement and contracting systems, the national public procurement agencies of the Americas reaffirm their commitment to driving innovation as a key tool for strengthening State capacities, improving the quality of public services, promoting economic development in their territories, and generating greater public value, contributing to the building of more agile, collaborative, resilient, intelligent, and results-oriented public procurement systems.

THE FOLLOWING **RECOMMENDATIONS** ARE DECLARED:

1. Urge INGP member countries to incorporate innovation as a strategic pillar of public procurement systems, promoting the development of policies, roadmaps, governance mechanisms, and planning instruments that allow innovation to be institutionalized as a permanent tool for strengthening State capacity, generating public value, and responding more effectively to the needs of citizens.

2. Promote regulatory, normative, and operational frameworks that enable innovation, facilitating fit for purpose procurement mechanisms, results-based approaches, early market engagement, and other instruments that allow for the design, development and implementation of innovative solutions aimed at addressing complex public challenges; provided that these are applied in a manner that preserves value for money, economy, efficiency, integrity, equality and fairness, transparency, open competition, and appropriate auditability.

3. Strengthen professionalization, capacity building, and a culture of innovation in public institutions, promoting competencies in innovation, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, data analysis, leadership, change management, integrity, procurement planning, contract management and risk management, as well as organizational environments that foster collaboration, experimentation, continuous learning, and the generation of new solutions.

4. Accelerate the digital transformation of public procurement through the strategic use of technologies and data, by establishing and maintaining an open data infrastructure and promoting interoperability, automation, advanced analytics, and artificial intelligence to strengthen decision-making, improve process efficiency, increase transparency and generate greater public value, while adopting a human-oversight approach that ensures appropriate human oversight, validation, and accountability.

5. Foster open innovation and strategic market engagement within a framework of trust, transparency and competitiveness, strengthen collaboration with businesses, entrepreneurs, academia, research centers, civil society, and other relevant actors, to mobilize capacities, identify opportunities, and promote the development of innovative solutions to address public needs, challenges, and matters of general interest.

6. Promote an organizational culture of responsible experimentation, learning, and continuous improvement through the use of innovative methodologies for the design, development, and implementation of public solutions, such as innovation laboratories, public challenges, human-centered design, prototyping, pilot testing, agile methodologies, and other approaches that enable solutions to be tested, validated, refined, and effectively scaled.

7. Drive Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI) as a strategic instrument for resolving public challenges, leveraging the State's purchasing power to incentivize the development, adoption, and scaling of new solutions that strengthen the innovative capacities of the market, promote business internationalization and territorial economic development, and contribute to competitiveness, sustainability, and the generation of public value.

8. Responsibly manage the risks inherent in innovation within procurement systems by applying proportionate mechanisms for risk assessment, mitigation, monitoring, and institutional learning, while maintaining integrity and accountability and taking corrective action where required.

9. Encourage the use of measurement, monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge management mechanisms on innovation in public procurement, enabling the generation of evidence, the sharing of lessons learned, the identification of good practices, and the continuous improvement of implemented policies and instruments.

10. Strengthen regional and international cooperation on innovation, to continue promoting institutional efforts and strategic partnerships for knowledge exchange, training, and the recognition of innovative good practices, as well as support for regional initiatives that address public challenges and accelerate the transformation of public procurement systems across the Americas.

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

This Declaration is formalized within the framework of the XX Annual INGP Conference held from August 12 to 14, 2026, in the city of Monterrey, Mexico, with the endorsement of the national public procurement authorities of the INGP member and observer countries, as well as related partner organizations.

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