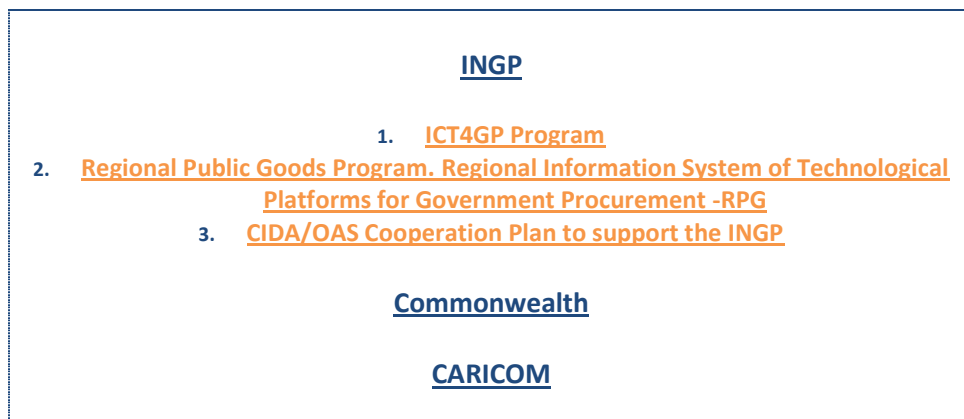


Supportive Initiatives

This document includes a summary description of the activities of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement -INGP-, and the Commonwealth and CARICOM Secretariats, as well as information on how to access the results of these activities.



Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP)

The mission of the INGP is to generate and maintain spaces for reflection, knowledge generation and transfer, horizontal technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences and solutions among the institutions responsible for Government Procurement in the Americas with the aim of promoting transparency and efficiency in the management of government procurement activities.

Initiatives:

1. **ICT4GP Program:** This program aims at increasing the participation of micro, small and medium enterprises in government procurement as well as to facilitate funding public contracting system technology transfer projects using ICT and MSME participation and innovations based on the same key thematic areas.

1.1 ICT4GP - Component 1

The objective of this component is to develop research that contributes to a better understanding of government procurement, especially with respect to the participation of MSMEs and the impact of the incorporation of ICTs in these processes. Research is oriented towards the formulation of policy recommendations for member countries of the INGP.

The core element in the development of this component has to do with the financing of TTGs (Thematic Task Groups) and the development of a set of lines of research related to the issue of government procurement.

An important part of these studies and several specialized consultancies have helped to develop a more complete definition of the Baseline reference used for addressing ICT4GP projects.

A set of important activities has been related to the aspects of design and development of the Network's new Website which has been defined in a way that will increase the participation of members of the Network.

TITLE	Thematic Task Groups (TTGs)
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program finances Thematic Task Groups in priority issues related to State Procurement in the region, defined jointly with the INGP.
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Member institutions of the Network
CONTACT	Gabriel Bezchinsky gabriel@bezchinsky.com Tel +54-11-4374-7300 With copy to: ICT4GP@iadb.org , ict4gp@unsam.edu.ar
START	Available – Periodic calls
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Implementation of Recommendations of the Thematic Working Groups (TTGs)
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program supports countries interested in implementing the recommendations of the TTGs to prepare projects that may be submitted for funding
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Member institutions of the Network
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START	Upon the conclusion of each TTG
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Junior Researchers
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program contracts junior researchers in member countries of the INGP to work as liaisons between the public procurement offices, the TTGs and the rest of the Program's research
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Young professionals put forward by agencies responsible for public procurement systems

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START	Last quarter of 2010 - Pilot Phase
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Studies and comparative analysis at the regional and international level of issues related to the priority issues of the program.
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program makes calls periodically for research proposals on priority issues related to Government Procurement in the region
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Research institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean
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START	Available – Periodic calls
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Dissemination of research findings and recommendations
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program conducts activities for the dissemination research results
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Institutions responsible for public procurement systems (PPS) as well as general public interested in the topic
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START	Ad-hoc
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Status of the PP in the region
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program conducts research on the status of Public Procurement in the region
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Institutions responsible for public procurement systems (PPS) as well as general public interested in the topic
CONTACT	Gabriel Bezchinsky gabriel@bezchinsky.com Tel +54-11-4374-7300 With copy to:

	ICT4GP@iadb.org, ict4gp@unsam.edu.ar
START	Ad-hoc
END	December 2012
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Design and development of the INGP Website
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 1
DESCRIPTION	The program has funded and coordinated the design and development process of the new Website of the INGP and of the supporting initiatives
RESPONSIBLE	Universidad de San Martin (UNSAM) in coordination with the IDRC, the OAS and the ICT Cluster of the MIF
ELIGIBILITY	Open
CONTACT	Gabriel Bezchinsky gabriel@bezchinsky.com Tel +54-11-4374-7300 With copy to: ICT4GP@iadb.org , ict4gp@unsam.edu.ar
START	December 2009
END	October 2010
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by UNSAM
APPLICATIONS	
REFERENCES	

1.2. ICT4GP Program - Component 2.

The core element in the development of this component deals with the financing of Consultancies and Projects related to the improvement of Government Procurement.

In particular, activities of this component which stand out focus on the financing of initiatives in the following priority areas, which involve the use of ICT.

- i. *The harmonization of public procurement systems, particularly in the areas of:* i) registry of suppliers, catalogues of goods and services and iii) digital accreditation.
- ii. *Competitive Participation of MSMEs in public procurement markets, particularly in the areas of:* i) development of financial tools (guarantees, payment schedules, credits, ii) market mechanisms, national policies that facilitate the participation of MSMEs in public markets, and iii) establishment of partnerships to facilitate the participation of MSMEs in government procurement, among others.
- iii. Innovation - innovative proposals in the two abovementioned areas or in others related to public procurement through the use of ICTs.

It aims to finance technology transfer projects in the area of Public Procurement Systems through the use of ICTs and the participation of MSMEs as well as through innovation that takes as its base these same themes.

This component finances international consultancies designed to support countries in defining their strategies for reforming and modernizing their public procurement systems.

TITLE	Financing of International Consultancies
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Component 2 Activity a) Design of strategies to modernize the Public Procurement Systems of the countries.
DESCRIPTION	The program finances specific consultancies to define strategies for the reform and modernization of Public Procurement Systems in the countries of the Region.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS)
ELIGIBILITY	Open.
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START	Available.
END	Open for 2 years (or until resources are exhausted).
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by the MIF
APPLICATIONS	Open.
REFERENCES	Technical Proposal.

TITLE	Project Financing
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing Activity b) National Projects Financing.
DESCRIPTION	The program finances projects for the implementation of technology transfer initiatives and innovation in Public Procurement System through the use of ICT and with emphasis on MSMEs.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	Institutions responsible for public procurement systems or with the endorsement of those responsible.
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START	According to the schedule of calls for proposals.
END	Open for 2 years (until the completion of the Program's implementation or when financial resources are exhausted).
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by the MIF- Guidelines Document.
APPLICATIONS	Date to be set for the 3rd call for proposals.
REFERENCES	Guidelines and Formats for the development of profiles and projects.

TITLE	Harmonization of practices: Registry of Suppliers
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing.
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects and consultancies on possible strategies and content for Registries of Suppliers. Support for the definition of strategies.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the

	Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

Integrated group: Harmonization of practices

TITLE	Harmonization of practices: Catalogue of Goods and Services
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing.
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects that have been financed and from consultancies on possible strategies and content for the development of the catalogues.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program.
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

TITLE	Harmonization of practices: Digital Accreditation
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Projects
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects that have been financed and from consultancies on possible strategies and content for the development of digital accreditation.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program.
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

Integrated group: Competitive participation of MSMEs

TITLE	Competitive participation of MSMEs: Financial tools
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects that have been financed and from consultancies on possible strategies and content for the development of ways of financing MSMEs to encourage participation in public markets.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program.
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

TITLE	Competitive participation of MSMEs in markets for e-public procurement
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects that have been financed and from consultancies on possible strategies and content for the development of ways to stimulate the competitive participation of MYPIMES in public markets.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program.
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

TITLE	Competitive participation of MSMEs: Institutional partnerships
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing
DESCRIPTION	The program collects information from projects that have been financed and from consultancies on possible strategies and content for the development of ways to stimulate the competitive participation of MYPIMES in public markets through institutional partnerships.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Available in the second half of 2011.
END	Until completion of the Program.
PARTICIPATION	There are no special requirements to access public information.
APPLICATIONS	Open to members of the Network.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

Integrated group: Lessons learned and best practices

TITLE	Lessons learned on state procurement, participation of MSMEs and ICT tools
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing
DESCRIPTION	The program compiles the lessons learned through the contributions of projects and consultancies related to State Procurement in the Americas.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
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START	Currently available
END	Until completion of the Program
PARTICIPATION	No special requirements to access
APPLICATIONS	Open.
REFERENCES	Will be available at the request of members of the Network.

TITLE	Best Practices in state procurement, participation of MSMEs and ICT tools
PROGRAM	ICT4GP Program, Component 2: Project Financing.
DESCRIPTION	The program compiles the best practices learned through the contributions of projects and consultancies related to State Procurement in the Americas.
RESPONSIBLE	IDB / MIF (ICT Cluster), with the support of the specialized units of the IDB, the Institutional Capacity of the State Division and the Procurement for Operations Office. In coordination with the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), the

	Universidad de San Martín, Argentina (UNSAM) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
ELEGIBILIDAD	No restrictions.
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START	Currently available
END	Currently available
PARTICIPATION	Until completion of the implementation of the Program
APPLICATIONS	No special requirements to access
REFERENCES	There is no reference document

Regional Public Goods Program: Regional Information System on Technological Platforms for Government Procurement - RPG

One of the important aspects is the dissemination of information on the realities of the various countries with regard to state procurement and above all else, the creation of consensus, meetings and long-term planning within the INGP.

Technical assistance with a regional approach is to be stimulated in order for the development of online training programs; the identification and promotion of best practices and the systematization of regional experiences in e-GP policy.

TITLE	Consensus-building, meetings and long-term planning within the INGP
PROGRAM	Regional Public Goods Program
DESCRIPTION	The program supports activities within the Network associated with State Procurement in the Americas
RESPONSIBLE	RPG
ELIGIBILITY	Institutions responsible for PPS or that have the endorsement of those responsible, as well as that of the Program.
CONTACT	Leslie Harper, Specialist in Modernization of the State, IDB leslieha@iadb.org or Daniel Sanchez, Consultant, IDB Danielsa@iadb.org
START	Available
END	Open
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by the RPG
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Technical support with a regional approach for the development of online training programs; the identification and promotion of best practices and the systematization of regional experiences in e-GP policy.
PROGRAM	Regional Public Goods Program
DESCRIPTION	Institutions responsible for PPS or that have the endorsement of those responsible, as well as that of the Program.
RESPONSIBLE	BPR
ELIGIBILITY	Institutions responsible for PPS or that have the endorsement of those responsible, as well as that of the Program.
CONTACT	Leslie Harper, Specialist in Modernization of the State, IDB leslieha@iadb.org or Daniel

	Sanchez, Consultant, IDB Danielsa@iadb.org
START	Available
END	Open
PARTICIPATION	According to the procedures established by the RPG
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	

CIDA/OAS Cooperation Plan to support the INGP

This program aims at fostering the INGP by providing a sustained governing structure and operating capacity as well as training Government procurement officers, and supporting the modernization of government procurement systems and the expansion of green government procurement.

TITLE	Maintenance and updating of the new INGP Website
PROGRAM	INGP-CIDA Program 2008-2011
DESCRIPTION	Maintenance and updating of the INGP Website will be completed by the contracted company 'Argentina Virtual'. This will allow access to the activities undertaken by the Network and its members, as well as to the profiles of each of the members and to all information related to government procurement, such as reports, news, newsletters and relevant publications.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 2024583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501
START	Beta version available
END	October 2011
PARTICIPATION	No restriction of access.
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	www.ricg.info

TITLE	Training of public officials in government procurement
PROGRAM	INGP-CIDA Program 2008-2011
DESCRIPTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch of the course "Public Procurement Management", with a start date of November 2, 2010. Several editions of this course will be launched 2011. 2. Adaptation of the course "Public Procurement Management" to the English language, especially for the Caribbean. Release of 1 or more editions in 2011. 3. Development and implementation of 1 or more editions of 2 online courses in topics to be determined. 4. Launch of a Course on Green Procurement: 2nd semester, 2011.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS in collaboration with the IDB
ELIGIBILITY	Public officials from the member countries of the OAS-INGP working in the area of government procurement.
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 202 4583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501
START	First half of 2011
END	Second half of 2011
PARTICIPATION	OAS-INGP members
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	Course announcement for "Public Procurement Management", and registration form. Dokeos virtual Platform: https://courses.oas.org/index.php

TITLE	Modernization of government procurement systems and implementation of ICTs.
PROGRAM	INGP-CIDA Program 2008-2011
DESCRIPTION	Member countries of the OAS-INGP will be invited to participate in the offer made by the Network, through consultancy support services, for the introduction of ICT in government procurement. Two expert consultants will be hired for these efforts.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS
ELIGIBILITY	Determined by the OAS-INGP
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 202 4583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501
START	First half of 2011
END	Second half of 2011
PARTICIPATION	OAS-INGP members
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	No references

TITLE	International procurement workshops
PROGRAM	INGP-CIDA Program 2008-2011
DESCRIPTION	Collaboration and Integration, the path to Government Procurement Development in the Caribbean". 12th – 13th of April, 2011
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS/ IDB/CARICOM/Commonwealth/Government of Jamaica
ELIGIBILITY	INGP/CARICOM/Commonwealth Caribbean members
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 202 4583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501
START	12th of April, 2011
END	13th of April, 2011
PARTICIPATION	Member countries
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	No references

TITLE	Promotion of green procurement
PROGRAM	INGP-CIDA Program 2008-2011
DESCRIPTION	Preparation of a study on green procurement for member countries. Furthermore it will be a useful roadmap for the countries that are in the politic design process and the implementation plans on procurement in the Government. The support services of an expert consultant in this field will be contracted.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS
ELIGIBILITY	Determined by the OAS-INGP
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 202 4583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501
START	First half of 2011
END	Second half of 2011
PARTICIPATION	Determined by the Technical Secretariat/OAS
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	No references

TITLE	Generation of standardized content to be integrated into the Network's Website
PROGRAM	INGP directly
DESCRIPTION	General information contributed to the Network.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS and the Network Coordinator
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 2024583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501

	cpetrella@iadb.org Telephone: 598 24130044
START	Available starting in the second half of 2011
END	Open for 2 years
PARTICIPATION	Procedure according to standards to be defined
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	Reference documents are in development

TITLE	Reports on ICT standards
PROGRAM	INGP directly
DESCRIPTION	General information on information and communication technologies applied to state procurement.
RESPONSIBLE	Technical Secretariat/OAS and the Network Coordinator
ELIGIBILITY	No restrictions.
CONTACT	mporrúa@oas.org Telephone: 2024583150 hfonseca@oas.org Telephone: 202 4586501 cpetrella@iadb.org Telephone: 598 24130044
START	Available starting in the second half of 2011
END	Open for 2 years
PARTICIPATION	Procedure according to standards to be defined
APPLICATIONS	Open
REFERENCES	Reference documents are in development

Commonwealth

Commonwealth Public Procurement Network is an initiative of the Commonwealth Secretariat involving countries of the British Commonwealth. The CPPN aims to strengthen the reforms on public procurement, the procurement leadership, and support commonwealth countries.

TITLE	Commonwealth Public Procurement Network - Interim Working Group
PROGRAM	Strategic Meeting
DESCRIPTION	Strategic Meeting to finalize the strategic plan for the network and to incorporate the expectations of the regional chapters. The meeting will held in Nairobi, Kenya
RESPONSIBLE	Commonwealth Secretariat - Governance and Institutional Development Division
ELIGIBILITY	Limited to Regional Coordinators, Current, Past and Incoming Chairman
CONTACT	Cheryl Mathurin, Caribbean CPPN Regional Coordinator chmathurin@gosl.gov.lc
START	May 11, 2011
END	May 13, 2011
PARTICIPATION	
APPLICATIONS	
REFERENCES	

TITLE	6 th Annual Technical Commonwealth Public Procurement Network Conference – Mauritius
PROGRAM	Conference
DESCRIPTION	
RESPONSIBLE	Commonwealth Secretariat – Governance and Institutional Development Division
ELIGIBILITY	Senior Public Procurement Officials in all Commonwealth Member Countries

CONTACT	Marcel Holder Robinson, Commonwealth Secretariat m.holder-robinson@commonwealth.int
START	September 19, 2011
END	September 21, 2011
PARTICIPATION	Senior Public Procurement Officials in Africa Commonwealth Member Countries; Regional Coordinators of other region
APPLICATIONS	Participants from other countries are sponsored by their governments
REFERENCES	

TITLE	Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation(CFTC)
PROGRAM	Technical Assistance in Public Procurement
DESCRIPTION	Technical Assistance in placement of short and long term experts to assist member countries in areas of public procurement reforms/initiative
RESPONSIBLE	Commonwealth Secretariat – Governance and Institutional Development Division, Technical Cooperation and Strategic Response Group
ELIGIBILITY	Commonwealth Member Countries
CONTACT	1 st point of contact: Marcel Holder Robinson, Commonwealth Secretariat m.holder-robinson@commonwealth.int
START	Ongoing
END	Ongoing
PARTICIPATION	
APPLICATIONS	Countries are required to prepare proposal and submit to through their Principal Contact Person
REFERENCES	

TITLE	2 nd Caribbean Regional Technical Commonwealth Public Procurement Network Workshop
PROGRAM	Conference
DESCRIPTION	
RESPONSIBLE	Commonwealth Secretariat – Governance and Institutional Development Division
ELIGIBILITY	Senior Public Procurement Officials in all Commonwealth Member Countries
CONTACT	Marcel Holder Robinson, Commonwealth Secretariat m.holder-robinson@commonwealth.int
START	TBD
END	TBD
PARTICIPATION	Senior Public Procurement Officials in Caribbean Commonwealth Member Countries; Regional Coordinators of other region
APPLICATIONS	
REFERENCES	

CARICOM

is a regional integration movement of fifteen independent Caribbean States which, in its current form- the CARICOM Single Market- was established under the 2001 Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. The main administrative body for the Caribbean Community is the CARICOM Secretariat. The states have committed to the full establishment of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). CARICOM is in the process of formulating a regional public procurement agreement under the CSME.

TITLE	Regional Integration of Public Procurement in the Caribbean
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	Regional integration project Component 1: Approval of framework policy FRIP Component 2: Drafting of protocol to amend Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas
RESPONSIBLE	CARICOM Secretariat/IDB
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REFERENCES	