



“Workshop on Modernizing Government Procurement in the Caribbean”

May 14th and 15th, 2008

Gran Bahia Principe Jamaica Hotel

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Runaway Bay, Jamaica.

1. Background

The Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) is an initiative of the countries of the Americas supported by the Organization of American States (OAS) and established as a mechanism for horizontal cooperation. It was created to promote and maintain spaces for analysis, mutual knowledge-sharing, horizontal technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences among the member institutions of the Network with the goal to contribute to the strengthening of the government procurement practices in the Region and to create links among governments, organizations related to public procurement and international organisms.

During the last meeting of the INGP held in Panama City, Panama, on January 23th -24th, 2008 the Network's members agreed on organize a Workshop in the Caribbean with the aim of strengthening links among the Network and the caribbean countries, and to support government procurement development in the Caribbean.

2. Date and Place

The workshop "**Modernizing Government Procurement in the Caribbean**" will take place on May 14th and 15th at the Gran Bahia Principe Jamaica Hotel, in Runaway Bay, Jamaica.

3. Objectives:

- Exchange experiences, share lesson learned and analyze best practices in Latin-America and the Caribbean Region in the area of Government Procurement Development.
- Contribute to the professional development and strengthening of capacities of those responsible for developing strategies and managing Government Procurement Offices.
- Present and review current regional initiatives aimed at supporting the Caribbean countries in the modernization of its Government Procurement strategies and practices.
- Increase the participation of the Caribbean countries in the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement.

3. Participants

The government executives in charge of the highest ranking national governmental institutions of the Caribbean countries that are technically responsible to regulate, manage and modernize government procurement.

4. Organization and Sponsorship

The workshop is being organized by the Government of Jamaica, the Organization of American States (SEDI/OAS), the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA/IDRC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF/IADB), the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) and the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement with the financial support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and ICA/IDRC.

AGENDA

Day 1

Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:00 – 9:45	<p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <p>Mr. Robert Martin. Deputy Financial Secretary. Ministry of Finance and the Public Service. Government of Jamaica.</p> <p>Leslie-Ann Edwards. Technical Services Officer, CSME Unit. CARICOM Secretariat.</p> <p>Angelica Ospina. Program Officer. Institute for Connectivity in the Americas-IDRC.</p> <p>Antonio Ca'Zorzi. Technology Advisor. Inter-American Development Bank - Multilateral Investment Fund.</p> <p>Miguel A. Porrúa. e-Government Coordinator / Technical Secretariat INGP. Organization of American States.</p> <p>Honourable Audley Shaw. Minister of Finance and the Public Service. Government of Jamaica.</p>
9:45 - 10:15	<p><i>Overview of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement.</i></p> <p>Vicky Mirón. President of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement and National Coordinator of the Government Procurement Modernization Program in El Salvador.</p>
10:15 - 10:30	<p><i>Coffee Break.</i></p>
Government Procurement in the Caribbean Moderator: Leslie-Ann Edwards Technical Services Officer, CSME Unit, CARICOM Secretariat.	
10:30-12-00	<p><i>Government Procurement in all Caribbean countries.</i></p> <p>Individual presentations of all Caribbean countries (6 minutes each) on the status of government procurement in their respective countries.</p>
Keynote Presentation	
12:00 - 12:45	<p>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION.</p> <p><i>Modernizing Government Procurement Systems.</i></p> <p>Jorge Claro. International Expert in Government Procurement. INPRI.</p>

Lunch	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch (kind invitation of the Government of Jamaica).
Government Procurement in Latin America Moderator: Juan Alfredo Pacheco Technical Secretariat, INGP.	
14:15 - 15:00	<i>Modernization of Government Procurement in Chile: Chilecompra.</i> Dora Ruiz Madrigal. Chief of Central Government Area - Health. Directorate of Procurement and Adquisitions. Government of Chile.
15:00 - 15:45	<i>Modernization of Government Procurement in El Salvador.</i> Vicky Mirón. National Coordinator of the Government Procurement Modernization Program. Government of El Salvador.
15:45 - 16:00	<i>Coffe Break.</i>
Government Procurement Initiatives Moderator: Shirley Gayle. Director of the Procurement & Asset Policy Unit. Government of Jamaica.	
16:00 - 16:30	<i>CARICOM Presentation</i> Leslie-Ann Edwards Technical Services Officer CSME Unit CARICOM Secretariat.
16:30 - 17:00	<i>ICA/IDRC Presentation</i> Angelica Ospina Program Officer ICA – IDRC
17:00 - 17:30	<i>OAS initiative on Government Procurement: INGP</i> Miguel Porrua e-Government Coordinator / Technical Secretariat INGP SEDI/OAS.
17:30 - 18:00	Open discussion on the initiatives presented and definition of plans/next steps.
Welcome Dinner	
7:00 PM	<i>Main Dinning Room</i>

Day 2

Jamaica eProcurement Strategy Moderator: Leslie-Ann Edwards Technical Services Officer CSME Unit	
8:30 – 9:15	<i>Modernization of Government Procurement in Jamaica</i> Mrs. Shirley Gayle Sinclair. Senior Director, Procurement Policy Implementation Unit. Ministry of Finance and The Public Service.
9:15 – 9:45	<i>“Demystification” Digital Signature and Authentication.</i> Mr. Dainsworth Richards. Central Information Technology Office. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Commerce.
9:45 - 10:15	<i>Technology Platform for e-Commerce in Jamaica and the CARICOM Region.</i> Mr. Lorenzo Grant. Fiscal Services Limited. Ministry of Finance and The Public Service.
10:15 -10:30	<i>Coffe Break.</i>
Government Procurement Initiatives Moderator: Shirley Gayle. Director of the Procurement & Asset Policy Unit. Government of Jamaica.	
10:30 - 11:00	<i>IADB Presentation.</i> Carlos Lago. Government Procurement Specialist, Office of Project Adquisitions. IADB.
11:00 - 11:30	<i>IADB-MIF Presentation.</i> Antonio Ca’Zorzi. Technology Advisor, IADB-FOMIN.
11:30 -12:00	<i>KOEPS Introduction.</i> Kim Ji Wook. Deputy Director of Information Planning Division of Public Procurement Service Government of Korea.
12:00 -12:45	Continuation of the open discussion on the initiatives presented and definition of plans/next steps.
12:45 - 12:50	Closing remarks and adjournment.
Lunch	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch (kind invitation of the Government of Jamaica).
Guided Tour	
2:00 PM	Guided Tour organized by the Government of Jamaica