



The World Bank

Procurement Policy Review Feedback Summary

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Location (City, Country): London, United Kingdom

Total Number of Participants: 40

Overview and General Reactions:

- **Staffing:** Participants welcomed the proposed targeting of resources, including the focusing of prior review on the highest-risk and/or highest-value contracts. To better address potential issues around high-risk procurement early on, they suggested increased flexibility of World Bank staff in countries, particularly in fragile operating environments, in order to address any issues on the ground as they arise.
- Participants welcomed steps that are being taken to build a more context-specific and informed procurement approach through the **Procurement Strategy for Development**. It was assumed that this new step will help identify and plan for possible challenges in high-risk contracts, including the option for the World Bank to manage the procurement process directly in exceptional circumstances.
- **Resources:** Consultation participants were pleased to see that there are several changes being proposed which aim to address issues the private sector had raised in earlier stages of the consultation. Many of these changes have resource implications however, and it needs to be clarified how the necessary resources will be made available when budgets are being reduced.
- **Sharing knowledge and expertise:** Collaboration with other multilateral Banks was recommended to share experiences and innovation in procurement, particularly in-country.
- **Procurement duration:** The proposed changes should help to make the World Bank's procurement process more efficient.

- **Disputes:** Participants welcomed the proposed strengthening of dispute/complaints mechanisms.
- **Transparency:** Information around the status of a procurement bid and who has won a particular bid can be at times hard to locate.