

**Fourth Central Asia Regional Public Procurement Forum
Dushanbe, April 28-30, 2008**

Background

For well over a decade, The World Bank has been providing technical and financial assistance to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzb(ji) Ta

The heads of delegations of

making. Such MIS systems need to capture large & small value procurement contracts, to the extent possible.

3. Theme 2: How can national capacity-building programs and public procurement training strategies reinforced? I.e. What improvements in the current PP training strategies can be envisaged in terms:
 - a) delivery mechanisms : distance learning, face to face and blended training delivery modalities
 - b) more effective use of training of trainers with potential affiliation of the national trainers to national anchor training/academic institutions and / or through certification of national trainers ,by the PP authorities in each country, as freelance providers
 - c) funding arrangements for the national training strategies.

4. Theme 2: Recommendations
 - a) All members agree to work towards the formulation of a government policy for mandating periodic & regular training on the full spectrum of PP topics for civil servants along with the appropriation of necessary funding resources. Private training providers as well as national universities are to be encouraged to join in the effort for development & dissemination of PP training.
 - b) Training on participation in PP tendering opportunities is to be extended to the private sector in order to ensure better outcomes for the PP market.
 - c) Potential interested donors will be approached in order to finance the involvement of international training institutions in supporting the development of the nascent national PP training systems in the region following the successful pilot in Kyrgyzstan.
 - d) All members agree to work together towards formulating a scheme for attestation of performance of national PP officers as a first step in the pursuit of national certification of PP officers.

The members of the working group however indicated that not all participating countries are at the same level of development with respect to the functioning & evolution of their newly-reformed national PP systems

and subsequently brief the other members as to the incremental achievements in the implementation of their respective PP reform programs on yearly basis (between successive annual forums)i.e. report to the other members on newly introduced procurement legislation/documentation/management instruments/

- iii) It is proposed that for next forums the WB will contribute 50% towards the forum cost (the remaining 50 % is expected to be shared among the members in order to reinforce the sense of ownership of this annual Forum).
- iv) Potential proposals for hosting the next Forum are expected from Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan after consulting with their respective government by 30 June 2008.

Attachment 1: List of Participants

Armenia:

