Public Procurement Reform, Capacity Building and Professionalisation

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PP critical to the effective delivery of public services

PP represents 10-30% of GDP

Huge opportunities for savings: greater spend consolidation, e-procurement

Procurement becoming increasingly complex

Limited pool of qualified PP professionals
Public Procurement Reform

- Law
- Institutions
- Tools/Guides
- Linkages
- Human Capacity

- Law/Regulations
- Policy and operations
- Manuals/SBDs
- Procuring Entities, Finance, Audit, Regional Entities etc
- Capacity
Regional Public Procurement Reform Progress

- Number of countries developed/ing new frameworks
- Institutions are being established
- Consideration starting to be given to intra-governmental linkages
- Dedicate procurement staff being appointed for first time.

Still number of outdated frameworks and new frameworks not approved or operationalised

In small island context challenge to ensure both policy/operations managed

Linkages not robust

Staff lack qualifications and experience
While not formal professional networks forming.

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Greater Complexity
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Procurement Reform
Clear movement to advance procurement reform nationally and regionally.

Fiscal Situation
Many countries facing high debt and low growth need to obtain better value for money from scarce public funds. Are still “low hanging fruits”

PPPs

Professional Body
While not formal professional networks forming.

Code of Ethics/Service
Non-traditional approaches such as PPP and use of procurement to achieve secondary objectives.

Body of Knowledge/Formal Qualifications
Early signs developing with internationally recognised CIPS courses offered in the region. Masters course at UWI.
Challenges

- Making the case for investment in public procurement
- Seeing through procurement reform
- Finding common approaches and strategies to further value for money outcomes
- Leveraging e-procurement approaches and tools
- Considering HR strategies to support small core teams
- Building the profession: body of knowledge appropriate for the region and technical networks
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