Procurement Reform
Transparency, Integrity, Accountability, Value

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Evolution of Public Procurement

- Capital Fund Ordinance and Finance Ordinance

2004
- Public Finance Management Act

2005
- Financial Regulations

2020
- Public Procurement Act

2012
- Protocols for Effective Management

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Public Finance Management Act (PFM) – 2004

“There Act to make better provision for the management of public money and public stores…”

+ Covers goods, works and services.
+ Offers of a wide range of procurement documents to standardise acquisition procedures.
+ The normative and regulatory function is clearly defined.
+ Competitive processes follow in general international best practices.
+ Operational audit system in place.
PFM Act (2004) – The Bad

There is no specific law on public procurement.

Fractioning of contracts is not clearly prohibited.

There are no standards for non-competitive procedures.

Lack of mechanism for challenges and appeals.
PFM Act (2004) – The Bad

- Publication of information is not the general standard throughout the procurement cycle.
- Absence of rules on participation, award criteria, eligibility and exclusion of tenders.
- No rules on contract management, on amendments and conflicts during its performance.
- No financial management procedures for the procurement process.
- Procuring entities other than Central Tenders Board are not clearly defined.
Methodology for Assessing Procurement System (MAPS) 2014

• Developed by Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
• Conducted by Norman Cameron (Consultant to CDB)
• Produced report that was tabled by the Cabinet
• Results were deemed significant and the recommendations were immediately acted upon.
Process of PP Reform in the BVI

2014 • Country Procurement Assessment Report completed

2015 • Engaged Consultant to draft legislation and handbooks

2016 • Cabinet accepted report and adoption of the recommendations

2018 • Cabinet decides for AG to draft legislation and regulations (Bill)

2019 • Cabinet decides on minor amendments to the Bill and that it should be forwarded to HOA
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Key Takeaways

Do not be afraid to ask for help!

Pay attention to key recommendations.

Procrastination in reform is not your friend!

“If at first you don’t succeed...try again”.

Ride the wave of momentum.
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