Provisional Programme Outline

Theme: "Harnessing Artificial Intelligence and Inclusive Public Procurement for Regional Integration, Youth Empowerment and Shared Prosperity"

Provisional — subject to change. This outline is based on the Concept Note and the proposed presentation topics. Session times, venues and named speakers will be confirmed by the EAPF Secretariat. Working languages: English and French, with simultaneous interpretation in plenary and technical sessions.

Day	Highlights
Mon 23 Nov	Arrival of delegates · Airport/SGR welcome desks · Accreditation desk open 12:00–19:00
Day 1 · Tue 24 Nov	Accreditation from 07:30 · Official opening ceremony — Chief Guest: H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya · Implementation status of the 17th EAPF (Juba) resolutions · Country experiences on a chosen thematic area
Day 2 · Wed 25 Nov	Country and thematic presentations: Digital transformation & responsible AI · Youth as drivers of innovation · Exhibition & networking
Day 3 · Thu 26 Nov	Country and thematic presentations: Inclusive procurement & regional integration · Climate-smart procurement · Next generation of professionals · Gala dinner
Day 4 · Fri 27 Nov	Adoption of the 18th EAPF resolutions · Selection of the 19th EAPF host · Official closing — FCPA Hon. John Mbadi Ng'ongo, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury · Excursion

Proposed presentation topics by sub-theme

a. Digital Transformation of Public Procurement and Responsible use of AI

1. Integration of AI in the electronic procurement cycle: requirements for effective deployment, lessons/gains, challenges and emerging issues. **Tanzania**
2. Strengthening regulatory oversight in the e-GP system environment; potential gains from the use of AI. **The World Bank**
3. Leveraging e-Procurement platforms to bridge the regional divide and participation.
4. e-GP system data quality, big data analytics, red flags, and detection of fraud and related challenges.
5. Capacity requirements, gaps and challenges in becoming AI-ready for digital transformation.

b. Youth as Drivers of Innovation in Public Procurement

1. Promoting policy reforms to unleash youth-led innovations in public procurement.

2. Breaking barriers to effective participation of the youth in public procurement through policy reforms and other enablers. **Kenya**

c. Inclusive Public Procurement for Marginalised, Underserved Communities and Promoting Regional Integration

1. Strengthening capacity of local SMEs to deliver regionally in the context of AfCFTA and EAC Common Market protocols — balancing within-country affirmative action with regional non-discrimination. **Uganda**
2. Leveraging e-Procurement platforms to bridge the regional divide and participation.
3. Strengthening preferential procurement (equality, diversity and inclusivity). **Keynote · CIPS Kenya**

d. Climate-Smart Procurement for Sustainable Development

1. Beyond lowest evaluated price: institutionalising Life-Cycle Costing (LCC) and related methodologies in public procurement. **UNIDO**
2. Circular public procurement: designing tenders for product-as-a-service, extended lifespans and zero waste. **UNEP**

e. Building the Next Generation of Procurement Professionals

1. Cultivating ethical leadership and psychological safety in high-pressure procurement environments. **Rwanda**
2. Beyond public procurement as a transaction: shifting to strategic and data-driven value creation.
3. Upskilling on digital literacy, sustainability and building resilient public procurement. **Burundi**

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