



Theme for 2019: Effective Public Procurement as a key driver to achieving Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda

Public Procurement Authority

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#### NEW PROCUREMENT LAW TO FAVOUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS-UGANDA



All foreign contractors awarded procurement deals shall be required to partner with Ugandan subcontractors.

The proposal is contained in the amendments to the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act. In the proposals, government seeks to favour local contractors and local products during procurement.

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#### STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF PPA



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# STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

On a documentary by Manasseh Awuni Azure entitled- Contracts for sale

The Board of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has taken notice of a documentary by Manasseh Awuni Azure, titled "Selling of Government Contracts", which was aired in the evening of Wednesday, 21st August, 2019 on Joy TV and subsequently on other television and radio stations nationwide.

The Board's attention has been further drawn to the referral by His Excellency the President of the matters contained in the documentary to the Office of Special Prosecutor for investigations, as well as, a complaint lodged with the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), pursuant to the instructions of the President.

The Board expresses its preparedness to cooperate with the investigations ordered by the President and hereby assures the public that upon the conclusion of the said investigations, the role of the Board of the PPA in the grant of approvals for only the procedure to be adopted by procurement entities for Single Source and Restricted Tendering in accordance with sections 38, 39, 40 and 41 of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended, and **not** the conduct of the tender or selection of successful tenderers, will be clarified and better understood.

The Board further assures the public that the investigations ordered by the President will disclose that the Board of the PPA does <u>not</u> influence subsequent tender processes (which is competitive) conducted in accordance with Part 5 of Act 663, after an approval of the procedure for restricted tendering has been granted by the PPA. Neither does the Board have control over the selection of contractors and suppliers for goods, works and services presented by procurement entities in applications for approval for a method of Single Source and Restricted Tendering, nor does it award contracts.

The Board wishes to assure the public that, there is no disruption to the operations of the PPA.

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#### SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT, IS IT ATTAINABLE?

This edition of the e-Bulletin focuses on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP). Feature articles and some news stories will explain Sustainable Public Procurement, update readers with the global trends as well as look critically at the implementation of SPP in Ghana. I hope we will be able to answer the question "is it attainable?" after this edition. First, let's delve into global trends.

Public procurement wields enormous purchasing power, accounting for an average of 12 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in OECD countries, and up to 30 percent of GDP in many developing countries. Leveraging this purchasing power by buying more sustainable goods and services can help drive markets in the direction of sustainability, reduce the negative impacts of an organization, and also produce positive benefits for the environment and society.



World Leaders at the UN Headquarters (2015)

In September 2015, world leaders met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and adopted the 2030 Development Agenda. At its core are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals, and take into account the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

The SDGs have reiterated the strong link between environmental protection, sustainable development, and public procurement. In fact, one of the targets under Goal 12 on sustainable consumption and production patterns focuses specifically on the promotion of "public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities". The advancement of sustainable public procurement (SPP) practices is thus recognized as being a key strategic component of the global efforts towards achieving more sustainable consumption and production patterns. Against the backdrop of this global interest is the potential of public procurement to drive change towards a more sustainable future.

The 2017 Global Review explores the progress made in the past three years at a global scale, highlighting regional trends. The research investigated what 41 national governments are doing to promote, implement and measure the outcomes of SPP to benchmark results and assess progress over time. To track the progress made on sustainable procurement (SP) across public and private organizations, the 2017 Global Review also ana-

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lyzes the views of over 200 stakeholders from 186 different organizations and 41 countries collected through a stakeholder survey. The survey gathered input from stakeholders on their views on the drivers, risks, barriers, and outcomes for sustainable procurement broadly, and as it is practiced within their organizations. It is important to note that all the 41 countries participating in this study reported having SPP commitments and provisions in either a sustainable or 'green' procurement policy or in other organizational policies, e.g. general procurement regulations or environmental policies.



In 2010, Ghana's late President, His Excellency Prof. John Evan Atta Mills signed an agreement between Ghana and Switzerland under which the Swiss Government made available to Ghana/Public Procurement Authority, a grant of about US\$2.7million over a 3-year period to support the integration of *SUSTAINABILITY* issues into our public procurement processes.

To make this a reality, the Public Procurement Authority held a high level Ministerial workshop for Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers and Chief Directors to sensitize and get their buy-in of the policy. Subsequently, the Authority, embarked on a nation-wide sensitization workshops for Procurement Professionals and Practitioner's in all the MDAs and MMDAs. Training Programmes were also organized for Suppliers, Contractors and Consultants. Ghana's efforts took another step higher when issues on sustainability were provided in the amended Act, (Act 914) of 2016.

Subsequently the Standard Tender documents have been revised to cater for this provisions. Every public purchase is an opportunity to drive markets towards innovation and sustainability.

SPP enables governments to meet environmental goals such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy and water efficiency, and supporting recycling. The social benefits of SPP may include poverty reduction, improved equity and respect for core labor standards. From an economic perspective, SPP can generate income, reduce costs and support the transfer of skills and technology.

Considering the global trends and the steps Ghana has taken towards sustainability, we ask "is SPP really attainable or it is just a fool's dream? Is Agenda 2030 achievable?"

By: David Damoah
(Senior Corporate Affairs Officer)

Have you ever paused to reflect on the consequences of your actions or inactions on the environment? Can you imagine an economy where all products designed are biodegradable and environmentally sustainable?

Issues of sustainability have become the center of public discourse and have gradually been incorporated into the procurement process of many nations. Increasingly, sustainability has proven to achieve value for money across the entire value chain. It can be used as a lever to promote green economy hence combating issues of climate change when effectively implemented. It is mostly defined as the ability of meeting the needs of the present without comprising on the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and it highlights three major pillars- Social, Economic and Environment.

Globally, there is a significant paradigm shift to

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THE GLOBAL GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals

more sustainable consumption and production pattern which is considered responsible and good. Governments, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to adopt sustainable consumption and production principles. These principles cut across several areas that we as a people need to pay close attention to. They include the use of natural resources efficiently, pollution and waste reduction, empowerment of all sections of the economy and protection of human health.

There have been several international meetings and summits such as the Rio and Johannesburg Summits in 1992 and 2002 respectively, where governments are encouraged to change from unsustainable consumption and production patterns to sustainable consumption and production patterns. Sustainable Consumption and Production is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals under which is the Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) initiative. Sustainable Public Procurement is defined as a process whereby organizations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieve value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organization, but also to society and the economy whilst minimizing damage to the environment.

For governments, businesses and individuals who are ready to practice Sustainable Public Procurement, the three pillars of Social, Economy and Environment must be considered when carrying out any procurement transaction. Questions such as the following need to be asked;

- Do our purchases reduce pollution of the air, water and land?
- Are we energy efficient?

- Are we ensuring fair labour practices are carried out by our Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants?
- Do we ensure the effective use of natural resources?
- Are we practicing good corporate governance?
- Do our Suppliers/Contractors/Consultants engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)?

# PRACTICAL INNOVATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

In recent times many cities across the globe have increasingly embraced the concept of sustainable procurement and have devised strategies to achieve their respective SPP targets. There have



**Budapest**, Hungary

been notable achievements in many of these cities.

**Budapest,** Hungary is a city that is keen on driving the SPP agenda. Although, the city never had a specific sustainable procurement strategy it has a keen interest in environmental protection. It has an Environmental Programme (2017-2021) where it has declared its intention of realizing innovative

and sustainable procurements. It aims at high quality and effectiveness and at the same time ensuring the reduction of carbon footprint of all purchases. It has a target of 100% sustainable procurement processes which means that every procurement carried out shall contain or be driven by at least one issue, item contractual obligation under the umbrella of sustainability. Procurement that is financed from the municipal budgets is also expected to go by the directives under the Environmental Programme and use sustainable and green evaluation criteria. Most of the utility companies in the city have a number of innovations; in 2014 a public bicycle sharing system called BuBi was inaugurated to help reduce C02 emissions. Again, it has two Recycling Plants which provide places for hazardous garbage



Denver, USA

disposal. It also has established educational centres' where children learn about the relevance of sustainability.

**Denver**, USA also has embraced SPP through its initiatives. All new city construction is expected to have LEED(*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) Gold Certification, benchmarking all public buildings and retrofitting buildings

through energy performance contracting. It has also incorporated fuel-efficient vehicles into fleet by requiring the purchase of hybrid or highly fuel -efficient vehicles. In its recent bid to purchase the City's Car Wash Soap and Cleaners, it ensured that the products are certified compliant with an Eco-Logo and use microorganisms that can liquefy and digest organic and petroleum hydrocarbon waste. These bioactive products are now used in washing trucks, cleaning floors and



Seoul, South Korea

drains at the Roslyn and Central Platte fleet facilities as well as the Denver International Airport.

In Seoul, South Korea the Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, Park Won- Soon said "Sustainable Consumption and Production will help Seoul create economic values through efficient use of Resources while minimizing environmental pollution." Leadership in Seoul recognizes the importance of sustainable public procurement and has set sustainable procurement targets that cut across areas such as electricity efficiency and green purchases. Seoul Metropolitan Govern-

ment has been pursuing green procurement for over a decade. In 2007 it had an Ordinance on the Promotion of Purchase of Green Products which obliged all public institutions in Seoul to procure green products available within the online KONEPS purchasing system. By 2017, 42 percent of all products purchased were green, representing spending of 122billion Korean Won (over \$100million). Again, it is expected that by 2020 all newly constructed and renovated public buildings (larger than 3,000 m2 in total floor area)



Warsaw, Poland

should acquire the best-in-class green building certification and also acquire a higher grade in energy efficiency.

The City of Warsaw, Poland also promotes SPP innovations which reduce the impact on the environment. It goes further to emphasize the social impact of SPP. For instance since 2009 it has two categories of social clauses; first, regarding contractors, whose employees are people with disabilities (at least 50%). The second, regarding prefer-

ences of employment of contractors excluded from the labour market that is disabled, unemployed and refugees. Warsaw's City Hall is the

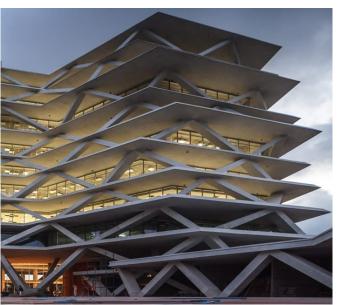


Cape Town, South Africa

first to begin preparations for the widespread use of social clauses in public procurement. Since 2015, companies planning to participate in municipal tenders are obliged to apply such clauses. Cities such as Kenya, Cape Town, Tanzania and Senegal in Africa are also increasingly adopting sustainability initiatives. For example, Cape Town, South Africa has integrated sustainable procurement in its supply chain management policy to support and sustain green industries and solutions. This is to encourage suppliers and service providers to embrace environmentally responsible solutions. Cape Town has several SPP innovations that span from Electricity efficiency, Information technology to Awareness creation. For example, 26 percent of the large municipal office buildings in Cape Town have been retrofitted to improve their energy efficiency. The initial investment of R29million is expected to result in a saving of 7459 MWh of electricity, 7384 tons of carbon, and R2,4 million savings per annum. The City has also been at the forefront of awareness creation in green and sustainable public procurement in organizations and homes.

### IS SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT A MYTH OR A REALITY IN GHANA?

Ghana is a signatory to many international treaties and conventions on the environment and social



One Airport Square—Sustainable Building in Accra

issues. A market readiness analysis conducted in 2014 by the Ghana Task Force on SPP indicated that Ghana was ready to embark on the SPP Agenda. There have been ample regulatory provisions for the implementation of SPP Policies in Ghana. Currently, amendments of Act 663 contain some provisions which support the implementation of sustainable policies. The Public Procurement Authority together with the Ghana Task Force and

support from State Secretariat for Economic Affairs-SECO has continuously sensitized both the Public and Private Sector on issues of Sustainable Public Procurement since 2014. Few organizations in Ghana have embraced the SPP concept in their business operations. The awareness is gradually trickling down into the minds of all stakeholders. However, the questions remain, "Is the SPP agenda attainable in Ghana?" or are we just enjoying all the fanfare it comes with?

A quick peek into the future tells of a country that can effectively implement sustainable policies since there are already established Acts and regulations such as the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1994(Act 490), Forest & Wildlife Management (Timber Resources Management Act, 1997, (Act 547 and its LI1649), and Mining and Minerals Act, 2006 Act 703.

Although few, Ghana can boast of sustainable innovations in the areas of waste processing, recycling, biogas and electricity efficiency. Currently, we have the Accra Compost & Recycling Plant (ACARP) and the Ghana Recycling Initiative by Private Enterprises (GRIPE) initiatives which emphasize the protection of the environment. Also, the Government of Ghana has introduced solar-powered traffic and street lights in major towns across the country.



Solar-Powered Street Lights

Public organizations such as Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Standards Authority, Department of Urban Roads, Energy and Forestry Commissions have been at the forefront in raising awareness on issues of sustainability. For instance, Energy and Forestry Commissions educate the public on energy conservation and protection of natural resources and wildlife respectively. These public organizations also ensure that products that are produced or imported have the required certification before allowed in the Ghanaian market. The Forestry Commission in Ghana under its National Forest Plantation Development Programme (NFPDP) has over the years been restoring degraded forest lands and at the same time creating job opportunities for communities.

Efforts are also being made to introduce green building on a large scale in the country. Modern buildings being put up are ensuring that low energy is used in the construction and also



National Forest Plantation Development Programme



Installations of Solar Panels in Ghana

incorporating the Biogas model. Biogas is considered to be a renewable resource. This is because its production-and-use cycle is continuous, and it generates no net carbon dioxide. Some old buildings such as educational institutions and health facilities as well as private homes have installed biogas plants to generate gas directly used for cooking and electricity.

It is evident that Ghana is making some strides in addressing issues of sustainability. However, we need all stakeholders such as Oversight bodies, Businesses and Civil Society organizations comprising Pressure groups, Think Tanks, and the Media and the general public to get on board to drive the SPP Agenda in order to harness the numerous benefits that come with it.

#### WE CAN DO BETTER!

EDWINA SAFEE-BOAFO SENIOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Source: http://glcn-on-sp.org/cities/ PPA Training Materials



Accra Compost & Recycling Plant



Biogas Toilets in Ghana

#### NEW PROCUREMENT LAW TO FAVOUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS-UGANDA



All foreign contractors awarded procurement deals shall be required to partner with Ugandan subcontractors.

The proposal is contained in the amendments to the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act. In the proposals, government seeks to favour local contractors and local products during procurement.

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets (Amendment) Bill is now before the Parliament Committee on Finance.

According to the Minister of State for Finance (Planning) Hon. David Bahati, these sub-contractors are embedded in the laws so that if there is a big procurement process, either externally, then it is mandatory to have sub-contractors who are Ugandans.

This, Bahati said, will promote government's efforts in the Buy Uganda Build Uganda (BUBU) campaign because it will now be backed by law.

Similarly, the Bill proposes to reserve certain procurements for youth, women and people with disabilities.

Source: Parliament of ganda

#### **OUR LETTERS**



Great job on the publications so far. I was really educated as well as inspired by your last edition "Women in Public Procurement". After reading the article, I have gained some insights on the scope of Public Procurement for women in Ghana.

#### Celestine Ofori -Kumasi

I am really saddened by what the disabled in Ghana go through. Our leaders should look at creating opportunities for them which will subsequently eliminate poverty and improve the stand of living among the marginalized.

#### Daniel Attah—Konongo

A lot of campaigns and project should be launched to ensure equal rights and respect for people with disabilities (PwDs) in Ghana.

#### Kwesi Agyekum—Ashiaman

Did you say it takes as long as 6 months for payment to be made after you win a contract? This particular problem is leaving most young entrepreneurs crippled.

#### Ayesha Muntaka—Tamale



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