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TO: ACCOUNTING OFFICERS

4th ANNUAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYMPOSIUM 2025; ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE BULAWAYO: 04 - 05 AUGUST 2025

The Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (PRAZ) is pleased to announce that the **4th Annual Public Procurement Symposium** will be held on the 4th and 5th of August 2025 at the Zimbabwe International Exhibition Centre in Bulawayo. The Symposium will be held under the theme **"Beyond Compliance: Strategic Thinking for the Modern Procurement Professional"**. The target groups of the Symposium are Junior Procurement Practitioners, Procurement Clerks, Buyers, Procurement Officers, Evaluation Committee members and the Bidding Community.

Deliberations will be centred around the following sub-themes and topics:

- a) **Procurement as a Strategic Enabler**
 - From Compliance to Strategy: The Evolution of Procurement Roles
- b) **Digital Transformation and Innovation in Procurement**
 - Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Procurement
 - e-GP System: Opportunities and Risks
 - The Nuts and Bolts of e-Bid Evaluations: Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward
- c) **Risk Management, Resilience, and Sustainability**
 - Green Procurement and ESG Integration
 - Supplier Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies
- d) **Legal, Regulatory and Governance Frameworks**
 - Navigating the PPDPA Act Amendments: Implications of the e-GP System
 - The Future of M&E: Data Collection Under e-GP System
- e) **Talent Development and Leadership in Procurement**
 - Future Skills for Procurement Professionals
 - Mental Health Issues
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Procurement Teams



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Registration Details:

- All reservations, registrations, and invoice downloads must be completed online via portal.praz.org.zw.
- Proof of payment should also be uploaded through the same portal.
- Kindly ensure that the names of all attending delegates are correctly captured on the portal.

Symposium Fees:

The conference fees will cover:

- Conference teas and lunch
- Conference materials

We encourage you to complete the registration process promptly to secure your participation. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at capacitybuilding@praz.org.zw or contact the following persons: Mrs. E. Kagodo on 0712 899 420 or Ms. S. Sibanda on 0712 907 328 and Mr. E. Masvosva on 0719 393 962. Please find attached the draft program for the event.

We are looking forward to your participation in this significant event.



Dr. C. Ruswa
Chief Executive Officer

PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE



**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT 4th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
DRAFT PROGRAM**

Venue: Zimbabwe International Exhibition Centre, Bulawayo
–"Beyond Compliance: Strategic Thinking for the Modern Procurement Professionals"–

Event Director: TBA

DAY ONE: 4 AUG 2025

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30- 08:30	Registration	Secretariat
08:30-08:35	National Anthem and Opening Prayer	Event Director; TBA
08:35-08:40	Welcome Remarks	TBA
08:40-08:45	Opening Remarks	Chief Executive Officer; PRAZ; Dr. C. Ruswa
08:45-09:15	Keynote Address by Guest of Honour	TBA
09:15-10:15	From Compliance to Strategy: The Evolution of Procurement Roles	TBA
10:15 -10:25	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director; TBA
10:25 - 10:30	Vote of Thanks	Board Chair; PRAZ; Ms. N. Moyo
10:30-11:15	Tea Break	All
11:15-11:45	E-GP System: Opportunities and Risks	
11:45-11:55	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director:
11:55-12:55	Panel Discussion 1 The Nuts and Bolts of e-Bid Evaluations: Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward	TBA
12:55-13:00	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director: Ms.
13:00 - 14:30	Networking Lunch	All
14:30 -15:15	Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Procurement	TBA
15:15- 15:25	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director
15:25-16:00	Green Procurement and ESG Integration	TBA
16:00 -16:10	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director

16:10 -	Tea and End of day	All
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DAY TWO: 5 AUG 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
07:45- 08:30	Registration	Secretariat:
08:30- 08:40	Recap of day 1	Event Director:
08:40- 09:00	Future Skills for Procurement Professionals	TBA
09:00- 09:10	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director:
09:10- 10:10	PANEL 2 Due Diligence and Supplier Risk Assessment	TBA
10:10- 10:20	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director:
10:20-11:10	Tea Break	All
11:10-11:45	Navigating The PPDPA Amendments Implications of the e-GP System: Regulation Framework	PRAZ LEGAL
11:45-11:55	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director: Ms.
11:55-12:30	The Future of M & E: Data Collection Under e-GP	PRAZ M & E
12:30-12:45	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director:
12:45-13:15	Mental health issues	TBA
13:15-13:45	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Procurement Teams	TBA
13:45 -14:00	Questions, Reactions and Reflections	Event Director:
14:00-14:10	Resolutions and Closing Remarks	Chief Executive Officer; PRAZ Dr. C. Ruswa
14:10 -	Networking Lunch and End of Program	All