



# Highlights of the National Public Procurement Policy

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# Session Highlights

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- Introduction
- Background To The NPSPP
- Components of the national Public sector Procurement system
- Understanding the Public procurement System
- Procurement as a Policy Tool
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- Conclusion



# Background To The NPSPP

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- The procurement system in Uganda has evolved over time from a centralized to decentralised public sector procurement operations while the regulatory function has largely remained centralized.
- The current system is a product of the reforms that started in 1997 and culminated into the PPDA 2003 Act.



# Background.....

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- Notable achievements include but not limited;
  - Putting in place Primary and secondary legislations
  - Establishing a Regulatory body
  - Implementation framework in the entities [PDE]
  - Standard solicitation documents
  - A procurement cadre in public service
  - Complaints handling mechanism
  - A procurement performance measurement system
  - Procurement portal, etc.



# Background.....

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- Whereas a lot of achievements have been attained during the last ten years since the enactment of this Act, various audit and diagnostic reports, (OAG, PPDA, IIA, PEFA 2012, CPPR 2012 ] have continued to depict challenges within the system.



# Background.....

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- Challenges include but not limited to
  - Absence of a document that clearly spells out the policy decisions that formed the basis of the PPDA law.
  - Focus on Compliance with limited attention on service delivery
  - Inadequate capacities and competencies within the public sector procurement system to handle increasingly complex function.



# Background.....

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- Challenges include but not limited to
  - Low absorption capacities of Procurement and Disposal Entities'
  - Poorly equipped public sector procurement function with limited capacity to handle the increasing complexity of acquisitions.
  - Fragmented information management systems for public sector procurement, etc.



# Rationale for the NPSPP

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- Fully implement the Cabinet Memorandum, CT 2000 minute 29 dated 19/1/2005 Public Procurement Reform.
- Enhance good governance within the Public Sector Procurement system.
- Strategic positioning of the public sector procurement function at policy and operational level.
- Promote the use of procurement as a tool for attaining sustainable socio and economic development



# Rationale .....

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- Improve the effectiveness and alignment of public procurement objectives towards achieving national objectives [Uganda 2040].
- Put in place a public sector procurement that focuses on attainment of results and ultimately service delivery.
- Harmonize the existing public sector procurement system with regional and international protocols/ declarations [EAC, Johannesburg Declaration, among others]



# Rationale .....

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- Incorporate supply chain management practice within public sector procurement system.
- Promote and embrace the use of science, technology and innovation (STI), which have been recognized globally as drivers for stimulating public and private investment.



## KEY AREAS OF STRATEGIC CONCERNS ADDRESSED BY THE POLICY

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- Defined public sector procurement system concept
- Primary and secondary system goal
- Values of the system e.g. Good governance
- Innovations in public sector procurement
- Sustainable Public Procurement;
- Socially Responsible Procurement;
- Participation of local providers, SMEs in Public Procurement Market;



## KEY AREAS OF .....

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- Managing Complex and strategic procurement - PFI's, EPC contracts etc.
- Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Risk management in Public Sector Procurement System
- Incorporating the Supply Chain Management Philosophy
- Multilateral/Regional and International Trade Agreements



# Policy Vision and Mission

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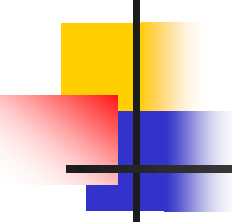
- Vision: A model Public Procurement System that facilitates socio-economic transformation.'
- Mission: To facilitate and support public service delivery through a responsive, flexible, efficient and effective procurement sector procurement system.'



# The Primary Goal of NPSPP

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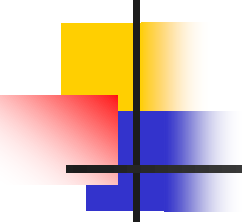
The fundamental goal of the Public Sector Procurement policy is to ensure that procurement activities achieve ***Value for Money*** in supporting the delivery of government services.



# Understanding the Public procurement System

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- The document has clearly defined the system concept for the first time to all key stakeholders
- For some time we have been assessing the PSP using the OECD model- under PEFA a four pillar model was used.



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# Public Sector Procurement as a Policy Tool

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- The policy highlights how Public Sector Procurement can be a powerful tool in creating and maintaining healthy local economies, promoting equitable and inclusive societies, and ensure stimulation of employment, innovation and environmental protection.



# Values for the NPSPP

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- **Good Governance:**
- is the primary core value of the Public Sector Procurement system. Other values proposed include;
  - Openness
  - Customer Satisfaction
  - Responsiveness
  - Fair and equal treatment, etc



# Conclusion

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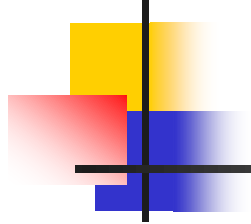
- The dynamic nature of procurement, including the expansion of activities and increasing technical complexity, calls for regular professional training of procurement staff.
- There is undoubtedly a need to fundamentally transform the existing public sector procurement system in order that it responds to current needs of Ugandan society



# Conclusion

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- By putting in place a NPSPP, Government of Uganda will be in better position to implement Vision 2040 the function for improved governance and overall service delivery.



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