

Under the patronage of the Lebanese Minister of Finance Dr. Youssef El Khalil

Forum on “Challenges of Implementing Public Procurement Law 244/2021 and the Path to Capacity Development towards Professionalisation”

Closing of the “Public Procurement Reform support to Capacity Building” project

July 10, 2024 - 9:30 to 13:00

Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Clemenceau-Beirut

Following the implementation of the “Technical Support to Capacity Building of Stakeholders on Public Procurement in Lebanon” project,

The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan and the Knowledge Development Company (KDC), in partnership with the World Bank, have the pleasure to invite to participate in the **Forum entitled “Challenges of Implementing Public Procurement Law 244/2021 and the Path to Capacity Development towards Professionalization”**, on **Wednesday July 10, 2024** at 9:30 am, at the Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Clemenceau-Beirut.

Objectives

1. Present the main outputs of the Project “Lebanon-Public Procurement Reform support to Capacity Building”
2. Shed light on the challenges facing the proper implementation of Public Procurement Law 244/2021.
3. Discuss Public Procurement Professionalization path in Lebanon and training needs across public sector, in light of lessons learnt from international practices.

Participants

- Public Administrations, institutions and municipalities, and oversight bodies
- Representatives from business community and NGOs
- Representatives from donor organizations and development partners
- National and international experts
- Institute of Finance team
- KDC project team

Language: The forum will be held in Arabic, with simultaneous translation to English.

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	Arrival and Registration
9:30 – 10:10	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebanese National Anthem and Welcome note by Knowledge Development Company Video screening 'Lebanon's Public Procurement Law Process' (8 min) Presentation of Project Outcomes by Mr. Jean Dib Al-Hajj, Director, Knowledge Development Company and Ms. Lina Fares, Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank Mr. Majed El-Bayya, Practice Manager – Procurement MENA, World Bank Mr. Samuel Haileselassie Kebede, Senior Procurement Specialist and GPP MDTF Program Manager, World Bank -<i>Virtual</i> Dr. Youssef El Khalil, Minister of Finance
10:10 – 11:20	Session 1: Challenges facing the proper implementation of PPL 244/2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the survey results on the status of Law 244 implementation and related challenges by Ms. Rana Rizkallah Fares, Senior Procurement Specialist, Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan Mr. Georges Okais, Member of Parliament Eng. Kamal Hayek, Chairman and Director General, Electricité du Liban Mr. George Krikorian, Council member, Municipality of Borj Hammoud Dr. Jean Ellieh, President, Public Procurement Authority Mr. Majed El-Bayya, Practice Manager – Procurement MENA, World Bank <p>Q&A Moderator: Mr. Jean Dib Al-Hajj, Director, Knowledge Development Company</p>
11:20 – 11:50	Coffee break
11:50 – 13:00	Session 2: Capacity development in public procurement towards professionalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the survey results on capacity development and training needs by Ms. Suzane Abou Chacra, Senior Learning Specialist, Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan Ms. Najla Riachi, Minister of State for Administrative Reform Col. Wassim Monzer, Head of the Finance and Equipment Unit, General Security Ms. Lina Tutunji, Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank Mr. Paulo Magina, Head of Public Procurement at the Directorate for Public Governance, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) -<i>Virtual</i> Ms. Lamia Moubayed Bissat, President, Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan <p>Q&A Moderator: Mr. Jean Dib Al-Hajj, Director, Knowledge Development Company</p>
13:00	Closing