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# THE FIFTH CENTRAL ASIA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FORUM

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Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic, April 21-24, 2009

**Learning & Knowledge Sharing Event on Country Systems**

**Hosted by the Kyrgyz Republic and Co-sponsored by World Bank, Islamic Development Bank and Asian Development Bank**



## II. Participants

The Forum was attended by a total of 41 people, including 24 high level government officials responsible for public procurement in 10 countries (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan); and 17 representatives from ADB, IsDB, WB and USAID.

## I. Introduction

The Fifth Central Asia Public Procurement Forum was held during the period of April 21-24, 2009 in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic. This Forum is the first of its kind co-sponsored by World Bank, Islamic Development Bank and Asian Development Bank and targeted to strengthen the capacity of participating countries in development of reliable country procurement systems. The Forum was opened on behalf of the hosting country by Mr. Paizullabek P. Rahmanov, Director of Kyrgyz State Agency on Public Procurement and Material Reserves. At the conclusion of the Forum, the Turkish delegation offered to host the next forum in Turkey.

## III. Forum Objectives

The Forum was designed to achieve the following objectives: a) Gain the experience in establishing an effective mechanism to endorse implementation of public procurement law and regulations; b) Increase the role of public procurement in building a national public finance management system based on good governance; institutional development and human resources capacity building; c) Better understand the anti-corruption agenda in public procurement; d) Learn about the latest development of public procurement reforms in participating countries; e Highlight the role of IFIs in strengthening national public procurement systems; f) Harmonize the donors support in advancing use of country systems agenda in procurement under IFI financed operations; g) Improve the monitoring tools, benchmarking and other good international practices in measuring the progress of the public procurement reform; and i) Establish the solid regional cooperation in public procurement reform.

## IV. Speakers

The speakers were: Heads of Country Delegations; Mr. Hamid Sharif, Principle Director, Central Operations Services office, ADB; Ms. Dan Yang, Director, Central Operations Services 1, ADB; Mr. Nizar Zaiied, Water and Sanitation Specialist, IsDB; Mr. Edil Kolashev, USAID; Mr. Bernard Becq, Chief Procurement Policy Officer, WB; Mr. Devesh Mishra, ECA Regional Procurement Manager, WB; Mr. Majed M. El-Bayya, Lead. Procurement Specialist and TTL for the activity, WB; Mr. Yuling Zhou, Sr. Procurement Specialist, WB.