



AFRICAN PROCUREMENT LAW UNIT

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA WORKSHOP

21 JULY 2023

BIRCHWOOD HOTEL & OR TAMBO CONFERENCE CENTRE
PROGRAMME

8:00	Registration	
	Welcome	
9:00	Opening remarks	Geo Quinot
THEME 1: INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS		
9:15	Institutional arrangements under the Public Procurement Bill Nature and powers of the Public Procurement Office	Peter Volmink
9:30	Discussion	
10:15	Break	
THEME 2: PROCUREMENT INTEGRITY		
10:45	A debarment system for South Africa Professionalisation of public procurement	Sope Williams
11:00	Discussion	
THEME 3: TARGETED PROCUREMENT		
11:45	What principles should drive targeted procurement in South Africa?	Tshiamo Sedumedi
12:00	Discussion	
12:45	Lunch	
THEME 4: PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES		
13:45	The procurement procedures that should be provided for in the South African procurement system.	Shaun Scott
14:00	Discussion	
14:45	Break	
THEME 5: DISPUTE RESOLUTION		
15:15	The optimal mechanisms to resolve disputes in public procurement	Thandiwe Seboletswe
15:30	Discussion	
CLOSE		
16:15	Conclusion and way forward	Geo Quinot Sope Williams

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ABOUT

The African Procurement Law Unit (APLU) was created in 2012 with the aim to promote:

- research on public procurement regulation on the African continent;
- training in public procurement regulation;
- discussion of public procurement issues within the African context;
- building of networks in Africa and with similar units elsewhere.

The unit provides a permanent platform for in-depth research in an area of law that is critical to development in Africa, but currently largely neglected. APLU maintains a continental footprint by means of associated researchers based in a number of African countries and beyond.

CONFERENCE

Join APLU for the

Fourth International Conference on Public Procurement Law Africa

from 11 to 12 September 2023 in Cape Town

The Conference theme is **Public Procurement and the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: Opportunities towards 2030**. The conference will examine the role of public procurement to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals; using public procurement to address gender equality and the climate emergency in Africa; the integration between procurement and human rights issues such as modern slavery; as well as issues that present an obstacle to sustainable development such as corruption, weak institutional capacity and poor governance in the procurement context – all from a regulatory perspective. The conference will also consider the role that innovation and technology such as blockchain and AI can play in sustainable public procurement and regulatory issues pertaining to such innovation. Plenary speakers include some of the leading thinkers in public procurement in Africa and internationally.

Visit www.africanprocurementlaw.org to view the programme and to register.

TRAINING

The Law Faculty at Stellenbosch University, through the associated **African Procurement Law Unit**, offers two postgraduate programmes in public procurement law that provide cutting-edge professional training in one of the most dynamic and fast-developing areas of law globally, with a distinct African focus.

The programmes are aimed specifically at equipping students with the necessary expert knowledge and professional skills to excel in the workforce. The structure of the programmes allows students to complete postgraduate studies with a focus on professional procurement law practice and gain additional professional skills, including focused research and communications skills, specific to procurement legal practice.

Law graduates can enrol for the LLM (Public Procurement Policy and Regulation) and graduates from other disciplines can enrol for the PGDip (Public Procurement Policy and Regulation). Both programmes are offered over either one or two years. Students can study from their home base and are only required to attend in-person contact sessions for one block period per semester.

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