



ONLINE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FROM COMMITMENT TO CONTRACT

LINKING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS
WITH PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS

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Knowledge-sharing event



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OVERVIEW

Procurement is one of the primary mechanisms through which environmental and social (E&S) commitments are turned into legally enforceable obligations for contractors, consultants, and suppliers. Although the borrower remains accountable to the financier for meeting E&S standards, most of the activities that determine a project's E&S performance are carried out by contractors and their supply chains. In practice, the quality of E&S outcomes depends heavily on how well safeguards requirements are reflected in procurement decisions, embedded in contract documents, and enforced during implementation.

Yet in many institutions, safeguards and procurement are handled by separate teams that use different language, follow different timelines, and answer to different accountabilities. This separation is a frequent source of weak implementation. Multilateral development banks (MDBs) have responded by embedding E&S considerations directly into their procurement frameworks. The instruments now exist. The remaining challenge is to apply them consistently and with confidence in the field.

This knowledge sharing webinar brings the two communities together for a focused two-hour exchange on where safeguards and procurement meet, what works, and what still gets lost between policy and practice

OBJECTIVES

The webinar creates space for open dialogue between E&S and procurement practitioners. Together, participants will:

- Explore the key points where E&S requirements enter the procurement cycle, from early risk identification to contract management
- Share practical experiences of embedding E&S provisions in procurement documents and enforcing them through contracts
- Discuss the common obstacles to integration, including siloed teams, misaligned timelines, and administrative burden
- Identify practical solutions and good practices that participants can apply in their own institutions

This is a peer learning event for practitioners working to bridge the gap between safeguards policy and procurement practice.

TARGET GROUP

- Environmental and social specialists in borrower institutions, implementing agencies, and government ministries
- Procurement specialists and officers who prepare, evaluate, and manage contracts
- Project managers and task team leaders coordinating between safeguards and procurement functions
- Contract managers, engineers, and technical staff who supervise works contracts
- Consultants and advisers supporting procurement documents and E&S instruments
- Staff of development finance institutions involved in appraisal, supervision, or monitoring

A GLANCE AT THE EVENT

The knowledge sharing event is a single interactive webinar of two hours, combining short expert inputs with field perspectives and open peer exchange. It covers the following themes:

- **Welcome and framing.** Why safeguards and procurement must work together.
- **The safeguards and procurement nexus.** How environmental and social requirements move through the procurement cycle, from risk identification to contract management.
- **Field perspectives.** Practitioners share their experiences of embedding and enforcing E&S provisions in real contracts.
- **Interactive peer exchange.** Open discussion on obstacles, good practices, and practical solutions, with questions from participants.
- **Key takeaways and closing.**

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us a completed online registration form:
<https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DSB/E9719935/en>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

The course will be held in English and French

COURSE FEES

The event is free for participants with hosting cost being fully covered by the ITCILO Development Investment Programme.

CERTIFICATE

After successfully participating in all webinars, participants obtain an official ITCILO Certificate of Participation in Digital Credentials Format

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