



## Webinar on the role of the Lebanon Public Procurement Authority

### Background

Practical experience proves the importance of central public procurement organisations in performing the respective activities within public procurement system reform. One of the key challenges in the procurement reform process, along with the reform of the legal component, is the issue of how to best organise the central organisational structure for the co-ordination, implementation and monitoring of public procurement.

The availability of sufficient administrative capacity has proved to be a very important issue for countries when managing demanding reform process. It is not sufficient to put legal framework in place, it is important to set up in a broader sense a fully secure and efficient system of public procurement.

The administrative capacity of central public procurement bodies comprises human resources, including staff size, composition of staff and their educational backgrounds, financial resources and management status. The central issue in the context of administrative capacity concerns human resources. In that sense, continuing education, provided either internally or externally, plays an important role.

In line with the new Lebanon Public Procurement Law, entering into force in July 2022, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) will be established. The PPA shall undertake the organization, supervision, control and development of proceedings, systems and performance of the public procurement in Lebanon. It shall also undertake the coordination between various procuring entities and the provision of technical support and guidance.

The PPL stipulates that the existing Central Tender Board shall be dissolved and the staff and officers thereof shall be transferred to the PPA. Accordingly, in order to timely develop required administrative capacities of the future PPA, activities on identification and implementation of training of the Central Tender Board staff are needed.

### Objective

The objective of the webinar is to briefly present good international practices on the role of the procurement authority, within context of the regulatory functions as defined in the new PPL. As the Central Tender Board is to be transformed into the PPA, a goal is to expose its staff to their future regulatory role. Assessing needs in capacity building to prepare for the PPL implementation, especially related to the PPA, is planned to be initiated through discussion.

## Agenda

**31 March 2022**

**10 am – 12 pm (Beirut time)**

10.00 – 10.10	<p><b>Opening and welcome remarks</b></p> <p>SIGMA – Mr. Piotr-Nils Gorecki</p> <p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan – Mr. Ghassan Zeenny, Acting President</p> <p>Central Tender Board – Dr. Jean Ellieh, Director General</p>
10.10 – 10.25	<p><b>Organising Central Public Procurement Functions</b></p> <p><i>Organisational structure needed; key central public procurement functions; exiting models; administrative capacity; assets and shortcomings of functions carried out by central public procurement structures</i></p> <p>SIGMA – Dr. Dariusz Piasta</p>
10.25 – 10.40	<p><b>Overview of the regulatory role as defined in the Lebanon Public Procurement Law and required skills and knowledge to efficiently enforce it</b></p> <p>Central Tender Board – Dr. Jean Ellieh, Director General</p>
10.40 – 11.40	<p><b>Presentation of the key roles and functions of the public procurement authorities – international practices</b></p> <p><i>Overview of roles of PPAs and development of their functions in Albania, Turkey, Poland, Croatia</i></p> <p>International experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Albania – Ms Reida Kashta</li> <li>– Turkey – Mr. Mustafa Çağatay Taşyürek</li> <li>– Poland – Dr. Dariusz Piasta</li> <li>– Croatia – Ms Maja Kušt</li> </ul>
11.40 – 12.00	<p><b>Discussion on the needs for strengthening capacities of the PPA staff related to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>the PPL and its implementation</b></li> <li>– <b>best public procurement practices</b></li> <li>– <b>overall management skills.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Options and priorities for technical assistance.</b></p> <p>Ms. Lamia Moubayed Bissat, Advisor to the Minister of Finance on Public Procurement Reform</p> <p>SIGMA, Central Tender Board, IoF</p>