

**Agenda. Procurement of Government Outcomes (POGO) April Call**

**4PM (London) Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**ACCESS INFORMATION**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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**16.00 – 16.05: INTRO BY CHAIR Anne Davies**

- Welcome.
- Re previous call: Thanks to Chris Yukins for introducing our discussion on Emergency Public Procurement & Contract Changes. There were multiple contributions, including Patrick Maes, Deborah Burand, Andrew Carey, Daniella Jammes, David Hunter, Julian Blake, and Ranajoy Basu. Thanks also to Benjamin Taylor who described activities at the Public Service Transformation Academy (PSTA).

**16:05 – 16.10: UPDATE FROM *Emergency Responses and Government Outcomes (ERGO) Group***

- **Update from Clare FitzGerald** See webpage at: <https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/community/peer-learning-groups/ergo-peer-learning-group/about-ergo/>

**16:10 – 16.40: SHORT BUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION:**

**Outcomes vs. Corruption – Threats and Opportunities**

- 16:10 – 16.20: **Professor Sope Williams-Elegbe from Stellenbosch University (South Africa).**
- 16:20 – 16.35: **Questions for Sope and/or Discussion**

Sope has published, “*Systemic Corruption and Public Procurement in Developing Countries: Are there any solutions?*” (2018) *18 Journal of Public Procurement* 131-147.

<b>Corrupt Schemes</b>	<b>Some Solutions.</b>
i. Bribes and kickbacks.	i. Citizen surveillance, monitoring, and participation.
ii. Political pressure, conflicts of interest and fronting.	ii. Data driven action.
iii. Bid-rigging.	iii. Media engagement and support.
iv. Illegal assignment of government contracts aka “sale of contract papers.”	iv. Procurement oversight institutions.
v. Contract splitting.	v. The tone from the top.
vi. Contractual variations and price increases.	
vii. Deliberately poor contract management.	
viii. Poor planning, misrepresenting urgency and inflating prices.	

Discussion Question: How might these corruption schemes and solutions operate if payments in government contracts were are linked to outcomes?

**16:35 – 16:55 EMERGING INSIGHTS / PROJECT UPDATE:**

**OECD Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS)**

- 16:35 – 16:45: **Paulo Magina, Head of the Public Procurement Unit at the OECD**
- 16:45 – 16:55: **Questions for Paulo**

Check out the MAPS website at <http://www.mapsinitiative.org/> MAPs has four thematic pillars: (I) Legislative, Regulatory and Policy Framework; (II) Institutional Framework and Management Capacity; (III) Procurement Operations and Market Practices (IV) Accountability, Integrity and Transparency of the Public Procurement System

**16:55 – 17:00 MEETING CLOSED BY CHAIR Anne Davies**

- Our next call is Tuesday, **26<sup>th</sup> of MAY 2020**. Please send topic suggestions by May 12th.
- Thanks!