



## ADVANCED REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP FOR ASIAN ECONOMIES

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BANGKOK

### BREAKOUT SESSION 3

#### PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: POLICY OPTIONS FOR ASIAN ECONOMIES IN A CHANGING WORLD

##### 1 ACCESSION TO THE GPA

- 1.1. What are the three main elements that must be addressed in any GPA accession process?
- 1.2. What flexibilities are potentially available to developing countries acceding to the Agreement? What must be done to obtain relevant flexibilities?
- 1.3. What are the potential advantages of GPA accession for your countries? Think of the possible advantages for: (i) your government; (ii) your citizens; and (iii) your national suppliers. What are the challenges that would be involved for your countries in acceding to the Agreement? How difficult do you think it would be? (Hint: take into account your existing laws and procurement system, and the disciplines to which you may be subject under RTAs.)

##### 2 PREVENTING CORRUPTION AND COLLUSIVE TENDERING

- 2.1. Distinguish corruption concerns from collusive tendering. In what respects are these problems similar? In what respects are they different?
- 2.2. What measures can help to prevent each problem?

##### INSTRUCTIONS:

Each group should elect a chairperson at the beginning of the exercise. Please discuss the questions in your groups and share your insights. Each group will have fifty minutes to discuss the questions in the breakout room, following which the chairperson of each group will make a short report (5-8 minutes) in plenary session.

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