



## **The Public Procurement Bill; Preferential Procurement, Point Systems and other Prickly Pointers**

Date (Part 1): **Tuesday, 8 August 2023** | Time: 14h00 - 16h30  
(SAST/GMT+2) Online: <https://zoom.us/j/99196447766>  
Part 2: TBC (in-person)

The Procurement Reform Working Group (PRWG) is pleased to invite interested members of civil society to an online roundtable discussion on the Public Procurement Bill as tabled in Parliament by the Minister of Finance on 30 June 2023.

### **About the Procurement Reform Working Group:**

The PRWG was formed in 2020 by Corruption Watch (CW), the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) and the Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI), and now also includes representatives from a range of other civil society organisations (the Legal Resources Centre (LRC), the amaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism, the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation (AKF), OpenUp, Equal Education (EE) and the Equal Education Law Centre (EELC) for example), trade union representatives (including SACTWU), and independent researchers. Several members of the PRWG are also partners in the Multi Stakeholder Partnership supported by the GIZ's Transparency, Integrity, and Accountability Programme (TIP), and have collaborated with the South African government on a range of projects in the accountability space. The Working Group incorporates experts in the field of public procurement and public accountability, and coordinates research and advocacy around procurement law reform, mechanisms for enhanced transparency in the system, and more.

Members of the PRWG acknowledge that we are living in extraordinary times, with fundamental public resource management, governance and accountability failures crippling South Africa. Issues surrounding public procurement are particularly critical, with this in mind the Working Group aims to contribute to impactful research, analysis and advocacy relating to the Public Procurement Bill (B18-2023).

The PRWG will be hosting a two-part roundtable on key aspects of public procurement, the prevailing issues in the South African public procurement system, the potential advantages and drawbacks of the recently tabled Bill and some of the proposed changes required to ensure that there is an improved public procurement system. The roundtable aims to strengthen our collective understanding of the provisions in the current Bill and capacitate members and partners so they are in a stronger position to make meaningful submissions on the Bill.

**Workshop objectives:**

- To convene civil society formations involved in informing the strengthening of the public procurement system in South Africa;
- To discuss key clauses of the Public Procurement Bill and their broader short and long-term implications;
- To exchange knowledge and expertise in order to enhance civic input and participation on the Public Procurement Bill process; and
- To support partnership building and exploration of joint advocacy opportunities at all phases.

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**Zoom link:** <https://zoom.us/j/99196447766>

Meeting ID: 991 9644 7766

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>
14h00 <i>[10 minutes]</i>	Introductions and Workshop Overview	Tsukudu Moroeng  LRC, PRWG Representative
14h10 <i>[15 minutes]</i>	Key Features and Likely Impacts of the Bill	Jonathan Klaaren / Ryan Brunette  PARI
14h25 <i>[15 minutes]</i>	Preferential Procurement and Integrity	Simon Eppel  SACTWU
14h40 <i>[15 minutes]</i>	Open Floor	All participants
14h55 <i>[10 minutes]</i>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
15h10 <i>[20 minutes]</i>	Overview of the PRWG Draft Submission	Ryan Brunette  PARI
15h30	Discussant Input	Nicki van t 'Riet/Motlatsi Komote

<i>[10 minutes]</i>		Corruption Watch
15h40 <i>[10 minutes]</i>	Discussant Input	Caroline James Amabhungane
15h50 <i>[20 minutes]</i>	Open Floor	All participants
16h10 <i>[10 minutes]</i>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
16h20 <i>[20 minutes]</i>	Advocacy Opportunities	Lisa Higginson PSAM
16h40	Closing and Next Steps	