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**TO: ACCOUNTING OFFICERS**

**INAUGURAL SOUTHERN AFRICAN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FORUM (SAPPF): 24 - 25 JUNE, 2026; HARARE**

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The Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (PRAZ) with support from Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, is pleased to invite you and your senior procurement executives to attend the **Inaugural Southern African Public Procurement Forum (SAPPF) at the Harare International Conference Centre from 24 to 25 June, 2026.**

Public procurement remains a cornerstone of effective governance and economic management, accounting for a substantial share of public expenditure across the Southern African region. In recognition of its strategic importance, the SAPPF is being established as a dedicated regional platform to foster collaboration, strengthen institutional capacity, and promote innovation in public procurement systems.

The Forum is inspired by the success of the East African Procurement Forum and seeks to provide a structured space for dialogue among public procurement authorities, policymakers, and practitioners. It will focus on addressing shared regional challenges, including fragmented regulatory frameworks, capacity constraints, and the need to enhance transparency, accountability, and sustainability in procurement processes.

**The theme of this forum is; *Transforming Public Procurement for Sustainable Growth and Regional Integration in Southern Africa***

The forum aims to bring together:

- Public procurement Regulatory bodies in Southern Africa
- Procuring Entities (PEs) across central government, local authorities, and state-owned enterprises in Southern Africa
- Private sector bidders, including SMEs and industry associations
- Policymakers
- Development partners
- Civil society organizations and academia
- Procurement and supply chain professionals



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Deliberations will be centred around the following priority sub-themes:

- Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
- Digitalisation and Innovation in Public Procurement
- Sustainable and Inclusive Procurement
- Procurement in Regional and International Trade
- Capacity Building and Professionalisation

Participation in the Forum will provide a valuable opportunity for your institution to contribute to shaping the regional public procurement agenda, while benefiting from shared learning, policy alignment, and professional networking. The Forum is also expected to support broader regional economic integration and improved service delivery outcomes.

You are kindly requested to nominate appropriate senior officials within your procurement function to attend alongside yourself.

**Registration Details:**

- Reservations, registration, and uploading of proof of payment must be completed through the PRAZ online portal at [workshop.praz.org.zw](http://workshop.praz.org.zw).
- Invoices will be available for download upon successful completion of the reservation and registration processes.
- Please ensure that the names of all delegates attending are accurately registered on the same portal.

**Conference Fees:**

The conference fees will cover:

- Conference teas and lunch
- Conference materials

We encourage you to complete the registration process promptly to secure your participation. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact: [capacitybuilding@praz.org.zw](mailto:capacitybuilding@praz.org.zw) or contact the following persons: Mrs. E. Kagodo on 0712 899 420, Ms. S. Sibanda on 0712 907 328 or Mr. E. Masvosva on 0719 393 962. Please find attached the draft program for the event.

We are looking forward to your participation in this landmark initiative aimed at advancing public procurement as a driver of sustainable development and economic growth in Southern Africa.



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