Attend the seminar and meet several UN agencies to understand how your company can do business in the $19 Billion UN Procurement Market effectively

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Welcome to the 17th Seminar organized by the European Procurement Forum (EUPF) in New York. The EUPF is a non-profit organization, managed since 2003 by the New York based staff from various European Union Member States’ Consulates and Missions to the UN. Our purpose is to help European companies initiate and develop their business within the UN marketplace. With that spirit, we have received more than 1,200 different European companies in the past sixteen seminars.

EUPF continues to focus on practical procurement issues, to offer opportunities for one-on-one meetings with relevant UN procurement staff, and seeks to make the presentation of institutional issues more dynamic.

In 2017, we introduced a few changes in the structure of the seminar as well: we improved the general information sessions on procedure, with the addition of three webinars, and included five thematic workshops with several UN entities. These workshops focused on specific aspects of procurement procedures for different sectors and reflected our commitment to address the critical needs of the UN.

We wish to thank the representatives of the different EU Member States who have mobilized their companies to participate as well as all the participating UN agencies whose long term support to the Seminar is the main reason that the event is successfully continuing. We also express our immense gratitude towards all of you. We applaud you for exploring the UN market and for persevering in such a complex and competitive environment.

On behalf of EUPF Board and all EUPF members, welcome to our seminar!
DEAR EUPF PARTICIPANTS,

It is with a great pleasure that I want to welcome you to this special edition of the EU procurement forum.

For over a year, the global pandemic has challenged established practices of businesses, governments and international organizations alike. We have seen dramatic shifts on the demand side and severe logistical restrictions that have put global supply chains at risk. With its truly global footprint the United Nations Organisation is well equipped to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and to help governments to overcome it. At the same time, the UN had to adjust its working methods and redefine its priorities.

Together with the UN, EU is leading initiatives in areas such as climate change, environmental protection, implementing the SDGs, digital inclusion, healthcare, Covid-relief and much more. In all these areas European companies can play a critical role, supporting our own efforts, and ensuring that the UN achieves its goals. Any mandate - from peace and stability to public service optimization - is more likely to succeed when backed by a solid, all-encompassing procurement approach.

This is why flexible and reliable procurement will remain a key enabler for UN’s work and companies from the European Union are much needed partners in this respect. Part of the Secretary-General’s management reform is the commitment to build an efficient, agile and responsive procurement function. The new procurement management strategy seeks to professionalize procurement, increase cooperation and access to the UN market, while improving transparency and risk management.

This seminar aims at helping you understand better the processes and the needs of the UN, which in 2019 amounted to over 20 billion USD in tenders. Yes, competition is tough, but we have a major role to play: our companies are global leaders in many industries and stand unmatched in their commitment to sustainable processes and services, which could help the UN to fully transition to Sustainable Procurement.

Hence, our hope is that this session will translate into better business opportunities and development for EU companies, which in turn triggers a virtuous cycle of enhanced cooperativeness and trust. EU companies have an opportunity to help the UN achieve its procurement goals, while generating sustainable, job-creating growth.

I wish all participants a successful seminar.

Sincerely,

Silvio Gonzato,
Deputy Permanent Representative of the EU Delegation to the United Nations

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- UN DOS/OSCM/PD UN Procurement Division, the Office of Supply Chain Management, the Department of Operational Support
- UN DOS/OSCM/LD UN Logistics Division, the Office of Supply Chain Management, the Department of Operational Support
- UN DOS/OSCM/EOS/VRO UN Vendor Registration and Outreach, the Enabling and Outreach Service, the Office of Supply Chain Management, the Department of Operational Support
- UNDP United Nations Development Programme
- UNICEF United Nations Children’s Fund
- UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services
- WB World Bank Group
**Program for May 25-26**

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**

**9:00 | Webinar:** B2B Networking Chat

**9:15 | Welcome to the EPUP**

- Ms. Holland Haas

**9:30 - 10:05 | Workshop 1:** Energy: Waste Management and Power Generation

- Ms. Holland Haas

**10:10 - 10:35 | Workshop 2:** Information and Communication Technologies: Cybersecurity & Physical Security

- Ms. Holland Haas

**10:40 - 11:35 | Keynote:** The Route to the Field: Lesson Learned From a 5-Year Supplier of the UN

- Mr. Antoine Bertout

**11:40 - 12:30 | Breakout Sessions:** UNDP Industry Specific Sessions

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

**8:00 | Webinar:** B2B Networking Chat

**8:15 | Welcome to the EPUP 2nd Day**

- Ms. Holland Haas

**8:30 - 9:15 | Workshop 3:** Healthcare, Medical Equipment and Supplies

- Ms. Holland Haas

**9:20 - 10:05 | Breakout Sessions:** Trading Places

**10:15 - 11:00 | Marketplace**

**11:15 - 12:00 | Final Remarks**

- Ms. Holland Haas
SESSIONS: MAY 25

TUESDAY
MAY 25

8:45 – 9:35 (EST)
WORKSHOP 1: ENERGY, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POWER GENERATION

Participating UN organizations: UN DOS/PD, UN DOS/LD, UNICEF

Waste management plays an important role in many of the sustainable development goals (e.g. goal 3, 6, 11 and 12). There are some concerns that many countries, especially the least developed countries, lack the capacity to fully manage chemicals and waste throughout their life cycle. Also, in UNO’s field operations there is potential to gain positive results with enhanced waste management and professional environmental management structures.

The UNO’s have set the goal to become climate neutral. The use of environmental technologies varies widely by UNO’s as a result of the different conditions that the UNO’s operate in. Specifically when it comes to power generation, renewable energy has the potential to curb emissions and minimize the environmental footprint of UNO’s.

This workshop will therefore address questions like public-private partnerships, innovations related to the areas, comparison of solutions in the market, balancing procurement principles with requisitioner needs, current level of advancement in terms of technologies and how new technologies can be assessed from a cost/benefit angle.

9:45 – 10:35 (EST)
WORKSHOP 2: ICT, CYBERSECURITY & PHYSICAL SECURITY

Participating UN organizations: UN DOS/PD, World Bank

The entire world becomes more and more connected. Every day, data is taking a bigger place in our lives. The UN system cannot stay apart from this movement and offers several vulnerabilities to its deviances: the UN system is extremely fragmented and the integration level of information systems of its participating agencies is struggling to keep up with the pace in term of connectivity as well as cybersecurity; the environment in which most of its Peacekeeping Missions operate becomes everyday more unsecure, with ever increasing asymmetric threats and with cyber technologies mastered by those who want to attack the information network, steal or alter data integrity : in other words, harm a vulnerable system.

Therefore, being well equipped and skilled in terms of cybersecurity must be a constant goal for the UN System and Peacekeeping Operations have to protect themselves as well as their military and civil staff to gain effectiveness and efficiency. As the UN itself recognizes, these goals are still quite far from being reached. Beyond ICT, preserving the physical security of the UN camps, personnel and local populations is of paramount importance: Hence the UN seeks the best measures and services that ensure, as much as possible, that no life is lost.

The UN organized several conferences and events illustrating its eagerness to gain skills and awareness in these domains, such as the Symposium on new technologies in peacekeeping (DPKO and DFS, Nursultan, May 2019). These events aim to help UN staff to be better aware of the state of art technologies.

Peacekeeping operations have an urgent need to use Communication and Information technologies in order to match the level of sophistication of the threat that more and more endangers the life of their staff: for that reason, secured communication networks and integrated surveillance devices can make UN camps safer and save lives.

Find out during this new workshop what the UN Peacekeeping Operations and the UN system is looking for.
**Welcome**

**Sessions: May 25**

**10:45 – 11:30 (EST)**
**The Route to the Field: Lesson Learned from a 5-Year Supplier of the UN**

Participating company: FAMOCO

This session will cover the different paths and steps required to engage, develop, and deliver goods and services to International Organizations. We would like to share with the participants of the EUPF Seminar more than 5 years of experience interacting with various procurement divisions from different agencies to cover activities in more than 45 countries. From registration as a vendor, co-creation, multi-stakeholder approach to logistics challenges, this conversation should help you navigating through the procurement process, paving the route to the field as a company willing to contribute to the greater good.

**9:00 – 11:00 (EST)**
**Vendor Registration Workshop/Support**

Participating UN organization: UN DOS/OSCM/EOS/VRO

Feel free to join this session and DOS/PD staff will assist you individually with specific questions that you may have regarding your company registration in UNGM. You will have to bring your own laptop and login info to your UNGM account.

This session is not a presentation or group workshop.

**8:00 – 12:30 (EST)**
**B2B Networking and Meetings**

Networking is a crucial element of the EU-UN Procurement Seminar. B2B Networking Chat is an open chat room in Tame with an instant messaging tool you can use to network and set up live video meetings with other attendees. Participants can independently set up these B2B meetings with other attendees with up to 25 people in one breakout room. B2B meetings ensure that participants make the most of the seminar and foster lasting relationships between countries and companies.

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**11:45 – 12:30 (EST)**
**UNDP Industry Specific Sessions**

Participating UN organizations: UNDP

Participants are given the opportunity to meet with a UNDP procurement officer during this time slot. Companies will be assigned into small industry specific groups where they will be able to ask their UNDP procurement officer about procurement practices and needs.

These will be interactive and group-oriented sessions aimed to cultivate industry-specific relationships.

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 26**
The surge in peacekeeping and political missions in recent years has underlined the complexity of the contingencies and the challenges of the provision of lifesaving, healing or health protecting equipment and services. The ongoing pandemic has added a complexity layer to the already demanding logistics of medical supplies in case of health threat or injuries. Beyond the protection of its staff, the UN also plays a significant role in preventive healthcare when providing local populations with prophylactic practices, drugs or supplies.

The participating UN organizations in this panel will outline their strategies; give an indication of their requirements and describe how to fulfill these requirements in the regions where they operate.

Transport is the second largest category in procurement. In 2015 UN agencies spent almost 3 billion US$. Whether in emergencies or as part of the development phase of a country, the logistics are critically important for a successful and efficient operation. How do the participating UN agencies organize their supply chain? Are there pre-approved items for UN organizations, do they warehouse these items, and if so, what are the arrangements with the private sector? How do companies need to adjust their own supply chain to be better prepared when tender opportunities come up?

Air Charter & Transportation Services are for some UN organizations the largest category of procurement. UN/PD for example spent almost 600 million US$ in 2015 on air transportation services. What part is for cargo and personnel, where are the services requested, what are the specific requirements to participate in tender procedures?

How do the rules and regulations of the UN and local conditions influence the daily procurement? UN/PD has prepared a realistic procurement case with questions for the companies, where companies will need to choose how they would have made the procurement decision. EUPF will distribute the case study and questions in.

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regarding waste water and waste management. Member states, as well as companies, are welcome to share their expertise and support the UN to be more and more effective regarding its impact on the environment while at the same time setting infrastructure that can benefit the local populations and outlast the UN’s presence.

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