



Supply Chain Management in the Department of Operational Support now includes the Logistics Division, the Procurement Division, the Uniformed Capabilities Support Division and the Enabling and Outreach Service, forming the Organization's integrated supply chain and a 'single point of entry' for uniformed capabilities support.

The report highlights the Secretariat's new procurement management strategy and its key priorities which, among others, include (1) efficient, agile, client-oriented and accountable procurement operations, (2) increasing access to the UN procurement market, (3) professionalizing procurement, (4) improving transparency and risk management, (5) cooperation within the UN system, (6) e-procurement, (7) innovat90036M21(a)4(nd )-3109(fi11(ondng)8( )-9109()4(li)-3(z)10(en)-11(e)4

have led to a significant increase in the share of procurement by suppliers from developing countries and countries with economies in transition (61% in 2017) and additional measures are in the process of being rolled out.

### (3) Professionalizing procurement

Professionalising procurement is critical to the Organization's procurement strategy and makes for a high-performing procurement function. It is our intention to ensure professional accreditation for all procurement staff by early 2021.

### (4) Improving transparency and risk management

The Procurement Division will introduce e-tendering in 2019 as the standard for all tender exercises conducted throughout the Secretariat while allowing for exceptions where necessary to ensure that vendors from all regions have adequate access to United Nations procurement opportunities. The benefits of e-tendering, to name but a few, include saved time, reduced administrative burden and lowering of costs for both the Organization and our commercial partners.

(7) Innovation and finding alignment with sustainable development agenda.

Delivering on innovation and finding alignment with the sustainable development agenda is undoubtedly critical for the United Nations' procurement operations if the organization is to 'walk the talk' and play a meaningful and credible role going forward. The goal is not to be exclusionary but to contribute to stimulating a culture and environment that allows for a more systematic assessment of environmental impact and encourages market readiness. The JTETQ2 0 612 792 reW\*

client base resulting from the management reforms and the global nature of category management, we are recommending that the Regional Procurement Office in Entebbe be renamed as the Global Procurement Support Section.

The report also describes a number of initiatives and process changes associated with the new delegation of authority framework that has been rationalized to bring decision-making authority closer to the point of delivery. Decisions made under the new delegation framework will be supported by streamlined and simplified processes and greater accountability. The Business Transformation and Accountability Division in the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance will monitor the proper exercise of delegation based on a clear accountability framework. Effective communication and liaison between the two departments will ensure that policy, internal controls and operations are closely interlinked.

A new Administrative Instruction currently being finalized by DMSPC will emphasize the policy framework and procurement principles. An updated, simplified and streamlined Procurement Manual will take into account the latest best practices in public sector procurement, lay out operational guidance to assist the organization's procurement professionals in being agile and responsive to their clients' needs while at the same time ensuring the organization receives best value for money.

The current report of the Secretary-General on procurement activities in the United Nations Secretariat (A/73/704) demonstrates the commitment of the Secretary-General to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement function of the Secretariat while also strengthening transparency, internal controls and accountability.

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates, thank you. My colleagues and I stand ready to provide further clarification and to answer your questions.