

Department of Marketing. **Logistics and Sport** Management

## **Public Lecture**

# Topic: Code of Good Practice on Preferential Procurement



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#### About the Topic

Public procurement is essential for public entities to acquire necessary goods and services, ensuring timely and transparent delivery in line with government objectives. It includes strategies like prioritising local suppliers to foster inclusivity and equity, thereby promoting local economic development and iob growth.

Governments, as major spenders, significantly impact economies through procurement. For example, in 2020, global government procurement reached US\$11 trillion, representing 13% of global GDP. In Namibia, public procurement spending constituted 25.37% of GDP in 2021, underscoring its influence on broader socio-economic benefits.

Recognising the power of public procurement policy to pursue public objectives while ensuring efficient use of taxpayers' funds, Namibia exemplifies this with its Code of Good Practice on Preferences, 2023. This Code establishes guidelines for preferential treatment, promoting economic development and empowering local suppliers, including manufacturers, SMEs, previously disadvantaged persons, women-owned businesses, and youth-owned enterprises

### About the Speaker

Amalia Ndapandula Shikongo is a seasoned legal professional with over a decade of experience across the public sector. She holds an LLB from UNISA (2009), an LLM in International Trade and Investment Law from the University of Pretoria (2016), and a Diploma in Procurement and Supply from CIPS (2023). As an admitted Legal Practitioner of the High Court, she brings extensive experience and legal expertise to her roles.

Shikongo's career began in the Office of the Attorney-General, where she spent eleven years in various positions, gaining insights into legal frameworks and governance structures. For three years, she has served as Deputy Director of Legal Support and Compliance at the Procurement Policy Unit within the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises. In this role, she advises on legal matters, drafts policies, and oversees compliance frameworks to ensure ethical standards and mitigate risks.

Her background reflects a blend of legal acumen and strategic leadership, with a focus on promoting good governance and transparency within the public sector. Shikongo's dedication to upholding the rule of law and commitment to excellence has earned her recognition as a trusted legal advisor and a respected figure within the legal community. Her multifaceted expertise and passion for continuous learning make her a valuable asset in any professional setting.



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