



# Global Procurement Summit 2021

Procurement as Enabler  
for COVID-19 Emergency  
Response

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# Background

Billions of people are being affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic, setting off an unprecedented global health crisis. Behind the fight to save lives, there's another crisis unfolding for governments who are scrambling to get life-saving health supplies to hospitals and keep society running as lockdown measures come into force worldwide. The choices governments make now will have a very real impact on the severity of the outbreak. The World is entering in to a recession phase with GDP of most countries shrinking.

Procurement can act as an important enabler in the current crisis. It is important to adjust as quickly as possible. Governments around the world have promised comprehensive economic revival measures. Until such possible support results in reversal of shrinking economies, the liquidity of businesses must be safeguarded by the companies themselves. Procurement can play a crucial role and significantly contribute to this objective.

Due to pandemic, everything planned for 2020 and perhaps 2021, majorly concerning with global procurement and supply chain landscape has been upended by Covid-19. Recalibration of strategies by the companies is being done in order to save on costs, drive value, surmount disruption and build agility and resilience.

Surrounded by this volatility, procurement and supply chain teams need to explore more on new methods of procurement, focus on dispute and conflict resolution arising specially due to pandemic and work on automation of the entire procurement process to survive and sustain in these tough times ahead.

All India Management Association, an apex body of management profession in India, join hands with World Bank and other international/national partners for bringing together the most senior and regional procurement community to examine the challenges faced during emergency situations and also explore possible solutions to problem in hand.

## Objective of the Summit

Targeting senior officers engaged in public procurement at central and state public entities and the critical bidding communities represented by manufacturers, suppliers and contractors and consultants, the key objectives of Global Procurement Summit 2021 is to discuss impact of COVID-19 on procurement and supply management functions and come out with recommendations for way forward.

## Session Titles

1. How procurement is adjusting to new realities – automation, AI/ML, supply chain management, localized sourcing etc.
2. Lessons learned for Contract Management and Dispute Resolution after one year of COVID-19
3. Challenges and Opportunities for health commodities procurement and distribution, particularly COVID-19 vaccines
4. Can PPP help cash-starved governments in boosting infrastructure?
5. How to monitor and supervise infrastructure Projects during emergencies
6. Controlling fraud, corruption and other undesirable practices in emergency procurement and supply management



## Who should attend?

Senior officials dealing in Finance/Procurement and decision makers in:

- State & Central Government
- Embassies/Consulates
- Public Sector Undertaking/ Externally Funded projects
- State Owned Enterprises
- Non-Government Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Private Organizations
- Consultant, Supplier and Contractors

## Relevant Industries

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Energy & Resources
- Consumer Business
- Steel & Construction Financial & other services
- Technology & Communication
- Chemical & Pharmaceutical
- Healthcare
- Automotive



# About AIMA

The All India Management Association (AIMA) is the apex body for management in India with over 38000 members and close to 6000 corporate /institutional members through 66 Local Management Associations affiliated to it. AIMA was formed over 60 years ago and is a non-lobbying, not for profit organisation, working closely with industry, Government, academia and students, to further the cause of the management profession in India.

AIMA makes a salutary contribution to management learning and practice in the country by offering various services in the areas of testing, distance education, skill development & training, events & conferences, research, publications, executive education and management development programmes.

The association is represented on a number of policy making bodies of the Government of India and national associations including All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), which is the apex regulatory body for professional education in the country under the Ministry of Human Resource Development; National Board of Accreditation (NBA); Association of Indian Management Schools, Hyderabad; National Productivity Council, New Delhi.

AIMA also brings to the Indian managers, the best management practices and techniques through numerous foreign collaborations with professional bodies and institutions. AIMA is an important and long-time member of the Asian Association of Management Organisations (AAMO), which promotes professional management in the Asia Pacific region. India (AIMA) took over the Presidency of AAMO in 2019 and will hold the AAMO Secretariat for the next three years. In addition, AIMA has developed close associations with several leading international Universities and Institutions including Imperial College, University of Berkeley, California, St Gallen Symposium, Horasis, The World Bank etc, to name a few.

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