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How to deliver agile and sustainable procurement through innovative approaches?

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Enzo de Laurentiis is the World Bank's Chief Procurement Officer, in the Operations Policy and Country Services Vice-Presidency. Previously, he served as Manager of the Procurement Policy Unit in the same Vice-Presidency, as a Practice Manager in the Governance Global Practice, and as the Regional Procurement Manager for the East Asia and Pacific and the Latin America and Caribbean Regions of the World Bank.

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Jan Jackholt is Director of the procurement function at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Jan is a Swedish National and holds a Master in Business Administration from Uppsala University. Before joining the EBRD in 1999 Jan was working with procurement and implementation of IFI and donor funded development projects in Latvia, Estonia, Zambia, Vietnam and Poland. Apart from the very important day to day support to the Bank's projects and the cooperation with other International institutions Jan consider the establishment of the International Master Class in Public Procurement Management with Tor Vergata University in Rome and the Belgrade Law Faculty amongst the most rewarding achievements in his career. The Master classes have

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