Methodology

The MAPS Framework Templates Supplementary modules Guidance

The MAPS analytical framework

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The MAPS framework consists of a main assessment methodology (MAPS MAIN) and four supplementary modules for an in-depth assessment of specific policy topics: Sustainable Public Procurement (MAPS SPP), Professionalisation (MAPS PROF), e-Procurement (MAPS E-PROC), and Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions (MAPS PPP).

Both MAPS MAIN and the modules can be applied at the following levels of government (provided it has its own public procurement system):

- Supra-national (for example an economic and political union of countries)
- National
- Sub-national (for example a state within a country)
- Sector (for example the health or infrastructure sector)
- Entity (including state-owned enterprises)

All parts of MAPS are open to use by anyone and freely available. Government authorities can initiate an assessment by themselves or in collaboration with development partners. The MAPS Secretariat provides quality assurance of assessments and grants the MAPS Seal of Approval to assessments that live up to specific quality standards, including being drafted by independent and certified assessors. More details on the requirements for assessments can be found in our User Guide and the FAQ.

The whole MAPS framework (MAIN + modules) is structured in four pillars, each representing the fundamental dimensions of any public procurement system:

Assessment templates

This set of templates for MAPS MAIN help assessors to write up deliverables that conform to the requirements of the framework. Templates for the supplementary modules are available on the module pages below.

Guidance and templates are continuously improved based on feedback by assessors, countries and institutions. Editorial changes to the methodology are also carried out sporadically. *Hence, assessors are advised to download the latest versions available.*

Concept note template

Mandatory template

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Assessment report template

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Indicator matrix template

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Declaration of conflict of interest template

For use as applicable

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Supplementary modules

The indicator system and mandatory templates for each module is found on their individual page below.

e-Procurement (E-PROC)

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Public-private partnerships and concessions (PPP)

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Professionalisation (PROF)

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Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)

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MAPS guidance

The following guidance complements the User Guide with further details on specific topics.

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An overview of sources for background data in a MAPS assessment

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Using MAPS for evaluating whether a public procurement system supports combatting climate change

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Gender in the MAPS framework

Using MAPS for evaluating whether a public procurement system supports gender equality

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Guidance on risks and red flags

Instructions on gap analysis, risk classification, and assigning red flags

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Guidance on survey-based indicators

A how-to for using surveys to strengthen a MAPS assessment

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Guide for country authorities

A comprehensive guide on what government officials should expect from a MAPS assessment

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Guide for lead institutions

A brief guide that provides lead institutions with practical advice on going through the process of a MAPS...

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MAPS Process

A descriptive timeline of a MAPS assessment

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Profile of MAPS assessors

An overview of the qualifications necessary to be a MAPS assessor

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Requirements to obtain the MAPS Seal of Approval

The formal rules for assessment to be approved and published

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Stakeholder checklist

An overview of stakeholders that should be included in a MAPS assessment

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What is the MAPS?

A quick presentation of the fundamentals of MAPS

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