

## BIOGRAPHIES OF KEY SPEAKERS



### **Vinay Sharma**

**Director, Solutions and Innovations in Procurement,  
Governance Global Practice, The World Bank**

Vinay Sharma joined the World Bank as a Director on June 15, 2017. Vinay has over thirty years of experience. Much of which has been at senior leadership positions responsible for policy formulation, project management, developing strategic alliances and implementation of reforms. Before joining the World Bank, Vinay was the Director of the African Development Bank's (AfDB) Procurement and Fiduciary Services Department. He worked on procurement, financial management, and anti-corruption at the AfDB for 14 years, and had significant opportunity to handle a wide range of broad public sector governance and management issues. These have included policy initiatives, but also 'hands-on' review of the AfDB's most complex and challenging procurement transactions. He was responsible for formulating and bringing to the Board's approval a new procurement policy for the AfDB, a process that included extensive consultations with member countries, MDBs, professional organizations representing contractors, suppliers and consultants, NGOs, CSOs and internally within AfDB.

Vinay also served as Head of Procurement at the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation in India and worked over 16 years in various capacities at Indian Railways and with two large state-owned enterprises in the infrastructure sector. This exposure and experience provided him with first-hand knowledge of procurement from a borrower or beneficiary standpoint. Vinay is a Civil Engineer by training.



**Brent Maas**

**Executive Director, National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), USA**

Brent Maas is NIGP's Executive Director for Business Strategy and Relationships. He joined NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement in 2005, and oversees the Institute's marketing, accreditation, consulting, partnership, and other non-dues enterprise programs. In 2015, Brent was honored with the Spirit of NIGP Award and Anne Deatherage Meritorious Service Award, NIGP's highest recognition for non-procurement practitioners. Prior to joining NIGP, Brent served in global marketing & sales operations management roles for both start-up and well-established global technology firms, and in operations management for the Walt Disney Company. In 1992, Brent earned a B.A. in Government & Politics from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.



**MARK D. LAMB**

**General Manager, Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), Asia Pacific**

Mark Lamb is an experienced professional with considerable expertise in the areas of general management, leadership and risk management. Taking up the GM role at CIPS Australasia in October 2014, Mark is a results-oriented manager with a strong career record managing people and projects, and product and business initiatives while maintaining operating expenses. His CIPS Australasia role sees him bring his strong leadership skills and proven ability to motivate staff to achieve organizational goals by building consensus, driving change and managing multiple strategic objectives, for the benefit of our industry. In 2015, his role has since expanded to cover all of the Asia Pacific region



### **Agus Prabowo**

**Chairman, Lembaga Kebijakan Pengadaan Barang/Jasa Pemerintah (LKPP)  
Indonesia**

Dr. Agus Prabowo was born in Yogyakarta and grew up in Bandung. He graduated from the Institute of Technology, Bandung, as an architect in 1984, and received his PhD degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Hokkaido University, Japan, in 1996. He has worked as a career bureaucrat, among others with BAPPENAS (Ministry of Planning), and has served as Chairman of LKPP (National Public Procurement Agency) since July 2015. Prior to becoming Chairman, Dr. Prabowo was Deputy Chairman of Human Resources at LKPP. He enjoys painting as a hobby



### **A K Kalesh Kumar**

**Senior Procurement Specialist, Solutions and Innovations in  
Procurement, Governance Global Practice, The World Bank**

Kalesh Kumar is a public procurement professional with more than 20 years of experience in various capacities with the World Bank, Government of India development programs, UK DFID and UNICEF. Kalesh joined the World Bank in 2007 as a Senior Procurement Specialist and is currently working as the Capacity Building Coordinator- Procurement, Governance Global Practice. In this position, he is coordinating various global

initiatives in knowledge management and roll out of World Bank's Procurement Framework 2016. Kalesh has worked with all countries in South Asia region, Egypt, Indonesia and the USA.

Kalesh Kumar has lead the establishment of [www.procurementinet.org](http://www.procurementinet.org), World Bank's knowledge and networking platform in public procurement in 2014 and continues to manage it as the Task Team Leader. Procurement iNET, with a member base of about 80000 from 180 countries, hosts 8 free MOOC learning programs in procurement and contract management and offers networking platform 3P Net. It also caters to a variety of interests of procurement professionals like news, research reports and publications; job and consulting opportunities, etc.

Kalesh Kumar has been involved in procurement and procurement advocacy, advisory and analytical tasks in many countries. His research papers are published in various international and national journals and reports including UN Annual Procurement Reports and World Bank publications.



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- Director of Information Technology Center, Comptroller General's Department
- Director of the Office of Public Procurement Management, Comptroller General's Department
- Deputy Director-General, Comptroller General's Department



## **Zafrul Islam**

**Lead Procurement Specialist, Solutions and Innovations in Procurement,  
Governance Global Practice, The World Bank**

Zafrul Islam is a Lead Procurement Specialist, Governance Global Practice of the World Bank. With about 38 years of experience, Zafrul has combined knowledge of working in the public sector, private sector, consultancy, university, and UN agencies.

Currently, he is the Country Focal Person (CFP) for Bangladesh. He has been managing successively three public procurement reform projects, financed by the World Bank, and providing fiduciary oversight to complex/ large value contracts, with specific to Bangladesh portfolio of US\$ 10 billion with 41 projects. He is deeply involved in massive capacity building program combined with citizen engagement and implementation of a self-sustained integrated electronic government procurement system. He led several leading analytical pieces of works, and worked for East Europe, East Asia, and South Asia.

Prior to joining the Bank in 1998, he was the Team Leader in Maritime Center, a marine consulting house. Previously, he was Project Coordinator/ Superintending Engineer in the Ministry of Shipping in Bangladesh, managing large projects in shipbuilding sector, and worked as international Water Transport Specialist for UNDP/ UNESCAP.

Zafrul has a Ph.D. in Naval Architecture from the University of Newcastle Upon-Tyne/UK, with deep interest in music, literature, and culture.