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### **Africa strengthens to build the capacity in Public Private Partnerships**

*Africa is set to host the most important Public Private Partnerships (PPP) event in Johannesburg.*

**Johannesburg, South Africa, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015** – Neoedge, a leading business intelligence company in Singapore will host the event entitled: “Capacity Building for PPP Projects and Procurement Contracts Management Forum”, to be held in The Capital Empire Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa this coming 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

According to Thomas Ooi, Director at Neoedge said, “Public Private Partnerships (PPP) is a great option to meet Africa’s infrastructure developments. These big projects cost a lot of money and are never simple. In order to prevent failure and ensure success capacity building is the key in any PPP projects.”

Capacity building in any PPP initiative should be an on going process. We need to understand the critical success factors of PPPs, how concepts translate into real progress, anticipate draining inhibitors, find effective solutions, learn from tried and tested best practices and most importantly, move beyond them and explore the avenues to innovate.

“We have organised the very successful “Africa Public Private Partnerships (PPP): Investment and Development Summit 2014” and it aimed to build the capacity of those who are involved in PPPs initiatives across Africa; that is why we feel that this forum is very timely and important for the region.” Mr. Ooi added.

The forum also presents unique perspectives on how the capacity building should be done in every stage of PPP initiative. Capacity building in itself consumes plenty of resources therefore we need to be able to measure and ensure that the goals are met.

The partial list of forum speakers is a great mix of PPP experts. They are: Rakesh Nangia, Evaluator General (Vice President) – Independent Development Evaluation from African Development Bank; James Aiello, Senior Project Advisor – PPP Unit from National Treasury South Africa; Mrs. Audrey Mwala, Director of Project Finance and Risk Analysis from PPP Commission Malawi; Mike Awuah, Capacity Building Specialist – Public Investment Division from Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

In order to achieve the objectives of a successful PPP, Neoedge have gathered experts across Africa to present and share the best practices and to see how that will help the African region's economic growth and development.

Here's what some delegates say about attending Neoedge's PPP events:

"Excellent Initiative and very informative." - Legal Manager, IDC, South Africa

"The course broadened my knowledge on how to use financial models to determine the bankability of a project." - Project manager, Ghana Water Company Limited, Ghana

For interested parties who want to register or get a copy of the agenda, you may contact Neoedge thru: [enquiry@neo-edge.com](mailto:enquiry@neo-edge.com) or [registration@neo-edge.com](mailto:registration@neo-edge.com).

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