

A Comparative Analysis of Stakeholder-Driven Accountability Mechanisms in Public Sector Procurement Policies

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Abstract. This paper investigates stakeholder-driven accountability mechanisms within public sector procurement policies. Utilizing a multi-methodological approach, we scrutinize case studies from diverse geopolitical contexts to understand their efficacy and adaptability. The study reveals specific accountability frameworks that significantly enhance procedural transparency and reduce fiduciary infractions. Our findings contribute valuable insights into optimizing public procurement strategies for superior governance outcomes.

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Introduction

Public sector procurement remains a cornerstone of governmental operations, with its efficacy directly influencing national economic health and public trust. In recent years, the complexities surrounding procurement processes have escalated due to globalization, technological advancements, and heightened public scrutiny. These developments necessitate robust accountability mechanisms to ensure transparency, efficiency, and ethical compliance. Traditionally, public procurement operated under bureaucratic oversight with

limited stakeholder engagement, often resulting in procedural opacity and inefficiencies. The contemporary landscape, however, demands a shift towards more inclusive governance models where stakeholders play a pivotal role in steering accountability frameworks. This paper embarks on a comparative analysis of various stakeholder-driven mechanisms, evaluating their impacts on procurement policy effectiveness across different jurisdictions. By deploying a mixed-methods research design, the study examines case studies and employs statistical analyses to elucidate the contextual applicability of these mechanisms. Structurally, we begin by defining the theoretical constructs surrounding stakeholder accountability, followed by an exploration of methodological approaches. Subsequent sections detail empirical findings and their implications for future policy development.

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