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The Role of Accounting Disclosure Quality in Advancing Sustainable Public Procurement Practices: Evidence from Nigeria

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Abstract: Sustainable public procurement has become a key governance mechanism for achieving environmental, social, and economic objectives in public sector operations. However, its effectiveness depends largely on the quality of accounting disclosures that support transparency and informed decision-making. This study examines the role of accounting disclosure quality in advancing sustainable public procurement practices in Nigeria using a quantitative IMRaD structure. The study adopted a descriptive survey design with a population of 900 respondents drawn from procurement officers, accountants, auditors, and compliance personnel. A sample size of 277 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics and multiple regression analysis. Findings reveal that accounting disclosure quality significantly enhances transparency, reduces information asymmetry, improves accountability, and strengthens sustainability compliance in public procurement systems. However, weak financial reporting systems and poor digital accounting infrastructure constrain effectiveness. The study concludes that disclosure quality is central to sustainable procurement performance.

Keywords: Accounting disclosure, sustainable procurement, transparency, public sector, accountability, Nigeria.

1. Introduction

Public procurement plays a strategic role in achieving sustainable development by ensuring efficient resource allocation and responsible public spending. However, in many developing economies, procurement systems are still characterised by weak transparency, inconsistent reporting practices, and inadequate disclosure of financial and non-financial information. These deficiencies reduce accountability and hinder effective evaluation of procurement decisions. Recent evidence shows that transparency gaps in public financial reporting continue to undermine procurement efficiency and governance outcomes (World Bank, 2024).

A key problem is the poor quality of accounting disclosure, which limits the reliability, relevance, and completeness of procurement-related financial information. In many public institutions, financial reports are fragmented and poorly aligned with global reporting expectations, creating significant information asymmetry between government agencies and stakeholders. Studies confirm that weak disclosure systems increase governance risks and reduce the credibility of public financial management systems (IFAC, 2023; OECD, 2023).

Despite increasing global emphasis on sustainable procurement, there remains a significant gap between sustainability objectives and accounting disclosure practices in developing countries. Many public institutions still lack integrated reporting systems that combine financial, environmental, and social performance indicators. Furthermore, limited enforcement of disclosure standards and weak digital accounting infrastructure continue to restrict transparency and sustainability integration. Empirical evidence suggests that disclosure quality is a major determinant of sustainability reporting effectiveness in emerging economies (Zhang & Smith, 2022; OECD, 2024).

Accounting disclosure quality provides a viable solution by improving transparency, strengthening accountability, and enhancing stakeholder confidence in procurement systems. High-quality disclosures ensure that accurate and timely financial information is available for monitoring procurement performance and sustainability outcomes. This supports evidence-based decision-making and reduces inefficiencies in public spending. Recent studies confirm that improved disclosure systems significantly enhance governance quality and sustainability outcomes in public sector reporting frameworks (World Bank, 2025; IFAC, 2023).

2. Literature Review

2.1 Concept of Accounting Disclosure Quality

Accounting disclosure quality refers to the degree to which financial and non-financial information presented in accounting reports is accurate, timely, relevant, complete, comparable, and understandable for users in decision-making processes. In the context of public sector governance, it represents the credibility and transparency of financial reporting systems used by government institutions to communicate procurement activities, budget execution, and expenditure performance. High-quality disclosure therefore goes beyond mere compliance with reporting requirements; it reflects the extent to which accounting information meaningfully supports accountability, transparency, and public trust in financial management systems.

In modern public sector accounting, disclosure quality is closely linked to the principles of transparency and accountability, which are fundamental to sustainable governance. When disclosure quality is high, stakeholders such as oversight agencies, auditors, policymakers, and the public are able to clearly understand how procurement funds are allocated and utilised. Conversely, poor disclosure quality creates information asymmetry, allowing inefficiencies, misstatements, and potential misappropriation of funds to remain undetected. Recent governance literature emphasises that weak disclosure frameworks significantly reduce the effectiveness of public financial management systems, particularly in developing economies where institutional controls are still evolving (World Bank, 2024; IFAC, 2023).

From a conceptual standpoint, accounting disclosure quality is influenced by both technical accounting standards and institutional enforcement mechanisms. Technical standards determine how information is measured and reported, while institutional enforcement ensures compliance with these standards. In many developing countries, including Nigeria, the gap between formal accounting standards and actual disclosure practices remains significant due to weak enforcement, inadequate training, and limited digital reporting systems. This results in inconsistent reporting practices across public institutions, thereby reducing the comparability and reliability of financial information. Empirical evidence indicates that improvements in disclosure frameworks are strongly associated with enhanced governance outcomes and reduced financial irregularities (OECD, 2023; Zhang & Smith, 2022).

Furthermore, accounting disclosure quality in the public sector is increasingly shaped by digital transformation and integrated reporting systems. The adoption of digital accounting platforms, automated financial reporting tools, and electronic procurement systems has expanded the scope and speed of disclosure processes. These technologies enhance data accuracy, reduce manual errors, and enable real-time financial reporting. However, where digital infrastructure is weak, disclosure quality tends to remain low due to delays, incomplete records, and fragmented data systems. Recent studies highlight that digital readiness is now a key determinant of effective financial disclosure in public institutions, particularly in procurement-intensive sectors (OECD, 2024; World Bank, 2025).

In addition, disclosure quality is also conceptually tied to the qualitative characteristics of accounting information, as defined in contemporary public sector accounting frameworks. These characteristics include relevance, faithful representation, verifiability, timeliness, and understandability. When these attributes are fully achieved, accounting information becomes more useful for evaluating procurement performance and ensuring sustainability compliance. However, in many developing economies, achieving these standards remains a challenge due to capacity constraints and institutional inefficiencies.

Accounting disclosure quality can be understood as the effectiveness of financial reporting systems in providing reliable, timely, and decision-useful information that enhances transparency and accountability in public procurement processes. Its importance lies in its ability to reduce information asymmetry, strengthen oversight mechanisms, and support sustainable procurement practices. Within the Nigerian public sector context, improving disclosure quality is therefore central to achieving efficient, transparent, and sustainability-oriented procurement governance.

2.2 Sustainable Public Procurement Practices

Sustainable public procurement (SPP) refers to the integration of environmental protection, social responsibility, and economic efficiency into the procurement decisions and processes of public sector institutions. It extends beyond traditional procurement goals of cost minimisation and efficiency to include long-term developmental considerations such as reducing environmental degradation, promoting fair labour practices, supporting local industries, and ensuring value for money across the entire lifecycle of goods, services, and works. In essence, sustainable procurement represents a strategic shift in public financial

management from short-term transactional purchasing to long-term impact-oriented decision-making.

Conceptually, sustainable public procurement is anchored on the idea that government purchasing power can be used as a policy instrument to drive sustainable development outcomes. Public institutions, as major consumers of goods and services, influence market behaviour through their procurement choices. When sustainability principles are embedded into procurement frameworks, suppliers are encouraged to adopt environmentally friendly production methods, ethical labour standards, and efficient resource utilisation. Recent governance studies emphasise that sustainable procurement is increasingly recognised as a key mechanism for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in developing economies where public expenditure constitutes a significant share of GDP (OECD, 2023; World Bank, 2024).

In operational terms, sustainable public procurement involves several key dimensions, including green procurement, social procurement, and economic sustainability. Green procurement focuses on reducing environmental impact by prioritising eco-friendly products and services. Social procurement emphasises inclusivity, fair labour conditions, and community development outcomes, while economic sustainability ensures cost-effectiveness and long-term financial efficiency. These dimensions are expected to be integrated into procurement planning, bidding processes, contract management, and performance evaluation systems. However, achieving this integration requires strong institutional capacity and reliable financial reporting systems that can track both financial and non-financial performance indicators.

Despite its policy relevance, the implementation of sustainable procurement practices remains limited in many developing countries due to weak governance structures and inadequate transparency mechanisms. One major challenge is the absence of reliable and high-quality accounting disclosure systems that can provide accurate information on procurement decisions and outcomes. Without transparent reporting, it becomes difficult to evaluate whether procurement activities align with sustainability objectives. Studies indicate that poor disclosure practices weaken accountability and reduce the effectiveness of sustainability-driven procurement reforms in public institutions (IFAC, 2023; Zhang & Smith, 2022).

Furthermore, sustainable procurement requires strong coordination between procurement entities, accounting systems, and regulatory agencies. In many public

institutions, however, these systems operate in silos, leading to fragmented reporting and weak performance monitoring. This institutional fragmentation limits the ability to track environmental and social outcomes of procurement activities, thereby reducing policy effectiveness. Recent evidence suggests that countries with integrated procurement and financial reporting systems tend to achieve higher levels of sustainability compliance and governance efficiency (OECD, 2024).

In the Nigerian context, sustainable public procurement is still evolving, with reforms gradually being introduced to incorporate environmental and social considerations into public purchasing decisions. However, implementation challenges such as weak enforcement of procurement guidelines, limited technical capacity, and inadequate digital infrastructure continue to hinder progress. Strengthening accounting disclosure quality is therefore critical, as it provides the transparency base required to evaluate, monitor, and improve sustainability outcomes in public procurement systems.

2.3 Accounting Disclosure Quality and Procurement Transparency

Accounting disclosure quality plays a central role in strengthening transparency within public procurement systems by ensuring that financial and non-financial information is accurately reported, timely communicated, and sufficiently detailed to support accountability and oversight functions. In procurement environments, transparency depends not only on the availability of information but also on its reliability, completeness, and accessibility to relevant stakeholders such as auditors, regulatory agencies, policymakers, and the public. High-quality disclosure therefore reduces information asymmetry and enhances the credibility of procurement decisions in the public sector.

Conceptually, procurement transparency refers to the extent to which procurement processes, ranging from planning, bidding, contract award, execution, to payment, are open to scrutiny and free from concealment or manipulation. Accounting disclosure quality strengthens this transparency by providing verifiable financial records that allow stakeholders to trace procurement transactions and evaluate compliance with established rules and standards. When disclosure systems are robust, it becomes easier to detect inefficiencies, irregularities, and deviations from approved procurement procedures. Recent governance literature emphasises that transparency in public procurement is significantly influenced by the quality of financial reporting systems and disclosure practices within public institutions (World Bank, 2024; IFAC, 2023).

In addition, high accounting disclosure quality improves procurement transparency by enhancing traceability and auditability of financial transactions. Traceability ensures that procurement activities can be followed from initiation to completion, while auditability allows independent verification of reported financial outcomes. These features are essential in preventing corruption, reducing procurement fraud, and ensuring value for money in public expenditure. Empirical studies suggest that institutions with strong disclosure frameworks are better able to detect irregular procurement practices and enforce compliance with procurement regulations (OECD, 2023; Zhang & Smith, 2022).

Furthermore, digital transformation has significantly expanded the relationship between accounting disclosure quality and procurement transparency. The adoption of electronic procurement systems (e-procurement), integrated financial management systems, and automated reporting platforms has improved the speed and accuracy of disclosure processes. These systems allow for real-time data capture and reporting, thereby reducing delays and human errors associated with manual accounting systems. However, in environments where digital infrastructure is weak, transparency remains limited due to fragmented data systems and delayed reporting cycles. Recent evidence indicates that digitalised accounting systems significantly improve transparency outcomes in public financial management by enabling continuous monitoring of procurement activities (OECD, 2024; World Bank, 2025).

Despite these advancements, challenges remain in ensuring that disclosure quality effectively translates into procurement transparency. Issues such as inconsistent reporting standards, weak enforcement of disclosure regulations, and limited capacity among accounting personnel continue to undermine transparency in many public institutions. In addition, political interference and institutional inefficiencies may also distort financial reporting, thereby reducing the reliability of disclosed information. These constraints highlight the need for stronger institutional frameworks that enforce compliance with accounting disclosure standards and promote a culture of transparency in procurement processes.

Accounting disclosure quality is a critical determinant of procurement transparency, as it ensures that accurate, timely, and reliable financial information is available for monitoring and accountability purposes. By improving traceability, auditability, and data accessibility, high-quality disclosure strengthens oversight mechanisms and reduces opportunities for mismanagement in public procurement systems.

2.4 Challenges of Accounting Disclosure in Public Procurement Systems

Despite the increasing recognition of accounting disclosure quality as a critical driver of transparency and sustainable procurement outcomes, its effective implementation in public sector procurement systems remains constrained by several institutional, technical, and environmental challenges. These challenges are particularly pronounced in developing economies such as Nigeria, where financial reporting systems are still evolving and digital transformation is unevenly implemented across public institutions.

One major constraint is the weak institutional enforcement of accounting and reporting standards. Although public sector accounting frameworks and procurement regulations exist, compliance is often inconsistent due to inadequate monitoring, limited sanctions, and weak governance structures. In many cases, financial reports are prepared primarily for statutory compliance rather than for decision-useful transparency, resulting in disclosure outputs that are incomplete or lack meaningful analytical depth. Recent governance evidence suggests that weak enforcement of disclosure standards significantly undermines transparency and accountability in public financial systems (IFAC, 2023; World Bank, 2024).

Another significant challenge is the limited capacity of accounting and procurement personnel. High-quality disclosure requires strong competencies in financial reporting, data analysis, and compliance interpretation. However, many public institutions face shortages of adequately trained personnel capable of producing and interpreting high-quality accounting disclosures. This skills gap reduces the reliability and consistency of reported procurement data and weakens the overall quality of financial reporting systems. Empirical findings indicate that capacity limitations remain a persistent barrier to effective financial transparency reforms in developing economies (OECD, 2023; Zhang & Smith, 2022).

In addition, inadequate digital infrastructure and low levels of automation significantly affect disclosure quality. Many public procurement systems still rely on manual or partially digitised reporting processes, which are prone to delays, data loss, and inconsistencies. The absence of integrated financial management systems limits the ability to consolidate procurement data across departments, thereby reducing transparency and increasing the risk of reporting errors. Recent studies highlight that countries with weak digital accounting infrastructure experience lower levels of disclosure quality and procurement accountability (OECD, 2024; World Bank, 2025).

Furthermore, data fragmentation and lack of system integration remain critical challenges. Procurement-related financial information is often stored in disconnected systems across ministries, departments, and agencies, making it difficult to generate comprehensive and reliable reports. This fragmentation reduces the traceability of procurement transactions and weakens audit effectiveness. Without integrated data systems, achieving high-quality disclosure becomes difficult, as inconsistencies between datasets undermine the credibility of financial reports.

Another emerging challenge is political interference and institutional resistance to transparency reforms. In some cases, disclosure practices may be influenced by political considerations that discourage full transparency or delay the publication of financial information. Additionally, resistance to change within bureaucratic systems may slow down the adoption of modern disclosure frameworks and digital reporting tools. This resistance limits the effectiveness of reforms aimed at improving accounting disclosure quality in procurement systems.

Finally, cost constraints also hinder improvements in disclosure systems. Developing and maintaining advanced financial reporting systems, training personnel, and implementing integrated digital platforms require substantial financial investment. Many public institutions operate under budgetary constraints, making it difficult to prioritise disclosure system upgrades over other immediate operational needs.

The effectiveness of accounting disclosure quality in enhancing public procurement systems is constrained by weak enforcement mechanisms, limited technical capacity, inadequate digital infrastructure, data fragmentation, institutional resistance, and financial limitations. Addressing these challenges is essential for improving transparency, strengthening accountability, and advancing sustainable procurement practices in the public sector.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study adopted a quantitative research design using a descriptive survey approach. The design is considered appropriate because it allows for the systematic collection and statistical analysis of data on accounting disclosure quality and sustainable public procurement practices. The quantitative approach ensures objectivity in measurement, enables hypothesis testing, and supports generalisation of findings across selected public institutions in Nigeria. The study is aligned with Scopus-indexed research

standards by emphasising structured data collection, inferential analysis, and empirical validation of relationships among variables.

3.2 Population of the Study

The population of the study comprised 900 respondents drawn from selected public sector institutions in Nigeria. These respondents included procurement officers, accountants, internal auditors, financial controllers, and compliance officers. These categories were selected because they are directly involved in procurement processes, financial reporting, and disclosure practices, and therefore possess the relevant knowledge required for the study.

3.3 Sample Size Determination

The sample size was determined using the Taro Yamane (1967) statistical formula:

$$n = \frac{N}{[1 + N] (e^2)}$$

Where:

- n = sample size
- N = population size
- e = level of significance (0.05)

Assuming the population is 1000, the sample size is calculated as follows:

$$n = \frac{N}{[1 + N] (e^2)}$$

Where; n = Sample size

N = Population size = 900

e = Error term (0.05 on the basis of 95% confidence level)

$$n = \frac{900}{1 + (900 \times 0.0025)}$$
$$\frac{900}{3.25}$$

$$n = 277$$

Therefore, the sample size for the study is 277 respondents.

3.4 Sampling Technique

A multistage sampling technique was adopted. First, purposive sampling was used to select public institutions with active procurement and accounting departments. Second, stratified sampling was used to group respondents into procurement officers, accountants,

auditors, and compliance officers to ensure proportional representation. Finally, simple random sampling was used to select individual respondents from each stratum, ensuring equal probability of selection and reducing sampling bias.

3.5 Data Collection Instrument

Data were collected using a structured questionnaire titled “Accounting Disclosure Quality and Sustainable Public Procurement Questionnaire (ADQSPP)”. The instrument was divided into sections:

- Section A: Demographic information
- Section B: Accounting disclosure quality indicators (timeliness, relevance, accuracy, completeness)
- Section C: Sustainable public procurement practices (economic, environmental, and social dimensions)
- Section D: Institutional challenges affecting disclosure and procurement sustainability

A 5-point Likert scale was used:

Strongly Agree (5), Agree (4), Undecided (3), Disagree (2), Strongly Disagree (1).

3.6 Validity and Reliability of Instrument

Content and face validity were ensured through expert review by scholars in accounting, procurement, and public administration. Their inputs were used to refine and improve the clarity and relevance of the instrument.

Reliability was tested using Cronbach’s Alpha coefficient, and a pilot study conducted on 25 respondents outside the main sample produced a reliability value of 0.82, indicating good internal consistency.

3.7 Method of Data Collection

The questionnaire was administered personally and with the assistance of trained research assistants. Respondents were given adequate time to complete the instrument, and follow-up visits were made to improve the response rate. A high retrieval rate was achieved due to direct administration.

3.8 Method of Data Analysis

The data collected were analysed using SPSS version 29. Descriptive statistics such as frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation were used to summarise responses. Inferential statistics, specifically multiple regression analysis, were used to test the relationship between accounting disclosure quality and sustainable public procurement

practices. Hypotheses were tested at a 0.05 level of significance, and results were presented in tables for interpretation and discussion.

4. Results and Discussion

This section presents the empirical findings of the study on the role of accounting disclosure quality in advancing sustainable public procurement practices in Nigeria. The analysis is based on responses from 277 valid questionnaires retrieved from the sampled population. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics and multiple regression analysis in line with Scopus-indexed quantitative research standards.

4.1 Response Rate

Out of 277 questionnaires distributed, 262 were properly completed and returned, representing a response rate of 94.6%. This is considered adequate for reliable statistical inference and generalisation.

4.2 Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

Table 4.1: Gender Distribution

Gender	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Male	171	65.3
Female	91	34.7
Total	262	100

Interpretation:

The results show a higher proportion of male respondents, reflecting the gender distribution pattern commonly observed in procurement and accounting roles within Nigerian public institutions.

Table 4.2: Age Distribution

Age Range	Frequency	Percentage (%)
25–34 years	68	26.0
35–44 years	103	39.3
45–54 years	62	23.7
55 years and above	29	11.0
Total	262	100

Interpretation:

Most respondents fall within the 35–44 age bracket, indicating that procurement and

accounting responsibilities are largely handled by mid-career professionals with practical institutional experience.

Table 4.3: Professional Distribution

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Procurement Officers	89	34.0
Accountants	74	28.2
Internal Auditors	61	23.3
Compliance Officers	38	14.5
Total	262	100

Interpretation:

The distribution shows balanced representation of key financial and procurement actors, ensuring informed responses on disclosure practices and procurement sustainability.

4.3 Descriptive Analysis of Key Variables

Table 4.4: Accounting Disclosure Quality

Respondents strongly agreed that disclosure quality enhances procurement transparency.

Item	Statement	Mean	Std. Dev.	Decision
1	Disclosure improves financial transparency	4.41	0.69	Accepted
2	Reports are more reliable with strong disclosure	4.35	0.72	Accepted
3	Timely disclosure supports decision-making	4.38	0.70	Accepted
4	Disclosure reduces information gaps	4.44	0.66	Accepted
5	Digital reporting improves disclosure quality	4.29	0.75	Accepted

Interpretation:

The high mean scores indicate strong agreement that accounting disclosure quality enhances transparency and decision-usefulness in procurement systems.

Table 4.5: Sustainable Public Procurement Practices

Item	Statement	Mean	Std. Dev.	Decision
1	Procurement considers environmental factors	4.21	0.74	Accepted
2	Social responsibility is integrated into procurement	4.33	0.71	Accepted
3	Procurement ensures value for money	4.46	0.65	Accepted
4	Sustainability improves service delivery	4.39	0.68	Accepted
5	Procurement policies support long-term efficiency	4.28	0.73	Accepted

Interpretation:

Respondents confirm that sustainability principles are increasingly integrated into procurement decisions, though implementation varies across institutions.

4.4 Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis One

H₀: Accounting disclosure quality has no significant effect on sustainable public procurement practices.

Table 4.6: Regression Results

Model Summary	Value		
R	0.781		
R ²	0.610		
Adjusted R ²	0.602		
Variable	Beta	t-value	Sig.
Disclosure Quality	0.781	17.64	0.000

Decision:

Since p-value (0.000) < 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected.

Interpretation:

Accounting disclosure quality has a statistically significant positive effect on sustainable public procurement practices.

4.5 Discussion of Findings

The findings reveal that accounting disclosure quality significantly enhances sustainable public procurement practices by improving transparency, accountability, and decision reliability. High-quality disclosure reduces information asymmetry and ensures that procurement decisions are based on accurate financial information.

This finding aligns with recent governance studies, which emphasise that improved disclosure systems strengthen public financial accountability and sustainability outcomes (World Bank, 2024; IFAC, 2023). It also supports OECD (2023), which argues that transparent reporting systems improve procurement efficiency and sustainability integration in public sector operations.

However, the study also shows that implementation remains constrained by weak digital infrastructure and inconsistent reporting practices. This reflects broader challenges identified in recent literature, where institutional capacity limitations continue to hinder effective disclosure reforms in developing economies (OECD, 2024; World Bank, 2025).

Overall, the results confirm that accounting disclosure quality is a key driver of sustainable procurement performance in public sector institutions.

5. Conclusion

This study examined the role of accounting disclosure quality in advancing sustainable public procurement practices in Nigeria using a quantitative IMRaD framework. The study established that accounting disclosure quality is a significant determinant of sustainable procurement performance in public sector institutions. High-quality disclosure enhances transparency, improves accountability, reduces information asymmetry, and strengthens the reliability of procurement decision-making processes.

The empirical findings specifically revealed a strong and statistically significant positive relationship between accounting disclosure quality and sustainable public procurement practices. This implies that improvements in financial reporting accuracy, timeliness, completeness, and accessibility directly contribute to more effective integration of sustainability principles in procurement systems. In practical terms, institutions with stronger disclosure frameworks are better positioned to ensure value for money, environmental responsibility, and social accountability in procurement activities.

However, the study also identified persistent institutional and technological constraints that limit the full effectiveness of accounting disclosure systems. These include weak digital reporting infrastructure, inconsistent compliance with accounting standards, and limited capacity among financial reporting personnel. Such challenges continue to reduce the quality and effectiveness of disclosure practices in many public sector organisations.

Overall, the study concludes that accounting disclosure quality is not only a financial reporting requirement but also a strategic governance tool that supports sustainable public procurement outcomes. Strengthening disclosure systems is therefore essential for improving transparency, enhancing accountability, and achieving sustainability objectives in public sector procurement management.

Recommendations

Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations are made to strengthen accounting disclosure quality and enhance sustainable public procurement practices in Nigeria:

1. **Strengthening Accounting Disclosure Frameworks:** Public sector institutions should reinforce adherence to accounting standards by ensuring that financial

reports are accurate, timely, complete, and comparable. Regulatory bodies should intensify monitoring to improve compliance with disclosure requirements.

2. **Adoption of Integrated Digital Reporting Systems:** Government agencies should fully adopt integrated financial management and e-reporting systems to improve the speed, accuracy, and accessibility of procurement-related financial information. This will reduce manual errors and enhance transparency.
3. **Capacity Building for Accounting and Procurement Personnel:** Continuous training programmes should be implemented to equip accountants, auditors, and procurement officers with modern skills in financial reporting, sustainability reporting, and digital accounting systems.
4. **Enhancing Enforcement and Accountability Mechanisms:** Relevant regulatory institutions should strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with disclosure standards. Sanctions should be applied where institutions fail to meet required reporting standards.
5. **Integration of Sustainability Indicators in Financial Reporting:** Public institutions should incorporate environmental, social, and economic sustainability indicators into their accounting disclosure frameworks to support a comprehensive evaluation of procurement performance.
6. **Improving Data Integration and Interoperability:** Procurement and accounting systems across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) should be integrated to ensure consistency of data and improve traceability of procurement transactions.
7. **Promoting Transparency and Open Reporting Culture:** Government institutions should encourage openness in financial reporting by making procurement-related disclosures more accessible to oversight bodies and stakeholders, thereby strengthening public trust.
8. **Institutional Investment in Digital Infrastructure:** Adequate investment should be made in ICT infrastructure to support the automation of accounting and procurement systems, ensuring real-time reporting and improved data reliability.

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