



President's Message

Dear Esteemed Members and Readers,

I am pleased to present the July–August 2026 issue of the Chartered Management Accountant Journal. The theme, Smart Procurement and the Digital Economy, could not be more timely. What was once viewed as a routine administrative function is now emerging as a strategic lever for transparency, efficiency, and competitiveness.

Just weeks ago, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) rolled out EPADS 2.0, alongside adoption of Open Contracting Data Standards and enhanced grievance redressal mechanisms. These reforms, combined with the vision for a unified digital procurement system, mark a decisive step toward modernising Pakistan's procurement landscape.

Procurement is no longer about paperwork and compliance; it is about leveraging technology to deliver value for money, strengthen oversight, and build trust. With digital platforms, AI driven analytics, and interoperable systems now being piloted, Pakistan has a framework to channel procurement energy responsibly and productively.

As Cost and Management Accountants, we have a vital role in advancing good governance. I encourage our members and other readers to go through this issue and explore ICMA's latest publication. Together, these resources provide valuable perspectives on strengthening Pakistan's fiscal governance framework, promoting accountability, and supporting sustainable economic development.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the editorial team, distinguished contributors, reviewers, and all those whose dedication has made this edition of the CMA Journal possible. Let us continue working together to foster transparency, strengthen accountability, and build institutions that serve the nation with integrity and excellence.

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