

Event Agenda

13 May 2026 · 2 Hours 40 Minutes · Global Virtual Event

Research-anchored. Practitioner-validated. Free to attend globally across three timezone sessions.

 **Asia Pacific | 10:00 AM SGT | 12:00 PM AEST**

 **EMEA & India | 11:00 AM CEST | 1:00 PM GST | 2:30 PM IST**

 **Americas | 11:00 AM ET**

Americas Agenda

11:00 AM ET · Pre-Show: Host Introduction & Setting the Stage (5 min)


11:05 AM ET

Opening Keynote

The Agentic AI Imperative: Why 2026 Is Procurement's Most Consequential Inflection Point

Aatish Dedhia · Founder & CEO, Zycus

Agentic AI is not coming — it is already in production. Aatish sets the scene for why 2026 marks a once-in-a-generation inflection point for procurement, what Zycus's 20+ years of building towards this moment makes possible, and why the leaders who act now will define the new benchmark.

 **20 min**


11:25 AM ET

Research Session · First Public Reveal

Don't Delegate AI: What Forrester's Research Tells CPOs About Owning the AI Agenda

Jeffrey Rajamani · Senior Analyst, Forrester

The first public presentation of Forrester's Don't Delegate AI report — commissioned by Zycus. The data-backed case for why enterprises that hand AI strategy to IT or vendors face a measurable value gap, and what CPO-led AI ownership looks like in practice.

 **25 min**


11:50 AM ET

Research Keynote · World Premiere

Agentic AI in Procurement Adoption Index 2026: What 250+ CPOs Are Telling Us

Chris Sawchuk · Principal Analyst, The Hackett Group

The first public presentation of the landmark Hackett Group Index — the most comprehensive study of Agentic AI adoption in procurement ever conducted. Where is the real ROI, where are the risks, and which use cases are being prioritized?

 **25 min**

12:15 AM ET

Thought Leadership

Five Ways Procurement AI Fails — and the One Architecture That Doesn't

Omid Ghamami · President, PSCM

A practitioner-grounded analysis of the most common patterns of AI failure in procurement — from fragmented point solutions to governance gaps — and the single architectural principle that separates deployments that scale from those that stall.

 **20 min**

12:35 AM ET

Platform Demo

Merlin Agentic Platform: Intake Orchestration, Autonomous Negotiation & Agentic Sourcing

Pridhvi Kare & Shiv Agarwal · Zycus Product Team

A live walkthrough of the Merlin Agentic Platform — intelligent intake orchestration, autonomous tail spend negotiation, and Agentic Sourcing. Includes human-in-the-loop controls, policy guardrails, and audit trail.

 25 min

1:00 PM
ET

Practitioner Panel

From Pilot to Production: What It Actually Takes to Deploy Agentic AI at Scale

Peter Scharbert (EY) · David Loseby · Opi Gahunia · Ryan Holzinger

Procurement leaders who have crossed from pilot to production share what Agentic AI deployment really looks like — the wins, the unexpected challenges, stakeholder alignment plays, and the lessons no analyst report can fully capture.

 25 min

1:25 PM
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Live Benchmark Reveal

How Does Your Readiness Score Compare to 3,000+ Global Peers?

Zycus + The Hackett Group

Real-time aggregated readiness scores from the attending CPO cohort — revealed live against the Hackett Index benchmark. See where procurement leaders are strongest and weakest globally, and what to prioritize first.

 15 min

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