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Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships First session

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Room XII

[Provisional Programme¹](#)

The Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (WP PPP) is an intergovernmental body established in 2016 to take over the UNECE PPP work previously conducted by the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS PPP). It comprises over 2000 experts coming from the public and private sector, NGOs and international organizations. On 21-22 November 2017, the session will focus on the contribution of the UNECE work on people-first Public-Private Partnerships to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an opportunity for countries to present their current people-first PPP work. The advanced work on the draft guiding principles on people-first PPPs and the international PPP standards will be debated, along with the role of national development agencies in support of infrastructure projects in low and middle-income countries and the creation of an evaluation methodology to score PPPs and infrastructure projects against the SDGs.

¹ As of 22 August 2017

Day 1 | Tuesday, 21 November 2017

10:00–10:45 **Opening, adoption of agenda and election of officers**

The contribution of the UNECE's People-first Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) work to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

10:45–13:00 **Session I: Mobilising the Member States' PPP Units behind the UN SDGs**

- i. How are the national PPP Units and infrastructure ministries contributing to the UN SDGs?
- ii. How are such agencies responding to the challenges?
- iii. How can cooperation amongst the PPP Units and other infrastructure ministries be enhanced?
- iv. To what extent are countries implementing the people-first criteria as defined by the UNECE?

Representatives from PPP Units and infrastructure agencies will deliver short presentations on their strategies and projects, and how these contribute to the SDGs.

Documentation:

- Compendium of presentations by countries;
- People-first PPP criteria;
- Set up the process to develop an evaluation methodology to score projects

Expected Outcome from the Session

- Revised and validated definition of people-first PPPs for the UN SDGs
- Creation of a validation expert network on people-first PPPs
- Clarity over the process to develop the evaluation methodology to score projects

Q&A

13:00–15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00–15:45 **Session II: How can the national aid agencies contribute to transformational, people-first PPP projects, and the UN SDGs?**

- i. How can international aid agencies contribute to supporting people-first PPPs in low-income countries?
- ii. What are the best practice models for cooperation between the aid agencies, the private sector and host governments and entities?
- iii. What are the main risks involved in aid agencies in support of PPP and how can they be overcome?

Documentation: Outline of the draft guidelines for aid agencies in their support to people-first PPPs

Panellists: **(representatives of government aid agencies, CSOs, private sector and IGOs)**

Expected Outcome from the Session

- Enhanced confidence of aid agencies to support financially infrastructure projects in challenging environments
- Identification of some possible pilot projects for donor support in low and middle-income countries

Q&A

15:45–18:00 **Session III: Making PPPs ‘fit for purpose’ for the UN SDGs and putting people first**

- i. What are the shortcomings in PPPs?
- ii. How can these shortcomings and weaknesses be overcome making them people-first?
- iii. How can the ZTC standard and declaration improve the governance?
- iv. Is certification an option to ensure confidence in PPP institutions in low and middle-income countries?
- v. How to effectively implement the ZTC standard?

Documentation:

- Standard on a Zero Tolerance Approach to PPP Procurement (ZTC);
- ZTC declaration;
- Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs for the UN SDGs.

Panellists: (representatives of governments, CSOs, private sector and IGOs)

Expected Outcome from the Session

- Validation of the ZTC standard
- Identification of an effective strategy for implementation (e.g. the use of the declaration as a modus for implementation)

Day 2 | Wednesday, 22 November 2017

10:00–11:30 **Working with China on the Belt and Road initiative in PPPs to create a ‘win-win’**

- i. Why this cooperation ‘needs to be done’ to make the Belt and Road initiative a success?
- ii. What should be the ground rules for projects that are required to be followed by all parties?

Documentation:

- Concept paper on the three pillars of cooperation between the UNECE and the NDRC

Expected Outcome from the Session

- Full scale launch of the UNECE-China cooperation with the involvement of international partners
- Signaling of interest by participating countries in the capacity building pillar

Q&A

11:30–13:00 **Review of the PPP work since October 2016**

13:00–15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00–18:00 **Implementation plan (2017-2018)**

Cross-sector cooperation with other UNECE bodies and international organization

Other business

Adoption of the report