

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

FIRST SESSION
OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Palais des Nations, Salle XI
Geneva, 28-29 February 2008

Provisional Programme

Background

At the second session of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (5-7 December 2007), it was agreed to establish a Team of Specialists on Private-Public Partnerships with a particular focus on training and capacity-building in implementing successful PPPs. This new body takes over the work of the former international network of PPP experts, whose work included the elaboration of the UNECE Guidebook on Promoting Good Governance in PPPs.

Objectives

The objectives of the session are:

- Exchange experiences and best practices in PPPs amongst the UNECE Member States and various stakeholders;
- Raise awareness of key drivers in successful PPPs;
- Enhance knowledge for developing successful PPP policies and understanding on improving implementation of PPPs;
- Identify the priorities in training needs in PPPs and mechanisms for meeting these needs;
- Agree on plan to implement the Programme of Work for 2008-2009; and
- Identify potential contribution from members of the Team of Specialists.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2008

10.00 - 10.45

Opening

Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Director, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, UNECE

ITEM 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Team of Specialists will elect the Chair and Vice-Chair(s).

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The TOS-PPP will adopt the agenda of its first session.

10.45 – 13.00

ITEM 3. POLICY DIALOGUE ON TRAINING NEEDS AND EXPERIENCES IN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE UNECE REGION

Moderator: Ms. Corinne Namblard, CEO, Galaxy Fund, France

What are the recent trends in PPPs? What are the main barriers to implementation? What has been the recent success in various PPP sectors? What have been the main financial challenges?

Results of a Survey on PPPs

Ms. Lidia Polakovic, Senior Director, Project Finance and Transport, Standards & Poor, London, UK

Closing the Infrastructure gap

Thomas Northoff, EMEA Public Sector Leader, Deloitte

11.40 – 12.00

BREAK

12.00 – 13.00

How are PPPs developing in different subregional markets? How are Governments meeting the capacity- building challenge?

Russian Federation:

Professor Vladimir Varnavsky, Institute of World Economy and International Relations

Mr. Dmitry Amunts, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture and Communications

Mr. Alexander Bazhenov, Deputy Director for Infrastructure, Vnesheconombank

Central Asia: Ms. Elizabeth Wang, Senior PPP Specialist, World Bank

South East Europe: Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Coordinator, Economic Programme, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria

Israel: Mr. Yehudah Raveh, Senior Partner, Raveh & Co. Law Office

Netherlands: Mr. Peter Kraak, Advisor, Ministry of Transport

"Role of a modern PPP unit in today's PPP world"

United Kingdom: Mr. Stephen Harris, Head, International, IFSL, Chairman, UKTI PPP Export Advisory Group, "Key issues for governments in adopting a PPP model: lessons from the UK and International Experience"

France: Mr. Jean-Yves Gacon, Project Director, Ministry of Economy and Finance, PPP Development Mission

Spain: Joint presentation of Mr. Alexandro Huerta, Ministry of Development and Mr. Fernando Del Campo y García, Glovalvia

Poland: Mr. Kacper Kozlowski, Project Director, Investment Support

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 16.30

ITEM 3 (cont.)

16.30 – 17.50

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Comparative Review on the Performance of Public-Private Partnerships in Transition and Market Economies Mr. Art Smith, President the United States PPP Association, USA.
Mr. Olivier Brenninkmeijer: RUIG/GIAN Project Manager & Researcher at UNIDIR on the contribution of PPPs to sustainable development

Roundtable Discussion: What should be the priorities of the Team of Specialists? How to develop more effective interaction between the public and private sectors both nationally and internationally? How can new ICTs improve learning and interaction?

Mr. Leonidas Korres, Special Secretary for PPP Ministry of Economy and Finance, Greece, (tbc)
Ms. Helena Hernandez, Ministry of Transport, Netherlands
Mr. Antony Smith, PPP Advisor, UK
Mr. Inon Schenker, Academic Director, Geneva Seminar on Global Health, Israel
Ms. Corinne Namblard, CEO, Galaxy Fund, France
Mr. Torsten R Böger, Managing Director, VIFG, Germany
Mr. Stefan Todorov Katsarov, Head of PPP Unit, Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria

17.50 – 18.00

CHAIR'S SUMMING UP

18.00 - 20.00

RECEPTION

FRIDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2008

10.00 – 13.00

ITEM 5. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS FOR 2008 AND 2009

ITEM 6. PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION ON CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Results of questionnaire on the interest in topics to be covered by the TOS-PPP Ms. Polina Tarshis, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, UNECE
Comparative Review on legal issues: Where are the areas for improvement? Is more PPP legislation needed or less? Mr. Wim Timmermans, Leiden University, Attorney in law, Lecturer, Netherlands
The Toolkit on "How to do PPPs": who will be the target audience? How should it be designed?" Ms. Velia Leone, Studio legale Leone & Associati, Lawyer, Italy
Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section, ECID, UNECE
Mr. Vladimir Korolev, State University – Higher School of Economics, "Public servants in PPP: academic courses for the new skills"

Mr. Steven van Grasse, Manager, PPP Center, Flanders, Belgium
Mr. Louis Gunigan, School of Construction, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland

Forthcoming capacity-building events Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Director, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, UNECE

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK
(Networking opportunity during lunch hours)

International and regional organizations will inform on their activities in the area of public-private partnerships and propose possible ways of cooperating with the TOS-PPP

UNESCAP	Mr. R. Alexander Roehrl
OECD	Mr. Alexander Boehmer
UNCTAD	Mr. Kalman Kalotay
EurAzEC	Mr. Alexander Kazakov (tbc)
International Road Federation	Ms. Caroline Visser, PPP Expert
European International Constructors	Representative of the EIC

Representatives from other UNECE Divisions that are relevant to public-private partnerships (e.g. environment, trade, transport, and sustainable energy) will make short presentations on activities and ways to promote cross-cutting activities and enhance existing synergies with this activity:

Transport	Ms. Eva Molnar Director of Transport Division
Sustainable energy	Mr. Fred Romig, Director, Sustainable Energy Division
Environment	Mr. Michael J. Kunz, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division

15.00 -

ITEM 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Among other issues, the TOS-PPP will consider procedures for the adoption of the report of the session. In accordance with established practice, it is proposed that the report be prepared not later than 10 days following the meeting and that it be reviewed and adopted by the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chair(s) on behalf of the TOS-PPP. The TOS-PPP will also decide on the time of its second session.

Experts wishing to propose additional points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.