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OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (TOS PPP)

Palais des Nations, Salle XIX (on 18 April), Salle XXI (on 19 April)
Geneva, 18-19 April 2011

Provisional Programme

Items 1, 2 and 3 of the annotated provisional agenda

MONDAY, 18 APRIL 2011

The Third Session of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS PPP) will embark on a formal, high-level and more in-depth discussion on UNECE's overall agenda in the establishment of the International PPP Centre of Excellence, its impact upon CECI's other strategic plans and programmes, the critical role of the UNECE PPP Toolkit, and the establishment of sector-specific "specialist centres" to be hosted by several governments. Importantly, this session will highlight the inter-regional nature of this initiative, and the growing participation of both EU and non-EU member countries from Central and Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

The substantive segment will debate how the concept for the International PPP Centre of Excellence has progressed, and what is now being proposed. The substantive segment will consist of a high level panel, a roundtable, and a discussion session. The purpose of the substantive segment is to interactively discuss the concept of the International PPP Centre, and to reach a decision and recommendation to formally establish the International PPP Centre of Excellence under the auspices of the UNECE. As per UNECE procedures, any such recommendations will be submitted to CECI and then to the Executive Committee of the UNECE.

UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence. The Centre of Excellence will consist of a hub, established in Geneva under UNECE, and affiliated International PPP Specialist Centers hosted by various countries. Each of these would be dedicated to one sector, such as roads, water, health, food security, prisons and sustainable development etc.

10.00 – 10.15

Opening statement by **Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze**, Director-General, United Nations Office, Geneva

Keynote address : Infrastructure Deficit and Importance of PPP Capacity Building: **Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi**, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10.15 – 10.45

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Team will adopt its agenda contained in document ECE/CECI/PPP/2011/1.

Item 2. Election of officers and issues related to the Bureau

Team members from the following countries are expected to join the Bureau: Croatia, Germany, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

10.45 – 13.00

Item 3. Substantive segment: the UNECE PPP Initiative – the UNECE PPP Toolkit and the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence

Session 1 – High Level Panel: The challenges of implementing successful PPPs, and how the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence can help countries meet these challenges.

Moderator: Mr. Rumen Dobrinsky, Director of the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division

The following speakers will present their support for the International PPP Centre of Excellence and explain the reasons for becoming specialist centres on sectors, and their goals and objectives:

- **Dr. Enrique T. Ona**, Minister of Health of the Philippines
- **Mr. Loay bin Ahmad Sa'ad Al-Musallam**, Chief Executive Officer of the National Water Company of Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Alexander Bazhenov**, Director PPP Center, Vnesheconombank, Russian Federation
- **Mr. Amer Aladhadh**, PPP Unit, Ministry of Business and Trade, Qatar
- **Mr. Ioan Bala**, Director General, National Administration of Penitentiaries, Romania

Countries getting started in PPPs:

Mr. Uchkunbek Tashbaev, Minister of Economic Regulation of the Kyrgyz Republic

Special address: The situation in Japan and the role of PPP in its reconstruction: Mr. Sam Tabuchi

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK

At 13.45 there will be a special session in Salle XIX devoted to exploring the ways and means of setting up Specialist Centres under this Initiative. The focus of this discussion will be on the following issues:

- *Review of experience to date of setting up Specialist centres in Countries*
- *Raising the necessary resources*
- *Working with the private sector*
- *Working with the Centre in Geneva to ensure consistency in the best practice deliverables*

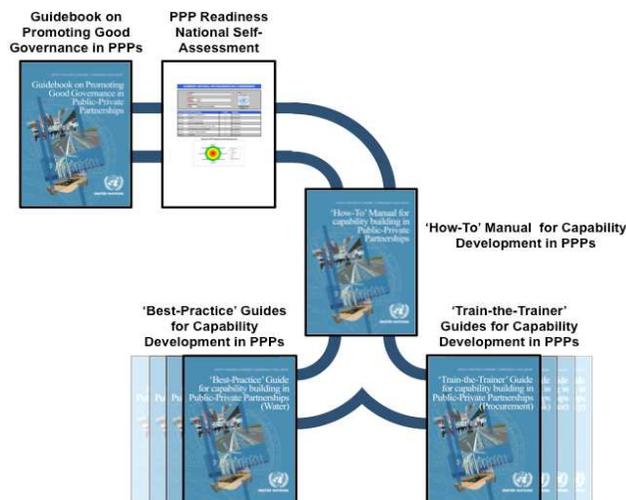
15.00 – 16.30

Session 2 – The development of the UNECE PPP Toolkit, and the structure and operations of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence.

Moderator: Mr. Jan van Schoonhoven

This session will provide an update on the development of the UNECE PPP Toolkit, and the role of the proposed sector-specific specialist centres in assisting the ongoing development and updating of the UNECE PPP Toolkit.

I. The UNECE PPP Toolkit:



(i) Overview on the development and purpose of the UNECE PPP Toolkit:

- General overview of the UNECE PPP Toolkit: **Mr. Tony Bonnici, UNECE**
- Structure and development of the 'How-To' Manual, and the 'Best-Practice' Guides: **Dr. David Dombkins**
- The UNECE Guidebook on Promoting Good Governance in PPPs: **Mr. Art Smith**
- Development and structure of the PPP National Readiness Assessment Tool: **Mr. Peter Dombkins**
- Application of the PPP National Readiness Assessment Tool in national capacity building programmes: **Mr. Tony Smith**

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee Break

16.45 – 18.00

(ii) How the UNECE PPP Initiative is going to be applied in individual countries?

- Ukraine **Ms. Irina Zapatrina**
- Kyrgyzstan **Ms. Gulnara Kalikova**
- Germany **Mr. Bernhard Mueller**

(iii) What is going to be the role of the private sector? How will the private sector be engaged in this process?

- The role of the UNECE roster of PPP experts: how to engage the private sector in the UNECE PPP Initiative: **Mr. Leo McKenna**

(iv) How will the Toolkit raise the capacity of governments in improving/implementing PPP legislation?

- Review of the UNCITRAL Model Legislative Provisions on Privately Financed Infrastructure Projects (PFIPs): Results of the UNECE survey and evaluation: **Mr. Richard Armitage, Simmons and Simmons, London, United Kingdom**

- The role of UNCITRAL in PPP legislative best practice: **Ms. Samira Musayeva**, UNCITRAL
- The challenges of introducing legal best practices: **Mr. Alexei Zverev**, EBRD
- Implementing legal best practice in the Russian Federation: **Mr. Khafiz Salikov**, Chairman of the Sub-Committee for PPPs, the State Duma, Russian Federation (tbc)
- PPP Progress in the Russian Federation: **Mr. Pavel A. Brusser**, Project & Structured Finance, Executive Director, Gazprombank

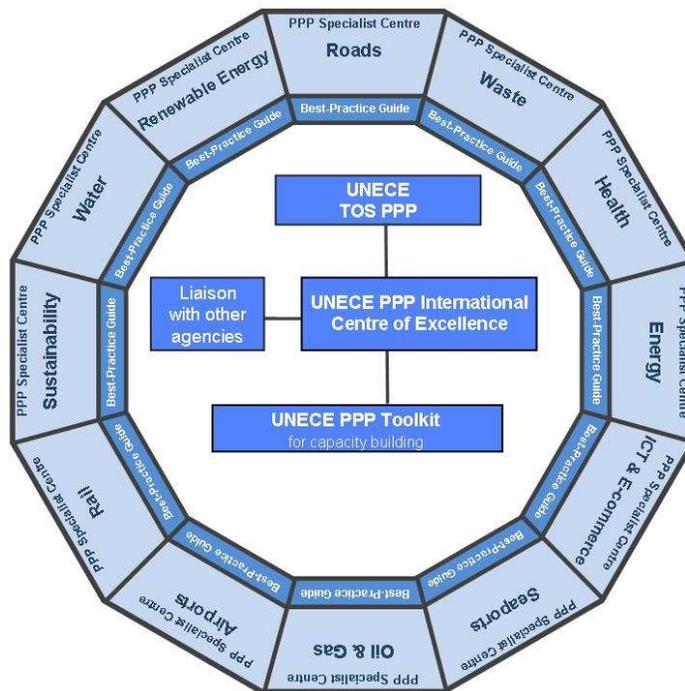
II. The UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence:

Structure, purpose and benefits of the International PPP Centre of Excellence

- Structure, purpose and benefits of the International PPP Centre of Excellence and the PPP Specialist Centres; assisting local governments and developing local private sectors in PPPs; support from international organizations: **Mr. Jan van Schoonhoven**

Progress and international support in establishing the International PPP Centre of Excellence:

- Roads – **Mr. Emin Sazak**, President, Turkish Construction Association (tbc)
- Health – **Mr. Celso Manangan**, PPP Centre, The Philippines
- Seaports – **Ms. Katerina Kitsili / COSCO Group** (tbc)
- Airports – **Mr. Türker Yöndem / Mr. Vincent Ladougne**, Bouygues Batiment International
- Sustainable Development – **Mr. Anthony Coundidis**, Director of McBains Cooper



Note: this diagram is indicative only, and other sectors can be added accordingly

TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2011

10.00 – 11.00 **Session 2 (cont'd)**

11.00 – 12.30

Session 3 – Comments on the UNECE PPP Initiative from International Organisations, Multilateral Development banks, the private sector, NGO's, and members of the Team of Specialists on PPPs

Moderators: Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, UNECE and Mr. Filip Drapak, IFC

(i) How does the UNECE PPP Initiative relate to the activities of Development Banks

- **Mr. Anand Chiplunkar**, Asian Development Bank
 - PPP Days 2012: the European (at UNECE) hosting of this highly prestigious event for PPP practitioners;
 - MP3IC framework and its activities, and how this framework and UNECE can agree to align on certain common themes or activities to avoid duplication;
 - how the proposed International PPP Centre of Excellence can actually be a Centre for dissemination of such knowledge and capacity development.

(ii) How will the International PPP Centre of Excellence assist other agencies in their PPP capacity building activities

- **Mr. Nicholas Jennett**, EPEC
- **Mr. Jose Rubiato**, UNCTAD

(iii) UNECE PPP Initiative: the Perspective of the Business Advisory Board on PPPs:

- **Mr. Anthony Pearce**

(iv) UNECE PPP Initiative: the Perspective of NGOs:

- **Ms. Caroline Visser**, International Road Federation

(v) Cross-sectoral synergy within UNECE: Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, UNECE

12.30 – 13.00

**Summing up of the Substantive Segment
Supporting a Recommendation to establish the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence**

- *Mr. Jan van Schoonhoven*
- *Mr. Art Smith*

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK

Commentary on items 4, 5 and 6 of the annotated provisional agenda

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15.00 – 18.00

Item 4. Review of the work done since the second session

(a) Status report on the UNECE PPP Toolkit

It is crucial that the prior work on the modules is integrated within the new structure of the Toolkit. In this regard, it is proposed that a working group within the Team, involving both the users and the drafters, be set up to ensure that the excellent material prepared so far is integrated into the Toolkit, and that the Toolkit meets the aspirations of the end users.

(b) Capacity-building activities

Five main capacity building activities were held by the Team since the second session in December 2009. These activities, which covered the whole of the UNECE region, were attended by some 650 PPP practitioners, mainly from countries with economies in transition. The focus of these activities was on the PPP national readiness assessment, which is the first step towards devising a national PPP strategy and the identification of pilot projects in a learning-by-doing approach.

One of the concrete results of these activities was the creation of the PPP experts' network in Central Asia, which is being expanded to other CIS countries. Representatives from this active network will share their views with the Team on the value added and benefit of such a network of professional PPP practitioners.

(c) Fund raising

The Team's capacity building programme depends on extra budgetary funding. Funding for some of the Team's activities was provided by the Russian Federation, Germany, Turkey and PPIAF.

Item 5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2011 and proposals for the programme of work in the next biennium 2012-2013

(a) Policy and Normative work

The following policy documents will be prepared by the Team in the course of 2011:

- a set of guidelines in the area of procurement in PPPs with a view to the elaboration of a good practice guide on the modalities of organizing open, transparent and competitive tenders for PPPs;
- the revision of the 'Guidebook of Promoting Good Governance in PPP', produced in 2008, to take into account the effect of the economic and financial crisis; and
- a Comparative Review of PPP legislation in the countries of Central Asia.

These documents are intended as hands-on practical guides prepared by experienced PPP practitioners under the overall responsibility of the secretariat.

(b) Capacity building activities in 2011 and beyond

In 2011, the Team will hold a number of capacity building activities in countries with economies in transition, focusing on countries getting started on PPPs and using the PPP national readiness assessment as a tool to review the enabling environments and identify potential pilot projects. These countries include: Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. A meeting of the PPP network in Central Asia will be held in Azerbaijan in November 2011. Participants are encouraged to communicate to the meeting any expressions of interest for receiving, delivering, or hosting capacity-building activities.

- **Mr. Yuriy Husyev** from Ukraine will brief the Team on activities planned for 2011 in Kiev;
- **Mr. Vladimir Karyagin**, from the Minsk Capital Association of Entrepreneurs and Employers, will make a presentation on PPP development in the Republic of Belarus;
- **Mr. Yong-Seong Kim**, Head, Policy and Research Division, Korea Development Institute (PIMAC), will make a presentation on PPP development in the Republic of Korea, and on the International Alliance of PPP Centres; and
- **Ms. Muhabbat Mahmudova**, Senior Research Analyst, Infrastructure Journal, will present an 2010 analysis of the PPP market.

(c) Proposal for the establishment of the PPP Readiness Task Force

In order to assist end-users to make effective use of the Toolkit and to calibrate it according to their specific needs, it is proposed that the Team establishes a task force (which should be referred to as the 'PPP Readiness Task Force') in order to:

- contribute to undertake national PPP readiness assessments;
- advise governments on follow-up steps, including best use of the Toolkit; and
- provide other related policy advisory services.

Membership will be open to PPP practitioners with relevant experience in delivering PPP programmes, and a roster of PPP experts would be compiled, maintained and updated regularly by the secretariat. Conference Room Paper 1 dated 22 March 2010 provides additional information on the task force and the roster.

Item 6. Other business

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Team be held in the second part of February 2012, tentatively on 21-24 February, in conjunction with PPP Days 2012.