

Attendance

Invitation letters will be sent separately to all Governments to nominate their representatives.

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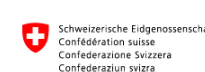


United Nations,
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Geneva, Switzerland



PPP DAYS 2012

21-24 February 2012
Geneva, Switzerland





Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Days is the premier global meeting for public sector practitioners. Since 2006, PPP Days has become the ideal opportunity for practitioners to meet their peers and counterparts from other countries and engage in long-lasting networking activities.

The next PPP Days will take place at the **Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on 21-24 February 2012**, and will be jointly hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the World Bank Institute and the Asian Development Bank.

The event includes two days of presentations and debates among public sector PPP practitioners, managers and experts, followed by a full-day Business Forum open to the private sector. On the fourth day there will be a special session dedicated to case studies, while a site visit to an operational PPP is also envisaged. An exhibition will also run for the four days.

The main theme of PPP Days 2012 is:

Strengthening institutions and frameworks for better PPP delivery

Public Sector Session, 21-22 February 2012

One critical set of sessions will address topics related to the ***identification*** and ***prioritization*** of PPP projects, discussing past and current practices in many different countries, as well as the institutional issues and the training needs.

Another set of sessions will deal with the ***governance*** of PPP procurement. Experience shows that PPPs require the adaptation of many processes to suit their specificities, from the preparing of initial studies and preparation of tender documents, to the evaluation and negotiation of bids, and to the oversight of these long-term contracts. Besides PPP Units, Budget teams and procuring authorities at national and sub-national levels and Courts of Auditors all have an important role in the governance of PPPs, as well as members of parliament and the media.

A third set of sessions will address ***contract management***, i.e., the management by contracting authorities of the interaction with private partners. Countries are currently experiencing a host of issues regarding contract management, especially as it concerns contract enforcement.

Most sessions will be in the form of panel discussion involving practitioners. Background papers will be prepared and posted on the PPP Days website, acquainting discussants and participants with the topic under discussion, and thus enabling them to focus on the debates in those issues that are most relevant to them. By discussing key PPP issues in an open and frank manner, public officials will be in a better position to take into account all the perspectives in their decision making process.

Business Forum, 23 February 2012

The Business Forum, open to private sector entities, will allow for a select number of Governments to present their strategies, policies, projects and support for PPP to the private sector; and for a number of representatives from the private sector to present their strategies, projects and successes in delivering public services and building infrastructure through the PPP model.

Governments are encouraged to present information in a written format for posting on the PPP Days website, thereby allowing them to bring some of their priority infrastructure projects to the attention of the private sector and practitioners in other countries. The Business Forum will also provide governments with an important networking opportunity to dialogue with representatives of the private sector from Europe and beyond. Further networking can be done through the exhibition, which will enable countries to showcase their PPP capabilities and opportunities to the private sector and to the international PPP community at large.

Site visits, 24 February 2012

The fourth day will give participants a choice between actual or 'virtual' site visits. There will be a presentation of selected projects from around the world that will focus on the themes of the conference and site visits to operational PPPs in the Geneva vicinity. Case study presentations will be integrated within the fourth session of the UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP, which will be held on 24 February, back-to-back with PPP Days 2012.