

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Ninth session of the Committee on Innovation,
Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

High-level Substantive Segment Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

Their role in achieving
UN Sustainable Development Goals



3 September 2015
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Geneva

Provisional Programme

Room XXIV

Thursday
3 September 2015

10:00 – 10:30

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Item 2. Election of officers

10:30 – 13:00 **A. High-level substantive segment**

Item 3. Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships – their essential role in the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Panel 1 : Innovation for Sustainable Development

Moderator: *Mr Christian Friis Bach*, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Speakers

- **Mr. Thomas Andersson**, Former President, Jönköping University, Sweden; and president of the board for the International Organisation for Knowledge Economy and Enterprise Development (IKED)
- **Mr. Salvatore Arico**, Special Advisor to the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- **Ms. Albina Nikkonen and Ms. Natalya Podsoonnaya**, Russian Venture Capital Association

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00 – 15:30 **A. High-level substantive segment (cont'd)**

Panel 2 : International PPP standards for the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: *Geoffrey Hamilton*, UNECE

Charter on Zero Tolerance to Corruption in PPP Procurement

Panelist:

- **Marc Frilet**, Project Team Leader, Zero Tolerance to Corruption in PPP Procurement

Mechanism for Compliance with the Charter on Zero Tolerance to Corruption in PPP Procurement

Panelist:

- **Scott Walchak**, UNECE Consultant, Examiner's Checklist of issues for PPP Units

15:30 – 15:40 **Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and UNITAR on cooperation in PPPs**

- **Christian Friis Bach**, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- **Sally Fegan-Wyles**, Executive Director, UNITAR

15:40 – 17:00 **Panel 2 (cont'd)**
Moderator: *Geoffrey Hamilton*, UNECE

PPPs in Healthcare policy

Panelist:

- **Peter Ward**, Project Team Leader, PPP's in Healthcare Policy

Discussant:

- **Raymond Saner**, Director, Centre for Socio-Economic Development

Standards under preparation

Panelists:

- **Dominique Gatel**, Project Team Leader, PPPs for water supply and sanitation
- **Thomas Frankl**, Project Team Leader, PPPs in Airports

Q&A

17:00 – 18:00 **B. General segment**

Item 4. Chairperson's summary of the discussions during the high-level international conference on 2 September 2015 on Unlocking Economic Potential for Sustainable Development

Item 5. Matters arising

Item 6. Implementation of the programme of work since the eighth session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration

Friday
4 September 2015

10:00 – 13:00 **B. General segment (cont'd)**

Item 6. Implementation of the programme of work since the eighth session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (cont'd)

Item 7. Reports from other ECE bodies and international organizations on areas of potential collaboration or of common interest

Item 8. Programme of Work

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **B. General segment (cont'd)**

Item 9. Rules of procedure

Item 10. Other business

Item 11. Adoption of the report