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
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Room XXIV

Thursday  
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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 Podsosonnaya, 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

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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