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Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships

Eighth session

Geneva, 20-21 October 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth session¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on 20 October 2016.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/1

1. The Team will adopt the agenda of its eighth session.

2. Election of officers

2. It is recalled that the Team, at its sixth session in 2014, elected Messrs Arthur Smith (United States) and Bernhard Müller (Germany) as co-Chairs of TOS PPP for a period of two years. At the same time, in 2014, the Team elected the following officers to serve a two-year term as vice-Chairs: Mr. Steven Van Garsse (Belgium), Mr. Mark Romoff (Canada), Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan), Ms. Angela Susanu (Moldova), Ms. Sonia Mezzour (Morocco), Mr. Andri van Mens (the Netherlands), Mr. Hafiz Salikhov (Russian Federation), and Mr. Ahmet Kesli (Turkey). The Team will elect its Bureau for the next two years at this session.

3. People-first Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)²

Documentation:

Draft guiding principles on good governance in people-first PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/1)

Case Studies on People-first PPPs (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/2)

Final revised draft standard on Integrity and Transparency in 'People-first' PPP Procurement (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/3)

3. People-first PPPs set out a clear statement that out of all the stakeholders, 'people' should be the priority and main beneficiaries. The focus of People-first PPPs should be on improving the quality of life of communities, particularly those that are fighting poverty and creating local and sustainable jobs. Projects should fight hunger and promote wellbeing, promote gender equality, increase access to water, energy, transport, and education for all, and promote social cohesion, justice and disavow all forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, creed and culture. People-first PPPs should increase very quickly in scale and spread. PPP projects should be labelled 'People first' only once they have met a number of the criteria, namely, "accessibility"; "equity"; "efficiency"; "effectiveness", "sustainability" and "replicability".

4. Under this agenda item, the Team will discuss the revised draft Guiding Principles on Good Governance in People-first PPPs for the United Nations SDGs. These guiding principles, which were initially presented and discussed at the tenth session of the Committee in Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships in May 2016, are a response to:

² The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development covers the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 of related targets that all United Nations member states agreed to in September 2015 (A/RES/70/1)
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf>

(a) SDG 17, which describes the importance of partnerships as the implementation mechanism for the SDGs and refers to different forms of partnerships: “public, public-private and civil-society” partnerships; and

(b) The follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) which calls for the elaboration of guidelines on PPPs.³

5. A number of cases studies that illustrate people-first PPPs will be presented and discussed. The case studies presented at the session will be included in the revised draft of the Guiding Principles. Representative from governments, the private sector, and civil society organizations are encouraged to identify, submit and present case studies which will become part of an online library of cases; supplementing those presented at the International UNECE PPP Forum “Implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda through effective, People-first Public-Private Partnerships” held from 30 March - 1 April 2016.

6. The Team will also discuss the final revised draft standard on Integrity and Transparency in “People-first” PPP Procurement (formerly known as draft PPP Standard on Zero Tolerance to Corruption in PPP procurement).

7. A detailed programme, with speakers, for this public session will be developed in consultation with the Bureau and will be made available to participants on the website.⁴

4. Adoption of the report of the seventh session

Documentation: ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/3

8. At its seventh session on 18 June 2015, the Team adopted the conclusions of the meeting and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report of the seventh session to be adopted by the Team at its eighth session. The Team will adopt the report of its seventh session.

5. Matters arising

9. The secretariat will report on matters arising from decisions made by the ECE Executive Committee (ExCom) at its meeting in September 2016 on the proposed conversion of the TOS PPP into a Working Party.

6. Review of the work of the Team since the seventh session

10. The Chairperson will brief Team members on the key outcomes and highlights of the work of the Team since the seventh session on 18 June 2015 by providing progress reports on the:

(a) UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE);

(b) Development of UNECE PPP standards, including a decision on the final revised draft standard on Integrity and Transparency in “People-first” PPP Procurement (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/3);⁵

(c) Consultative meetings of the Business Advisory Board (BAB), policy advisory missions and capacity building activities.

³ Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, para. 48, available at: http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AAAA_Outcome.pdf

⁴ The programme will be available at: <http://www.unece.org/ppp/tosppp8>

⁵ A decision on the final revised draft standard on Integrity and Transparency in ‘People-first’ PPP Procurement depends on the outcome of the public review and the endorsement by the TOS PPP Bureau.

11. The members of the Team will have the opportunity to take stock of past activities, and discuss effective means for the promotion and dissemination of the Team's outputs.

7. Inter-sessional implementation plan (2016-2017)

Documentation:

List of topics for PPP standards (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/4)

Report of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships on its tenth session (ECE/CECI/2016/2)

Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2016-2017 (ECE/CECI/2016/5)

12. The Team will discuss and make proposals for the implementation plan for work to be undertaken between this session and its next session in 2017 (ECE/CECI/2016/5 and ECE/CECI/2016/2, Annex II, section III).

13. The Team will review and decide on the latest list of topics for PPP standards development (ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/CRP/4).

14. In addition, the Team will have the opportunity to hear proposals for new standards to be developed where the team has a mandate on SDG related areas.

15. The Team will have the opportunity to discuss how to involve more PPP experts in project teams and ways in which the work of project teams can be more broadly publicized in countries with the aim of enhancing input to the standards development process.

16. There will also be a discussion on assisting countries with the implementation of the PPP standards in cooperation with Specialist Centres of Excellence, the Business Advisory Board, regional training hubs and other organisations.

17. Participants are encouraged to communicate to the meeting any expressions of interest by member States or other stakeholders for receiving, delivering, or hosting capacity-building activities in the priority areas of the Team's work. Requests from member States for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services will be considered on the basis of available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.

18. Participants are also encouraged to bring to the attention of the session any expression of interest by member States and other stakeholders to provide extrabudgetary support to the work of the ICoE (such as funds or in-kind contributions, including the organization of seminars, twinning schemes or networking initiatives).

8. Other business

Dates of the next session

19. The secretariat proposes that the ninth session of the Team of Specialists takes place in Geneva in the second half of 2017, subject to conference room availability at the Palais des Nations. The Team will decide on the dates of the next session.⁶

9. Adoption of the report of the eighth session

20. The Team will adopt the report of its eighth session.

⁶ The convening of the ninth session of the TOS PPP will depend on the decision by the ECE Executive Committee on whether or not TOS PPP should be converted into a Working Party on PPPs.

III. Tentative timetable

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