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**Economic Commission for Europe****Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships****Eleventh session**

Geneva, 20-22 March 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh session<sup>1</sup>****To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 20 March 2017  
at 10:00 a.m. in room VII.****I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers

**A. High-level substantive segment**

3. Impact Investing – Financing Innovation and People-First PPPs for Sustainable Development

**B. General segment**

4. Matters arising

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5. Implementation of the Programme of Work
  - (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies;
  - (b) Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships;
  - (c) Joint Activities.
6. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment
7. Programme of Work
  - (a) Programme of Work for 2018-2019;
  - (b) Inter-sessional Implementation plan for 2017 – 2018.
8. Areas of common interest with other ECE bodies and international organisations
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the report

## II. Annotations

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Delegates are invited to adopt the provisional agenda.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/CECI/2017/1	Decision

### Item 2. Election of officers

2. Delegates will elect bureau members of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, for a term of office of two years from this session.

## A. High-level substantive segment

### Item 3. Impact Investing - Financing Innovation and People-First PPPs for Sustainable Development

3. In the United Nations Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, impact investing, i.e. investment that seeks an environmental or social benefit in addition to financial returns, has been identified as an approach to be encouraged and promoted.
4. Impact investing is one of the most rapidly growing, if not the most rapidly growing, investment category in the UNECE region. According to the European Investment Fund, impact investment assets in 13 European countries alone have grown more than fourfold in 2013-2015 and currently stand at almost € 100 billion.
5. At the same time, this is still small compared to the USD 3.9 trillion in annual sustainable development financing needs and the USD 2.5 trillion annual funding gap that has been identified. There is considerable untapped potential and scope for cross-country policy learning on how to remove obstacles to the further growth of this investment market segment.
6. This agenda item will discuss the role UNECE can play in advancing impact investment in innovation and in PPPs.

## B. General segment

### Item 4. Matters arising

7. The secretariat will report on decisions by the ECE Executive Committee pertaining to the work of the Committee, including the decision to transform the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships into a Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships. It will also report on relevant decisions and developments under ECOSOC and the General Assembly related to the Committee's work, including those related to the Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Decision approving the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships	ECE/EX/2016/L.17	Information

### Item 5. Implementation of the Programme of Work

#### (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP)

8. The secretariat will brief the delegates on activities undertaken by the TOS-ICP since its ninth session. The meeting will be asked to endorse the report of the last TOS-ICP session and the good practices document on Impact Investing - Financing Innovation for Sustainable Development.

9. The mandate of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies was last renewed for two years at the ninth session of the Committee in 2015. The Committee will be invited to revise the mandate of the Team to reflect the implications for its work of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, and to decide on the renewal of the revised mandate for an additional two years.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies on its ninth session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2016/2	Decision
Impact Investing – Financing Innovation for Sustainable Development	ECE/CECI/2017/3	Decision
Revised Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies	ECE/CECI/2017/4	Decision

#### (b) Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS-PPP)

10. The secretariat will brief delegates on the activities undertaken by the TOS-PPP since its eighth session, and its transition to a Working Party on PPPs. The meeting will be asked to endorse the report of the last TOS-PPP session. It will also be asked to take note of

the independent evaluation report of the project “Capacity Development to Support the Implementation of PPPs in Belarus”; the guiding principles in People-First PPPs for the SDGs; and the PPP standards and recommendations under preparation.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships on its eighth session	ECE/CECI/PPP/2016/2	Decision
Independent evaluation report of the project “Capacity Development to Support the Implementation of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Belarus”	ECE/CECI/2017/5	Information
Guiding Principles in People-First PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2017/CRP.1	Information
People-First PPP standards and recommendations under preparation	ECE/CECI/2017/CRP.2	Information

(c) Joint Activities

11. The secretariat will report on activities implemented jointly with other parties. This includes: (i) the Conference jointly organized with the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (SCTCS) and the Government of Belarus, in Minsk in October 2016 on “Laying the foundation in the UNECE region for economic integration and sustainable development towards 2030” (<https://www.unece.org/vision2030.html>); (ii) The Recommendation on PPPs in Trade Facilitation jointly developed with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT); and the Workshop on People-First PPPs jointly organized with UN/CEFACT in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Item 6. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment**

12. The Chairperson will present the Chairperson’s summary from the high-level substantive segment discussions and delegates will be invited to consider and discuss the summary with a view to identifying suggestions for follow-up activities.

**Item 7. Programme of Work for 2018-2019**

(a) Programme of Work for 2018-2019

13. The Committee will be invited to discuss and adopt the programme of work and the list of publications for 2018-19 and recommend them to the Executive Committee for approval.

(b) Inter-sessional implementation plan

14. The Committee will discuss and approve the inter-sessional implementation plan for the activities to be undertaken in 2017 and until the next session in 2018.

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Draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2018-2019	ECE/CECI/2017/6	Decision
Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2017-2018	ECE/CECI/2017/CRP.3	Decision

**Item 8. Areas of common interest with other ECE bodies and international organisations**

15. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations.

16. The secretariat will report to the Committee on possible ways to mainstream gender aspects into its future work as requested at the last session under this agenda item (document ECE/CECI/2016/2, decision 2016-6.3).

**Item 9. Other business**

17. Delegates will decide on the dates of the next session.

**Item 10. Adoption of the report**

18. Delegates will adopt the report of the eleventh session, including the decisions adopted by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.

### III. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<b>Monday, 20 March 2017</b>	
15:00-15:20	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers
15:20-18:00	<b>High-level substantive segment</b> Item 3. Impact Investing – Financing Innovation and People First PPPs for Sustainable Development
<b>Tuesday, 21 March 2017</b>	
10:00-13:00	<b>High-level substantive segment (continued)</b> Item 3. Impact Investing – Financing Innovation and People First PPPs for Sustainable Development (continued)
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	<b>High-level substantive segment (continued)</b> Item 3. Impact Investing – Financing Innovation and People First PPPs for Sustainable Development (continued)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<b>Wednesday, 22 March 2017</b>	<b>General segment</b>
10:00 – 13:00	<b>General segment</b> Item 4. Matters Arising Item 5. Implementation of the programme of work (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; (b) Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships; (c) Joint Activities. Item 6. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment Item 7. Programme of Work (a) Programme of Work for 2018-2019; (b) Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2017-2018.
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	Item 8. Areas of common interest with other ECE bodies and international organisations Item 9. Other business Item 10. Adoption of the report

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