

# Annex<sup>1</sup>

## Terms of Reference

### Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

#### A. Mandate

1. The Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships supports the implementation of the parts of the Programme of Work of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) related to public-private partnerships. Its main task is to identify international PPP best practices, develop international PPP standards and to contribute to the preparation, implementation and evaluation of a capacity-building and policy advisory programme for public and private sectors officials in low and middle income countries on this topic.

2. On the basis of this work, the Working Party is expected to prepare standards and policy recommendations for consideration and possible adoption by CICPPP.

3. In its work, the Working Party responds to the needs of governments, and takes into account the needs of the private sector, consumers, the academic and business communities, and civil society. It will also facilitate cooperation within the UN system and with various international bodies working in this field, in particular the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Eurasian Development Bank, the World Bank Group, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

#### B. Areas of work

4. To support CICPPP in achieving its relevant objectives, the Working Party will engage in the following main activities:

(a) Development of international PPP standards and recommendations in a number of sectors and subsectors that contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) Preparation of international PPP best practices with the support of international PPP specialist centres of excellence which are affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence; and

(c) Facilitating broad dissemination of international best practices and standards in the area of PPPs subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, through the organization of targeted capacity-building activities, policy advisory services and training programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> Note from the Secretariat: The current Terms of Reference have been approved by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) at its tenth session and the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) at its 87th session.

### **C. Membership and Officers**

5. The Working Party is open for participation by all UN member States in compliance with the accreditation process contained in the guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies (E/2013/37 E/ECE/1464). In addition, representatives from the private sector, relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can also be invited as observers, in compliance with the UN rules and practices in this respect.

6. The Working Party elects its officers (Chairperson(s) and an agreed number of vice-Chairpersons) in accordance with the guidelines on procedure and practices for ECE bodies (E/2013/37 E/ECE/1464).

### **D. Methods of Work**

7. The Working Party operates in accordance with the Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Working Parties within the UNECE (ECE/EX/1).

8. The Working Party is established for a period of five years with a possibility of extension, if so decided by CICPPP. The CICPPP may wish to modify the Terms of Reference as required. The Working Party will develop its plan of work and reports to the annual session of CICPPP on its implementation.

9. The UNECE secretariat services the meetings of to the Working Party, providing logistical support and preparing documentation, including draft reports.

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