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

Fourteenth session
Geneva, 23-25 March 2020
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 23 March 2020 at 15:00 in room XVI*, **

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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3. A Decade of Action – the Role of Innovation and Public-Private Partnerships in Accelerating Progress towards Sustainable Development by 2030.

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   (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies;
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8. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations.
9. Other business.
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II. Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda
1. Delegates are invited to adopt the agenda.

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Item 2. Election of officers
2. Delegates may elect additional members to the bureau of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, for a term of office of two years starting from the date of this session.

A. Substantive segment

Item 3. A Decade of Action – the Role of Innovation and Public-Private Partnerships in Accelerating Progress towards Sustainable Development by 2030
3. Although significant progress on sustainable development has been made in many areas and many places since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015, progress overall has been too slow, and the world as a whole is currently not on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

4. In his remarks to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on 24 September 2019, the UN Secretary-General therefore called on all sectors of society to mobilize for a decade of action on three levels: global action to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the SDGs; local action embedding the needed transitions in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities; and people action, including by youth, civil society, the media, the private sector, unions, academia and other stakeholders, to generate an unstoppable movement pushing for the required transformations.

5. Innovation and public-private partnerships have been recognized as key means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda (SDG 17). The substantive segment will explore the role of innovation in developing smarter solutions and the role of public-private partnerships in mobilizing more resources for the SDGs. It will discuss the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of Governments at national and city levels needed to harness innovation and PPPs for Sustainable Development, and it will bring together policy makers with all relevant stakeholder groups to develop a shared vision for the required transformation, to learn from each other, and to share good practices.

B. General segment

Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work
(a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies
6. The secretariat will brief the delegates on the work undertaken by the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) since the previous session, including the results of the conference on “Smart and Sustainable Cities: the Role of Governance and Innovation Policy”, progress on the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia and the initiation of a new review with Moldova; the capacity building work undertaken in support of implementing recommendations from previous reviews; progress on the sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook; and the Working Group on Knowledge-based Development of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.

7. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the last TOS-ICP session and the good practice document on the topic “Smart and Sustainable Cities: The Role of Governance and Innovation Policy.”

8. The Committee had last renewed the mandate of the Team of Specialists at its session in 2017 for two years until 2019. The Committee will be invited to decide on the renewal of the Team’s mandate for an additional two years until 2021.

9. The secretariat will brief delegates on the activities undertaken by the Working Party on PPPs since the previous session, including the work on the standards and guidelines under preparation, the draft People-first PPP model law and commentary, the work on the Project Impact Assessment Tool, and capacity building activities. The Committee will be asked to endorse the report of the Working Party on its third session, and to take note of the progress in the normative work, the efforts by the secretariat to raise extra budgetary funding for the PPP work, and the mandated capacity building activities since the previous session.
(c) Joint Activities

10. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) organised the 2019 and 2020 Regional Forums on Sustainable Development and the 68th session of the Economic Commission for Europe at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Working Party on PPPs contributed to roundtables organized at these events. The Team of Specialists also contributed to a roundtable on innovation for the circular economy at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

11. The Team of Specialists and the Working Party also made substantive contributions to the nexus areas on Smart Sustainable Cities, on Smart Connectivity, and on Monitoring and Measuring Progress Towards the SDGs, and in particular to a forthcoming flagship publication on Smart Sustainable Cities.

Item 5. Main conclusions of the substantive segment

12. The Chairperson will present the Chairperson’s summary from the substantive segment discussions.

Item 6. Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2020 – 2021

13. The secretariat will present the inter-sessional implementation plan for activities in the remainder of 2020 and until the next session in 2021.

14. Delegates are invited to bring to the attention of the secretariat any additional proposals.

15. The Committee will discuss and approve the inter-sessional implementation plan.

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Item 7. Programme of Work for 2021

16. The United Nations General Assembly at its 72nd session decided to move from a biannual to an annual budget from 2020 onwards. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work for 2021 for discussion.

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Item 8. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations

17. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations, including the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation.

Item 9. Other business

18. Delegates will decide on the dates of the next session.
Item 10. Adoption of the report

19. Delegates will adopt the report of the thirteenth session, including the decisions adopted by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.
III. Provisional timetable

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| **Tuesday, 24 March 2020** |
| 10:00-13:00 | **Substantive segment (continued)**  
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| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00-18:00 | **General segment**  
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              (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; |
| **Wednesday, 25 March 2020** |
| 10:00 – 13:00 | **General segment (continued)**  
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