



International PPP Centre of Excellence

Beijing Statement of Intent by the PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence

1. *Recalling* Paragraph 48 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development which calls for the promulgation of guidelines for the use of PPPs;
2. *Stressing that* the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development involves designing and implementing a People-first approach to PPPs;
3. *Recognizing that* the People-first PPP model developed by UNECE is vital to make infrastructure and public service projects - whether at national or cross-border level - “fit for purpose” for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
4. *Mindful of* our duties to bring significant contribution to the advancement of the SDGs through People-first PPPs;
5. We, the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE) met in Beijing, China, on 3-4 December 2018 to discuss future directions for our work and agreed on the following lines of cooperation:
 - (i) We will continue to develop and promote together the concept of **People-first PPPs**;
 - (ii) We will support, in our respective areas of speciality, the promotion of **PPP projects that are aligned** with the UNECE Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs in support of the SDGs;
 - (iii) We will consult with our respective constituencies and networks on the **values of People-first PPPs**;
 - (iv) We will support the work of the UNECE project team developing the **UNECE evaluation methodology** and will make sure that this tool for scoring projects against the People-first criteria is widely promoted and implemented in our respective countries and regions;
 - (v) We will reach out to our networks to **prepare People-first PPP case studies** according to our respective templates. The latter would be put in a format that can be reproduced and incorporated into a database, with a view to showcase these projects and demonstrate how they meet the People-first outcomes and advance the SDGs;
 - (vi) We will select **twenty (20) PPP projects per annum** following the template mentioned above, complying with the five People-first outcomes;
 - (vii) We will address priority issues by undertaking for example **training and capacity building activities** in specific areas, targeting specific groups (e.g. young people including young

female entrepreneurs, other vulnerable groups, etc.) to promote small scale, people-to-people projects that are directly beneficial to local communities;

- (viii) We will design and **carry out other activities** that significantly contribute to promoting UNECE People-first PPP programme (cooperating more extensively on the Belt and Road Initiative, helping improve standards and international best practices, etc.);
- (ix) We agree to hold regular meetings of the Specialist Centres under a **rotating chairmanship** and will give media attention to this chairmanship in the pursuit of our objective to publicize the UNECE People-first PPP approach;
- (x) We will provide significant input to the UNECE secretariat for the **Annual Report** on our respective activities to demonstrate the impact of our work on the promotion of the People-first PPP approach and the advancement of the SDGs; and
- (xi) We pledge to adhere to the code of conduct, including equal rights for men and women in our activities.