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## Public-Private Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals

**Tuesday, 7 May 2024**

**14:30 - 18:00**

**UNECE Masterclass\***

**“Understanding and Leveraging the UNECE PPPs for the SDGs approach  
through Standards, Tools and Guides for Sustainable Infrastructures”**

**Location: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Istanbul Resident Office**  
*Büyükdere Caddesi, No:185, Kanyon Office Building, Floor: 5 Levent, 34394, Istanbul, Türkiye*

\*as of 1 May 2024



## Background:

Held at the margins of the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum, this masterclass is specially designed for government officials to enhance their understanding of the essential tools and resources within the UNECE Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) approach. Specifically designed for policymakers and decision-makers, the session will provide a comprehensive overview of these benchmark UN tools and instruments across all stages of PPP and infrastructure projects. World-renowned international PPP experts presenting in this masterclass will offer practical advice on how to effectively leverage these resources to ensure that PPPs and infrastructure projects align with the SDGs. **All participants in this masterclass will receive a UNECE certificate of participation.**

14:30 – 14:40



### Welcoming remarks

- **Ms. Şule Topçu Kılıç**, Deputy Head, EBRD, Türkiye
- **Mr. Tony Bonnici**, UNECE

14:40 – 15:00



### Moderator of the Masterclass:

- **Mr. George Katapodis**, Chairperson, UNECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) (Greece)

### The origins of the PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals approach: a unique approach to sustainability promoted by the UNECE

**Background:** This presentation aims to provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the origins and development rationale behind UNECE's "PPPs for the SDGs" approach. It will also offer context for the expansive framework of instruments developed as a result, which will be presented throughout the masterclass.

#### Documentation:

- [Guiding Principles on Public-Private Partnerships in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Introduction to Public-Private Partnerships in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)

#### Presenter:

- **Mr. Claudio Meza**, UNECE

15:00 – 16:30



### The fundamentals of the UNECE PPP policy documents and tools in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

**Background:** This session is designed to offer an expansive and comprehensive overview of some of the fundamental documents underpinning the UNECE PPPs for the SDGs approach, metaphorically described as a "pantheon". It aims to explore the relevance and practicality of pertinent UNECE documents, examining their interrelationships and their collective role in supporting informed decisions for sustainable PPPs and infrastructure projects.

#### Documentation:

- [Standard on Public-Private Partnerships/Concession Model law](#)
- [Public-Private Partnerships and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System \(PIERS\): An Evaluation Methodology for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Standard on a Zero Tolerance Approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement](#)
- [List of recommended clauses in concession contracts in Public-Private Partnerships in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Involving Reliable and Independent Experts](#)

#### Presenter:

- **Mr. Marc Frilet**, General Secretary, International Centre of Excellence for PPP Policy, Laws and Institutions

16:30 – 16:45

### Coffee break



16:45 – 17:15



## The UNECE PIERS methodology: a practical tool to align PPPs and infrastructure with the Sustainable Development Goals

**Background:** This presentation will delve deeper into the PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS) sustainability methodology and will focus on the practical use of PIERS and its unique characteristics.

### Documentation:

- [Public-Private Partnerships and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System \(PIERS\): An Evaluation Methodology for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

### Presenters:

- **Mr. Jean-Patrick Marquet**, President, Observatory of the Values in Society & Management, Switzerland
- **Mr. Claudio Meza**, UNECE

17:15 – 18:00



## Supplementary UNECE PPP Standards, Tools and Guides in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

**Background:** This session will provide a more detailed exploration of relevant supplementary standards, tools, and guides developed by UNECE to ensure that PPPs and infrastructure projects align with and support the SDGs. It aims to enrich the overview by further delving into essential instruments that facilitate informed decision-making, ensuring that projects deliver value for people and the planet within and across various infrastructure sectors.

### Documentation:

- [Standard on Public-Private Partnerships/Concession Model law](#)
- [Guidelines on Public-Private Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals in Waste-to-Energy Projects for Non-Recyclable Waste: Pathways towards a Circular Economy](#)
- [Guidelines on promoting Circular Economy in Public-Private Partnerships for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Guidelines on delivering Public-Private Partnerships projects for sustainable economic recovery and reconstruction in support of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

### Other relevant UNECE Standards, Tools and Guides:

- [Standard on Public-Private Partnerships in Roads](#)
- [Standard on Public-Private Partnerships in Railways](#)
- [Standard on Public-Private Partnerships in Renewable Energy](#)

### Ongoing UNECE workstreams

- Guide on the state of PPP and infrastructure finance midway to 2030
- Guide on improving the delivery of PPP and infrastructure through digital transformation throughout the project lifecycle in support of the SDGs
- Guide on green and sustainable PPP procurement for the SDGs
- Guide on PPPs in digital infrastructure: diagnostics in healthcare (telemedicine) and other public services
- Guide on Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement in PPPs for the SDGs
- Guide on Promoting Gender Empowerment through PPPs for the SDGs
- Guide on Off-Grid Renewable Energy Projects in Support of the SDGs
- Guide on Guide on Climate Resilient PPP and Infrastructure in Support of the SDGs
- Guide on Small Scale PPPs for the SDGs

### Presenters:

- **Mr. Syed Zaidi**, Chairperson of the UNECE Working Party on PPPs (Canada)
- **Ms. Eleni Bakoula**, Vice-chairperson of the UNECE Working Party on PPPs (Greece)
- **Mr. Steven Van Garsse**, University of Hasselt, Belgium
- **Ms. Camille Malafosse**, UNECE

18:00

## Presentation of certificates to participants