

# UNECE Newsletter on PPPs

The UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration established a Team of Specialists on PPPs with a mandate to support capacity building activities and exchange of good practices in the area of PPPs. Thereafter, a Business Advisory Board associated with the Team of Specialists and consisting of top business leaders involved in the PPP industry, was established. The Newsletter, which will be published every quarter, presents articles, best practice and information on capacity building activities on various topics related to public private partnerships and provides a platform for the sharing of information amongst members of the Team of Specialists and of the Advisory Board and other experts associated with the Team's activity. The views expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the UNECE.

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**Meeting the Recovery: Challenge in Japan through Public-Private Partnerships**

*By Sam Tabuchi and Yu Namba*

**The challenges we face.....**

At 2.46 pm on 11 March 2011 in Sendai, a large modern city with a population of over 1 million, located north of Tokyo, an earthquake struck. Thirty minutes later a Tsunami followed reaching a height at the local port of 7.2 meters. The water came in and then receded in a matter of a few minutes but the destruction of the adjacent shore area of the city was total. 704 people lost their lives, 51 are still missing and 2,273 were injured. 12, 425 buildings were totally destroyed and 26, 053 were partially destroyed with just half or less of the building remaining. This is just one area of a city affected by the earthquake: other towns in the North and the coastline stretching for 500 kilometers were more badly affected with 80 per cent of the towns and villages literally swept away and destroyed. Please [click here for full article](#).

### Third Session of UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP



Dear Colleagues and Friends

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for electing me as Chair of the UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP (TOS PPP).

It is an enormous honour to lead this Team of Specialists and its Bureau: we are progressively increasing in membership. At the [Third Session of TOS PPP](#), we had over 200 participants from more than 35 countries, 10 international organisations, and 24 representatives from the private sector. My optimism for PPP development around the world - through the continued assistance by the UNECE PPP Initiative - grows day by day. Please [click here for full article](#).

### Ukraine and Republic of Korea push forward with Innovative PPP Initiatives

#### ***Public Private Partnership in Ukraine: The First Steps***

By Irina Zapatrina and Yuriy Husyev



Viktor Yanukovich, President of Ukraine has singled out as the priority task of his country the modernization of the

economy. In this regard the Government of Ukraine acknowledges the importance PPPs can play not only in helping attract new technologies into the public sector but even more importantly, in creating the conditions for higher economic growth in Ukraine. Please [click here for full article](#).

#### **Development of PPPs in Republic of Korea**

By Jay Hyung Kim



The public-private partnership (PPP) market in the Republic of Korea has continued to grow as the government has actively promoted PPP projects as an alternative method to supplement public investment. The government has tried to allocate strategically its limited resources and therefore has encouraged the role of the private sector where its efficiency and creativity can be effectively utilized. With the strong initiative of the government, PPP projects have contributed to providing infrastructure facilities and public services where large-scale investments were urgently needed for national economic development and growth. In 2008, PPP investment in the social overhead capital (SOC) sector amounted to KRW3.7 trillion, about 18.4% of the total public and private investment in SOC; in 1995, it was merely KRW0.4 trillion when the PPP program was first introduced. Please [click here for full article](#).

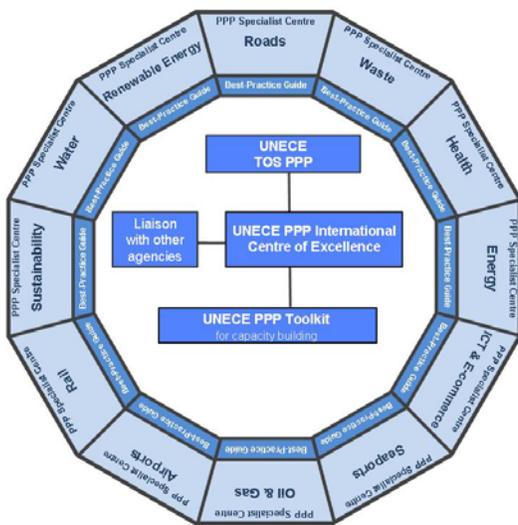
## PPP training in Kazakhstan



Between the 12th and 14th of July of 2011, the Kazakhstan Center for Public Private Partnerships organized the United Nations PPP Master Class. The class covered: best practices of the realization of PPP projects in education, housing, public utilities, value for money assessment, and the practical implementation of PPP projects. Please [click here for article](#).

## UPDATES and PROGRESS REPORTS

### Progress of UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence and PPP Specialist Centres



The UNECE has been in discussions with a number of countries to host **PPP Specialist Centres** in specific sectors. Presently the secretariat is in talks with: Germany, Greece, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, the Russian Federation and Saudi Arabia.

The secretariat has collected the responses from a survey sent out to each of these countries and have collated them into a table. The survey asked several questions about the progress in the setting up of the PPP Specialist Centres. Please [click here for survey table](#).

The secretariat is also currently in talks with the Russian Federation with respect to a proposed PPP Specialist Centre as part of the new PPP Department set up in the Financial University in Moscow. Please [click here for article](#).

### Linked-In Commentaries on UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence

The UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP, through the UNECE PPP Initiative, is engaged in the process of increasing the capacity of governments to develop their PPP capabilities. The proposed **UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence** has a specific mandate to become a one-stop-shop to assist Member States in achieving this goal. In view of its global perspective, the secretariat thought it necessary to reach out to various stakeholders for comments through a number of modern platforms such as **LinkedIn**, **Facebook** and **Youtube**. In the past few weeks, LinkedIn participants have posted a number of interesting comments and suggestions about the idea of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, which we will be reproducing through this link. Please [click here for LinkedIn commentary](#).

## UNECE PPP Readiness Taskforce – Roster of PPP Experts

As most of you are aware, following the launching of the UNECE PPP Initiative in April 2011, the UNECE work on PPPs is being expanded in order to take more capacity building activities. In order to facilitate the organisation of technical assistance, including undertaking national PPP readiness assessments, especially in countries getting started in PPPs, it was agreed to compile a Roster of PPP experts from within the UNECE extended network, who are willing to dedicate their time and skills towards the UNECE activities in the field of PPPs.

The response received from the network to join the roster of PPP experts was very encouraging, and the secretariat will shortly compile the UNECE PPP Roster and will post it on the UNECE website. Please [click here for a more detailed outline of the UNECE national PPP readiness assessment process](#).

The secretariat would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in serving on the roster. Those of you who would like to join the UNECE PPP Roster are encouraged to contact the [secretariat](#).

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### PPP Days 2012 – Geneva, Switzerland, 21-24 February 2012



**PPP DAYS**  
**2012**  
February 21-24, 2012  
Geneva, Switzerland

PPP Days 2012 will be held in the United Nations Office in Geneva, from 21 to 24 February 2012, and will be hosted by the World Bank Institute (WBI), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The PPP Days concept originated in 2006, and became an event held roughly every two years. The event allows for the gathering of PPP professionals from all over the world to discuss the importance of PPPs in the rapidly changing economic environment as well as capacity building initiatives to create best practice approaches in PPP development.

PPP Days 2012 has been modeled on the success of the past two events: PPP Days 2008, hosted by the World Bank Institute in Washington and PPP Days 2010, hosted by the Asian Development Bank in Manila. Clive Harris (WBI) and Anand Chiplunkar (ADB) have been prominent figures in previous editions, including in the PPP Days of 2008 and 2010, have kindly agreed to be interviewed on this topic. Please note that Clive's interview will feature in the next edition of this enewsletter.



Please [click here for the interview with](#)

Anand Chiplunkar,  
Asian Development Bank

### The Swiss PPP Association “PPP Schweiz”

*Sharing know-how and contacts through a website*

On the recently redesigned and restructured website of the Swiss PPP Association “[PPP Schweiz](#)”, suppliers of PPP services can now advertise themselves on the new “PPP Market”. Its goals are to give interested parties an overview of the present know-how and to establish new business contacts.

Online for three years, this website is the most important online platform on the Swiss PPP market today and attracts regular visitors from all over Europe. This is where a growing number of political and economic decision-makers and prospects update themselves on the development of PPP in Switzerland.

Therefore the “PPP market” represents an excellent platform for everybody involved in PPP projects and looking to find the right partners. Of course all suppliers of PPP services operating in Switzerland may advertise themselves on the “PPP market”.

### Financial and in-kind contributions from our PPP network:

*Teaming up with Inspiratia*



As most of you are aware, the UNECE PPP capacity-building programme heavily depends on financial contributions from generous donor countries and the private sector, as well as in-kind contributions from members of our extended PPP network. We are extremely grateful for those of you who dedicate time and expenditure to participate and speak at our capacity-building and training events, and for all the pro bono work carried out by a number of dedicated PPP practitioners on the numerous tasks undertaken by the UNECE PPP team to the benefit of our client countries. This is greatly appreciated by the UNECE secretariat and the UNECE member States, who recognise that these activities would not be successful without a dedicated body of experienced practitioners on whom the UNECE PPP team could rely on to deliver its services to our client countries.

A concrete example of in-kind contribution to the UNECE PPP team is the recent permanent [subscription](#) to the UNECE PPP team free of charge provided by [Inspiratia](#), a leading PPP information platform. The subscription allows us access to important up to date factual material for the development of our [UNECE PPP Toolkit](#). Most of you came across the services provided by Inspiratia and are aware of the useful information provided by its regular market insight and news. For more information on subscriptions, please click on the following link:

[Inspiratia Subscription](#)

If you want to learn more about how you could contribute to the UNECE PPP Initiative, please get in touch with the [secretariat](#).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2011

### International Conference on Promoting Efficient PPPs in Ukraine

*21-22 September, Kiev, Ukraine*

The International Conference is organised by the UNECE together with the Ministry of Economic Regulation and Trade of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Public-Private Partnership Development Support Center. The Conference will touch upon a number of topics, including: how PPP projects are identified and prepared; good governance; policy and legal framework; and international best practices, with case studies in selected sectors (energy, health, education and transport). Please [click here for the provisional programme](#) and a list of hotels in Kiev. For more information, please contact [Tony Bonnici](#).

## The role of PPP in promoting ICT infrastructure developments

*23 November, Baku, Azerbaijan*

This event is being held in the context of the UNECE International Conference on Knowledge Based Development. Those of you interested in participating and speaking are kindly requested to contact the [secretariat](#) at your earliest convenience.

## Meeting of the UNECE CIS network of PPP experts

*24 November, Baku, Azerbaijan*

The UNECE CIS network was originally composed of PPP experts from Central Asia and Azerbaijan, and was gradually extended to include other CIS countries. The main deliverable of the CIS network for 2011 is a comparative review of PPP legislative provisions in CIS countries. A first draft of the Review will be ready by October, and the final Review is expected to be ready by February 2012. Members of the UNECE CIS network and other interested parties are cordially invited to actively participate in this meeting and in the Review process. Those of you who plan to participate in the ICT infrastructure session on 23 November are also invited to this meeting on 24 November.

## Sixth Session of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) Session on the UNECE PPP Initiative

*1 December, Geneva*

Part of this year's substantive segment of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (the parent body of the UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP), to be held in Geneva from 30 November to 2 December 2011, will be dedicated to the UNECE PPP Initiative. More information on this session will be provided in the next few weeks.

### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter provides information on the work of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as it concerns capacity building and other related activities. Please [click here for further details](#).

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