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#### Capacity-building activities

## Report on capacity-building activities

### I. Introduction

1. The terms of reference of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) places demand-driven policy advisory services and other capacity-building activities as one of the three pillars of activities to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

2. At its ninth session held from 3 to 4 September 2015, the Committee welcomed the positive results and relevance of these capacity-building activities, in particular the field-based events organized upon the request of member States. It also expressed appreciation to the donors who had made voluntary contributions, and emphasized the importance of these financial and in-kind contributions for the success of its capacity-building activities, advisory services and for extending their outreach.

3. This document reports capacity-building activities carried out by the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme between 1 July 2015 and 29 February 2016. These activities were funded through the regular budget of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme and through extra-budgetary resources raised by the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division. It also includes activities undertaken or coordinated by the Regional Advisor of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme.

4. During the reporting period, the secretariat benefited from voluntary contributions (including in-kind contributions) from the Government of the Russian Federation, the Government of Tajikistan, the Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank) of the Russian Federation, the Confederation of International Contractors' Associations, the Eurasian Development Bank, the European Union, the French Institute of International Legal Experts, and Toyo University, Japan.

5. This document includes capacity-building activities where the secretariat took the lead in organizing the activity, taking responsibility for the major part of the substantive, logistical and financial arrangements and where the secretariat staff participated as co-

organizers and/or contributed to a substantive part of an event. In all of these activities, the secretariat mobilized substantive support from its extensive networks of experts.

6. In order to extend the outreach of policy recommendations, the secretariat also strives to design Geneva-based meetings in such a manner that they include capacity-building components for participating member States.

7. This document is structured as follows. The second section describes summary and highlights of the capacity-building activities which took place during the reporting period. Section III discusses the plans for main future capacity-building activities and their objectives starting from March 2016. Part IV describes the links between CICPPP's capacity-building activities and the global development agendas. Annex I presents a table with a list of capacity-building activities carried out during the reporting period. Annex II presents a table with a list of planned activities beginning from March 2016.

## **II. Major results in capacity-building activities in the reporting period**

8. In the area of innovation, competitiveness and knowledge-based development, the secretariat held a major stock taking conference in Minsk to draw lessons from the first five Innovation Performance Reviews, carried out since 2010 in Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine. The lessons learned, both methodological and in terms of policy implementation, as well as discussions on how to incorporate innovation policy to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be valuable input for future reviews.

9. The secretariat also embarked on a new Innovation for Sustainable Development Review together with the Government of Belarus, as a follow-up to the first Innovation Performance Review five years ago. This project has already resulted in some new policy recommendations and will support strengthening of the innovation in areas critical for sustainable development.

10. To support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the secretariat organized two high-level events in Geneva on the occasion of the ninth session of the CICPPP. These events examined the role of science, innovation and technology policies to advance the SDGs, and highlighted the importance of PPP standards in mobilizing private finance to address the huge infrastructure gap which countries face as they implement the SDGs. These events enhanced understanding of the participating delegates, international experts and representatives from the private sector on the crucial linkages between innovation, PPPs and sustainable development, as well as providing concrete suggestions for follow-up actions.

11. In the field of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), the International PPP Centre of Excellence has carried out capacity building and advisory missions based upon three main kind of activities: (a) consultative missions of the ECE PPP Business Advisory Board with national authorities on national PPP policies, programmes and projects; (b) a PPP capacity building project in Belarus; and (c) international fora and conferences for the exchange of PPP best practices and models.

12. During the reporting period, a total of fourteen capacity building and policy advisory activities were organised. They were: six policy advisory missions and consultative meetings of the PPP Business Advisory Board; two capacity building activities as part of the PPP capacity building project in Belarus; and six PPP activities with a capacity building component.

13. These PPP related capacity building activities contributed to a better understanding of the enabling environment such as policies and institutions to: improve PPP projects

development and delivery; enhance the ability of national officials to identify and implement bankable PPP projects that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); identify international PPP best practices and models in different sectors; and to agree, understand and contribute to the ECE process for the development of international PPP standards and recommendations for the SDGs.

14. In support of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), the secretariat organized the SPECA Economic Forum entitled “Supporting the Implementation and Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the SPECA Region” in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in November 2015. It concluded that strengthened subregional cooperation is an important precondition for the achievement of SDGs, given the specific challenges which SPECA member countries face. This input was passed on to the SPECA Governing Council which decided to reinforce its own role and that of its thematic Working Groups in support of the SDGs.

15. During the Economic forum, the secretariat organized a session on innovation policy to support science, technology and innovation policy development of the SPECA member countries. The session identified shared challenges in innovation performance in the SPECA member countries, and policy options to address them.

### **III. Plans for capacity-building and policy advisory activities in the coming 12 months**

16. In the area of Innovation, competitiveness and knowledge-based development, one focus for capacity building and policy advisory work will be on facilitating the implementation of policy recommendations from ECE national innovation performance reviews, with national seminars or conferences for policy makers and experts planned in Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

17. Another focus will be on facilitating cross-country policy learning through international policy conferences/or events on selected aspects of innovation policy. A conference is planned in Minsk, Belarus in autumn 2016 and the annual session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies will also be in the autumn, in Geneva.

18. A third focus will be on building capacity and offering policy advice on how national innovation policies can be aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The objective is to assist countries in creating policy frameworks that encourage businesses and civil society to create and deploy innovative solutions to sustainability challenges.

19. In the area of PPP, there is a high demand for PPP capacity building and policy advisory services, including those of the PPP Business Advisory Board. A number of activities, most of which are financed from extrabudgetary resources, have already been planned for 2016. They include: policy advisory missions and consultative meetings of the PPP Business Advisory Board; and the PPP activities with a capacity building component which are listed in the Annex II. The main objectives of these PPP capacity-building activities are to assist governments in low and middle income countries to improve their PPP project deliveries and to identify bankable PPP projects in support of the SDGs.

20. In supporting SPECA member countries, the secretariat will organize the 2016 SPECA Economic Forum in Ganja, Azerbaijan in the autumn of 2016. The Forum will discuss how SPECA participating countries can strengthen the competitiveness of their economies through innovation, diversification and improved market access. The secretariat will also organize a capacity-building event at the eighth session of the SPECA thematic

Working Group on Knowledge-based Development in Almaty, Kazakhstan in the second half of 2016.

#### **IV. The way forward**

21. The capacity-building activities of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships can play an important role in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda at the regional level.

22. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development covers the 17 SDGs and their 169 related targets which United Nations member states agreed to in September 2015. In particular, building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation form one of the main goals of the sustainable development (Goal 9). Achieving this goal, it will require massive investments in infrastructure; therefore public-private partnerships have the potential to play a key role in mobilizing the necessary financial resources, while harnessing private sector expertise to deliver optimal value for money. Goal 9 will also require capacity-building in order to support the fostering of technology development, research and innovation, including ensuring a conducive policy environment.

23. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda reiterates the importance of science, technology, innovation and capacity-building, and places them as one of the seven main action areas (action area G). In particular, it recognizes the importance of the creation, development and diffusion of new innovations and technologies and associated know-how, including the transfer of technology as powerful drivers of economic growth and sustainable development. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda also refers to the role of public-private partnerships in infrastructure financing.

24. The secretariat will continue to carry out its capacity-building and policy advisory activities in close cooperation with the CICPPP's Teams of Specialists and other ECE intergovernmental bodies as well as with other international organizations in areas of common interest with a view to assuring complementarities and synergies.

25. As part of the ECE's contribution to the implementation of the UN system-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, the secretariat will facilitate the equal participation of women in its capacity-building activities.

26. The demand from countries with economies in transition for the Committee's capacity-building and policy advisory activities is growing, in particular for activities that have a national focus. The secretariat will continue to respond to this growing demand within available resources and mandates.

27. The secretariat will invite member countries, and members of the Teams of Specialists to actively contribute to capacity-building and policy advisory activities.

# Annex I

## Capacity-building activities carried out during the reporting period of 1 July 2015 to 29 February 2016

### Capacity-building activities on Innovation Policies

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	Contribution to the first Azerbaijan Conference on Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility, Baku, Azerbaijan, 15 October 2015	To build capacity on innovation for sustainable development	Participants (around 100 from government, academic institutions, and the business community) have a higher capacity to work together in creating and implementing innovative solutions to sustainability challenges	UNDP Azerbaijan
2.	Consultations on a possible Innovation Performance Review of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan, 16 October 2015	To prepare the ground for a possible Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Azerbaijan	Counterparts (cf. partners in the right-most column) have a higher capacity to prepare adequately for participating actively in a prospective Innovation for Sustainable Development Review	UNDP Azerbaijan, Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Economy and Industry, the Ministry of ICT
3.	International Conference “Better Policies for More Innovation: Assessment – Implementation – Monitoring”, Minsk, Belarus, 17-18 November 2015	To draw lessons learned from the first five Innovation Performance Reviews and to discuss methodological changes for future reviews	Through active sharing of national experience and through presentations by international experts, participants from five countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Belarus) increased their capacities for: assessing and improving the effectiveness and impact of innovation policy; and how to use innovation policy for the advancement of the SDGs.	State Committee for Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus
4.	Preparatory mission for the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Belarus (Second Innovation Review), Minsk, Belarus, 19-24 November 2015	To improve understanding of the innovation performance of Belarus	Government officials received detailed comments in the light of international best practice from leading ECE experts on their draft National Strategy for Innovative Development 2016-2020	State Committee for Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Partners</i>
5.	Contribution to the Third Internet Governance Forum “Creating Regional Development Environment of ICT Innovations”, Baku, Azerbaijan, 3-4 December 2015	To build capacity on innovation policymaking in the ICT sector for regional development.	Participants (around 150 from government, academic institutions, and the business community) have a higher capacity to work together in creating and implementing innovation policy for the ICT sector in support of regional development.	Ministry of Communications and High Technologies of Azerbaijan, UNDP Azerbaijan, Internet Governance Forum, ADA University
6.	Applied Policy Seminar “The Innovation Adoption Gap – Strategies and Policy Options for Accelerating the Adoption and Diffusion of Innovations” (substantive segment of the annual session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies), Geneva, 16-17 December 2015	To identify good international practices on what governments can do to accelerate the adoption and diffusion of innovations, which are critical for sustainable development	Government officials, particularly from countries with economies in transition, have a higher capacity to evaluate, create and implement policies in this area	ECE Energy, Environment and Housing and Land Management divisions, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

## Capacity-building activities on Public-Private Partnerships

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	International Conference to inaugurate the International Specialist Centre on PPPs in Local Governments, Tokyo, Japan, 4 August 2015	<p>To sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of an International Specialist Centre on PPPs in Local Government in Japan</p> <p>To launch the Centre's work on international PPP best practices</p> <p>To promote the ECE work on PPPs in general and the work of the Centre in Japan in particular among developing countries and transition economies in Asia</p>	<p>Establishment of the International Specialist Centre on PPPs in Local Government in Japan</p> <p>A number of municipal projects in Asia were assessed as potential pilot PPP projects.</p>	Toyo University, Japan and the Asia PPP Institute
2.	Workshop on PPPs and the SDGs, Hong Kong, China, 21 July 2015	To promote the ECE work on PPPs in the transport sector and to raise awareness of how PPPs can contribute to the SDGs	<p>An agreement was reached for China to become an International Specialist Centre of Excellence on transport logistics.</p> <p>China agreed to provide a financial contribution to ECE toward developing PPP standards to support SDGs.</p>	City University in Hong Kong, Bankers Club of Hong Kong, and China Everbright Water Ltd
3.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Minsk, Belarus, 24-25 September 2015	<p>To prioritize pilot PPP projects</p> <p>To discuss the final draft of the PPP law with the joint parliamentary commissions on social and economic affairs.</p>	<p>Five priority PPP projects were identified</p> <p>The draft PPP law was improved to take into account international PPP legal best practices.</p>	Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, Interministerial Infrastructure Board, and the joint parliamentary commission on social and economic affairs and UNDP
4.	Workshop on PPPs and the SDGs, New York, United States of America, 12-13 October 2015	<p>To showcase PPP projects that contribute to achieving the SDGs.</p> <p>To share the experiences of members of the PPP Business Advisory Board in projects that have a transformational impact in local communities.</p>	Five PPP projects were identified as models for scalability and replicability in other low and middle income countries.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France and UNITAR

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5.	International Conference on PPPs in the transport sector, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 15 October 2015	To identify case studies in the transport sector to include in the international best practice guide.	Ten case studies in the road sector were identified for inclusion in the international PPP best practice guide which is being prepared by ECE with the support of the Graduate School of Management at Saint Petersburg State University	Saint Petersburg State University
6.	International Seminar on Sustainable PPP Procurement, Moscow, Russian Federation, 16 October 2015	To share experiences of members of the PPP Business Advisory Board on PPP procurement in different jurisdictions around the world.  To reach a consensus on the scope of the work of the project team to develop a PPP standard on sustainable procurement.	A project proposal was prepared and work on the draft standard on sustainable procurement has commenced.	Federal Center for Project Finance, Vnesheconombank of the Russian Federation
7.	International Forum for the promotion of the PPPs for Sustainable Development, Annemasse, France, 29-30 October 2015	To discuss the role of PPPs for the advancement of sustainable development at the level of local governments.	A declaration was adopted at the Forum that supports the ECE principles of good governance in PPPs as a key contribution to sustainable development.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, Urban Agglomeration of Annemasse, UNITAR
8.	Seminar on PPPs in Off-Grid Rural Electrification, Singapore, 29 October 2015	To reach a consensus on the scope of the work of the project team to develop a PPP standard on off-grid rural electrification.  To identify case studies in low and middle income countries in Asia to use as empirical evidence for the standard.	A project team leader and several project team members were identified.  The issues to include in the draft PPP standard on off-grid rural electrification were identified.	French Chamber of Commerce in Singapore
9.	Study Tour in France for Senior Belarusians Policy Makers, 15-18 September 2015	To visit operational PPP projects in France and learn from PPP best practices.	Pilot PPP projects in the roads, energy and health sectors in Belarus were revised on the basis of French project experience in these sectors.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance in France, the Ministry of Economy in Belarus and UNDP
10.	International PPP Conference, Minsk, Belarus, 6 November 2015	To summarise the activities carried out as part of the PPP capacity building project in Belarus.	National Infrastructure Plan of Belarus was adopted by the Government.  New PPP law was enacted by Parliament in	Ministry of Economy of Belarus, European Union and



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		To finalise the work on the draft PPP law of Belarus	Belarus.	UNDP
11.	International conference to inaugurate the International Specialist Centre on PPPs in Smart and Sustainable Cities, Barcelona, Spain, 17-18 November 2015	To launch the Centre's work on international PPP best practices. To share best practices from around the world in the area of smart and sustainable cities.	Establishment of the International Specialist Centre on PPPs in Smart and Sustainable Cities in Spain.  A number of projects were assessed as potential case studies for inclusion in the best practice guides.	IESE Business School, University of Navarra
12.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Chisinau, Moldova, 26 November 2015	To hold preliminary discussions with the Ministry of Economy and with the Municipality of Chisinau on selected pilot PPP projects.	A number of projects were identified as potential pilot PPP projects, though more work is needed to ensure their bankability (this work will be carried out by the Business Advisory Board in 2016).	Ministry of Economy, Municipality of Chisinau
13.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Warsaw, Poland, 1-2 December 2015	To assist the Government in creating a project pipeline and improve the PPP delivery.  To share international experience on project identification, including at the regional level.	A realization by the Ministry of Economy of Poland that a PPP project pipeline is important because it sends a signal to investors that PPPs are developing well in the country and are supported by the authorities.	Ministry of Economy
14.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Kiev, Ukraine, 3-4 December 2015	To assist the Government to improve its PPP delivery.  To advise on pilot PPP projects in the port sector.	Two out of eight pilot projects identified by the Government were highlighted by the Business Advisory Board as candidates for PPP procurement.	Ministry of Economy

## Capacity-building activities in support of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	Session on Innovation Policy at the 2015 SPECA Economic Forum, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 10 November 2015	To showcase good international practices on innovation policy.	Policymakers from SPECA countries reached a better understanding of the methodology for evaluating national innovation systems and policies, of the shared challenges in innovation performance in the SPECA region, and of policy options to address these challenges.	Ministry of Industry and New Technology of Tajikistan
2.	SPECA Economic Forum “Supporting the Implementation and Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the SPECA Region”, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 10-11 November 2015	To assess the needs and review plans and to agree on a programme of capacity building activities in support of implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the SPECA region.	The SPECA Governing Council adopted a decision requesting the ECE, ESCAP and other UN agencies to provide assistance, including capacity building to implement and monitor the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.	Governments of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan  ESCAP, UNDP, UNRCCA

## Other capacity-building activities (e.g. joint conferences)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	High-level international conference on Unlocking Economic Potential for Sustainable Development, Geneva, 2 September 2015	To discuss how to unlock the economic potential for SDGs implementation through international trade, innovation and public-private partnerships.	Policymakers attending the conference reached a better understanding on the role of innovation policy and PPPs in advancing the SDGs.	ECE Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards
2.	High-level substantive segment on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs – their essential role in the UN SDGs, 3 September 2015	To discuss the role of innovation and PPPs in advancing the SDGs.	Policymakers attending the segment reached a better understanding on the concrete role of science, technology, innovation, and PPP standards in implementing SDGs and their targets.	

## Annex II

### Planned capacity-building activities from March 2016

#### Capacity-building activities on Innovation Policies

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	Fact finding mission for the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Belarus, 14-18 March 2016	To further improve the innovation policy environment of Belarus, with a focus on enhancing sustainable development.	State Committee on Science and Technology
2.	Policy advisory workshop on grants-based financing early stage innovation, Astana, Kazakhstan, June 2016	To provide advice on draft implementing legislation and accompanying rules and procedures governing the distribution of government grants to early-stage innovators.	National Agency for Technological Development of Kazakhstan
3.	Policy advisory workshop in follow-up to the Innovation Performance Review of Armenia, Yerevan (tbc)	To provide advice on how to implement selected policy recommendations from the review.	Ministry of Science and Education of Armenia
4.	Policy advisory workshop in follow-up to the Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine, Kyiv (tbc)	To provide advice on how to implement selected policy recommendations from the review.	tbc
5.	Launch event for the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan back-to-back with a follow-up policy advisory mission (tbc)	To disseminate in the country the findings and recommendations of the Review, and to facilitate implementation.	Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of Tajikistan
6.	Tenth session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies will be held at Geneva on 16-17 October 2016	To identify and disseminate new international good practices on selected innovation policy issues.	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Partners</i>
7.	A capacity-building event on innovative entrepreneurship (tbc)	To share Israel's experience with successful innovative entrepreneurship and to facilitate policy learning.	Government of Israel
8.	Launch event for the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Belarus, Minsk, early 2017	To disseminate in the country the findings and recommendations of the Review, including on the potential role of innovation in achieving the country's sustainable development priorities.	State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus

## Capacity-building activities on Public-Private Partnerships

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	International PPP Forum, Geneva, Switzerland, 30 March-1 April 2016	To advance the work of the international PPP standards. To showcase a number of PPP projects that have transformational impact in local communities.	--
2.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2016	To assist the Government to improve its PPP delivery.	Ministry of Economy, Georgia
3.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Chisinau, Moldova, June 2016	To assist the Government to improve its PPP delivery.	Ministry of Economy, Moldova
4.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Kiev, Ukraine, July 2016	To assist the Government to improve its PPP delivery in the health sector.	Ministry of Health, Ukraine
5.	PPP Forum, Qingdao, China, July 2016	To promote ECE work on PPP standards.	National Development and Reform Commission, China
6.	Consultative meeting of the PPP Business Advisory Board, Brasilia, Brazil, July 2016	To promote ECE work on PPP standards. To assist the Government to improve its PPP delivery.	PPP Units in Bahia and Manaus, Brazil
7.	PPP Training Workshop, Shenzhen, China, August 2016	To provide PPP training to government officials in Asia.	National Development and Reform Commission, China
8.	PPP Workshop, Sochi, Russian Federation, October 2016	To promote ECE work on PPP standards.	Ministry of Economy, Russian Federation

## Capacity-building activities in support of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title, Venue, Date</i>	<i>Objective(s)</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1.	SPECA Economic Forum “Strengthening the competitiveness of SPECA participating countries through innovation, diversification and improved market access” Ganja, Azerbaijan, October 2016 (tbc)	To assess the needs of SPECA member countries for capacity building in a range of areas including innovation policy and PPPs.	Governments of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan ESCAP and UNDP
2.	Eighth session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development and related capacity-building activities, Almaty, Kazakhstan (tbc)	To support capacity of the SPECA member countries on knowledge-based development issues.	ESCAP

