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# Public-Private Partnerships and Innovation in Support of Sustainable Development



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23 May 2016 Monday	
10:45 – 13:00	<b>Session 1: Good governance in “People-First” Public-Private and Civil Society Partnerships to support the Sustainable Development Goals</b>
	<p>The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has a hugely ambitious goal and a large price tag for its achievement. The preferred implementation mechanism is partnerships of various types, including Public-Private and Civil Society Partnerships. As part of its efforts to address these new challenges, the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) is revising the UNECE’s seven principles on good governance in PPPs in order to focus them on people, planet and prosperity.</p> <p>The panel will review the content of the revised draft guiding principles, and will elaborate on their practical use and dissemination to the greatest possible number of stakeholders. Among the points for discussion are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>People</b> – how to improve access to public services in middle and low income countries with careful consideration to vulnerable groups and the empowerment of women in these societies;</li><li>• <b>Planet</b> – how to support PPPs that cut CO2 emissions and contribute to climate change solutions; and</li><li>• <b>Prosperity</b> – how to develop successful PPP projects which improve infrastructure and contribute to economic growth.</li></ul> <p><b>Documentation:</b> draft revised guiding principles on good governance in PPPs (ECE/CECI/CRP/1)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Alex Mejia</i>, UNITAR</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Arthur Smith</b>, Chairperson, Team of Specialists on PPPs, United States</li><li>• <b>Hafiz Salikov</b>, Vice-Chairperson, Team of Specialists on PPPs, Russian Federation</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ziad Hayek</b>, Secretary General, PPP Unit, Higher Council for Privatization, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Raymond Saner</b>, Centre for Socio-Economic Development</li> <li>• <b>Mariana Hug Silva</b>, International Institute for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• <b>Syed Afsor H. Uddin</b>, Chief Executive Officer, PPP Unit, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Salim Bensmail</b>, Director, PPP Unit, Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances Teledoc, France</li> <li>• <b>Marc Frilet</b>, Team Leader, Project Team on ZTC</li> <li>• <b>Pedro Neves</b>, member of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Good governance in “People-First” Public-Private and Civil Society Partnerships to support the Sustainable Development Goals (Cont’d)</b>
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Session 2 – Innovation in support of national strategies for sustainable development</b>
	<p>Within the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, fostering innovation is an important part of sustainable development goal 9. Innovation also has a key role to play in achieving most, if not all, of the other goals. Without innovative solutions, it will not be possible to align the three pillars of sustainable development, i.e. to reconcile economic prosperity with a sustainable use of the planet’s resources and with social inclusion. In pursuing the 2030 Agenda, member States are invited to identify their own priorities from among its 17 goals and to create national strategies conducive to achieving their priorities. The conference will discuss how innovation policies can contribute to achieving national priorities for sustainable development. Among the points for discussion are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The alignment of national innovation policies with selected sustainable development objectives</li> <li>• Policy coherence and governance</li> <li>• The scope for policy learning</li> <li>• The need for capacity building</li> </ul> <p>As well as strategies and policies to promote innovations in fields such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green growth</li> <li>• Sustainable energy</li> <li>• Decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation or</li> <li>• Sustainable production and consumption patterns, including circular economy or sharing economy approaches.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rafis Abazov</b>, Director, Global Classroom Program on Sustainable Development, Al Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Zhumatay Salimov</b>, Deputy Chairman, JSC National Agency for Technological Development, Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Till Berger</b>, Coordinator, National Sustainable Development Strategy, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland</li> <li>• <b>Olga Meerovskaya</b>, Head, International Science and Technology Cooperation, Institute for Systems Analysis under the State Committee on Science and Technology, Belarus</li> <li>• <b>Igor Yegorov</b>, Deputy Director, Institute of Economy and Forecasting under the National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine</li> </ul>
<b>24 May 2016 Tuesday</b>	
<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session 2 – Innovation in support of national strategies for sustainable development (Cont'd)</b>

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