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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Revised annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 26 March 2018
at 15:00 in room XII**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers

A. High-level substantive segment

3. Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Production and Consumption

* The document is submitted after the ten weeks deadline because of the need to clarify the status of two background documents to be referred to in the agenda (Strategic Framework 2020-2021 and Recommendations Adopted by the SPECA Governing Council).

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B. General segment

4. Implementation of the Programme of Work
 - (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies;
 - (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
 - (c) Joint Activities.
5. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment
6. Programme of Work for 2018 – 2019
 - (a) Inter-sessional Implementation plan for 2018 – 2019;
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II. Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Delegates are invited to adopt the agenda.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/CECI/2018/1	Decision

Item 2. Election of officers

2. Delegates will elect bureau members of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, for a term of office of two years starting from the date of this session.

A. High-level substantive segment

Item 3. Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Production and Consumption

3. Sustainable development requires changes in how we produce and consume.
4. Consuming and producing sustainably – in short, doing more and better with less - increases welfare gains from economic activities by reducing resource use, degradation and pollution along the whole product lifecycle, while increasing the value we extract from those resources and, ultimately, our quality of life. In a sustainable production and consumption system, or the circular economy, the value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy as long as possible, with the goal to decouple global economic development from the consumption of finite resources.
5. Innovation and public-private partnerships will drive the transition to sustainable production and consumption systems. Creating and spreading new technologies, processes, services and business models is essential to re-shaping product life cycles from design through production and usage on to disposal and re-cycling. Partnerships can serve to develop the right market incentives and regulations, create and monitor more ambitious

standards, and design and finance sustainable infrastructure. These elements will contribute to a systemic approach that engages multiple stakeholders in this important transition – from suppliers and lead producers to consumers and communities.

6. The High Level Substantive Segment explores how better to promote and use innovation and partnerships to achieve sustainable production and consumption. It features a range of good policy practices in circular production and consumption at regional, national and city level in the ECE region, with the aim to encourage peer learning and transferring of best practices.

B. General segment

Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work

(a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

7. The secretariat will brief the delegates on the activities undertaken by the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) since the previous session, including the status of national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and the related follow-up; the outcomes of the 2017 Economic Forum of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, which was on the topic “Innovation for Sustainable Development”; and the work on developing a Regional Innovation Policy Index.

8. The meeting will be asked to endorse the report of the last TOS-ICP session, the good practices document on the topic “Towards the Circular Economy - Innovation Policies for Sustainable Production and Consumption”, and the policy recommendations from the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies on its tenth session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2017/2	Decision
Towards a sub-regional Index on Innovation Policies	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.1	Discussion
Updating the methodology for national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.2	Discussion
Recommendations adopted by the Governing Council of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on Innovation for Sustainable Development	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.3	Information
Towards the Circular Economy - Innovation Policies for Sustainable Production and Consumption	ECE/CECI/2018/3	Decision
Policy recommendations from the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.4	Information

(b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

9. The secretariat will brief delegates on the PPP activities undertaken by the Team of Specialists on PPPs, and since 21 November 2017 by the Working Party on PPPs, since its ninth session, including the endorsement by the Working Party on PPPs of the standard on a Zero Tolerance approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement (ZTC). The Committee will be asked to endorse the report of the Working Party on its first session, to validate that in the case of the ZTC standard, all stages of the process for developing international PPP standards have been followed (stage six of the seven-staged process: ECE/CECI/2015/7, paragraph 12), and to recommend its publication and implementation. The Committee will also be asked to take note of:

- (i) the PPP standards and recommendations under preparation;
- (ii) the revised guiding principles in People-First PPPs for the SDGs;
- (iii) the initiatives to disseminate and implement the ZTC standard, including the progress on the draft ZTC Declaration;
- (iv) the capacity building initiative for countries along the Belt and Road initiative; and
- (v) progress on the evaluation methodology to score PPPs and infrastructure projects for the SDGs; the validation expert network composed of PPP units and infrastructure agencies; and women's empowerment in PPPs.

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Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its first session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2017/2	Decision
Standard on a Zero Tolerance approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2017/4	Decision
Guiding Principles in People-First PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.5	Information
Promoting People-First PPPs for the Belt and Road initiative and the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.6	Information
People-First PPP standards and recommendations under preparation	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.7	Information

(c) Joint Activities

10. UNECE organized the 2018 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development at the Palais des Nations on March 1-2 2018. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Working Party on PPPs contributed to a roundtable on “Changing Production Patterns: Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Value Chains”, in cooperation with the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and CEFACT.

11. The secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of the independent evaluations of the extra-budgetary projects “Competitiveness, innovative policies and public-private partnerships: Capacity building for civil servants and business associations”, “Development and implementation of PPP international standards in support of the Sustainable Development Goals”, and “Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Initiative: PPP Toolkit and International PPP Centre of Excellence”.

Item 5. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment

12. The Chairperson will present the Chairperson's summary from the high-level substantive segment discussions. Delegates will be invited to consider and discuss the summary with a view to identifying suggestions for follow-up activities.

Item 6. Programme of Work for 2018-2019

(a) Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2018 – 2019

13. The secretariat will present the inter-sessional implementation plan for the activities to be undertaken in 2018 and until the next session in 2019.

14. Delegates are invited to bring to the attention of the secretariat any additional proposals.

15. The Committee will discuss and approve the inter-sessional implementation plan for the activities to be undertaken in 2018 and until the next session in 2019.

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Proposals received for activities to be carried out in 2018-2019	ECE/CECI/2018/INF.8	Information

(b) Strategic Orientation for 2020

16. The United Nations General Assembly at its 72nd session decided to move from a biannual to an annual budget after the current biennium, i.e. from 2020 onwards. As a result, the strategic planning process will be modified. The secretariat will brief the Committee on the new strategic planning process.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Proposed Strategic Framework 2020-2021	ECE/CECI/2018/4	Information

Item 7. Areas of common interest with other ECE bodies and international organisations

17. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations.

18. The UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) at its 23rd session on 14-17 November 2017 held a roundtable discussion with representatives of other UNECE Committees, including the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs, to exchange information about activities of mutual interest and to identify opportunities for cooperation.

19. The United Nations Environment Programme contributed to the session on "Changing Production Patterns: Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Value Chains" was at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on 1-2 March 2018 (cf. paragraph 10 above).

20. Representatives of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development participated in a methodological workshop on a possible regional Innovation Policy Index and expressed interest in cooperating with UNECE on such an initiative.

Item 8. Other business

21. Delegates will decide on the dates of the next session.

Item 9. Adoption of the report

22. Delegates will adopt the report of the twelfth session, including the decisions adopted by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.

III. Provisional timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Monday, 26 March 2018	
15:00-15:20	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers
15:20-18:00	High-level substantive segment Item 3. Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Production and Consumption
Tuesday, 27 March 2018	
10:00-13:00	High-level substantive segment (continued) Item 3. Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Production and Consumption (continued)
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	General segment Item 4. Implementation of the programme of work (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
Wednesday, 28 March 2018	
10:00 – 13:00	General segment (continued) Item 4. Implementation of the programme of work (cont'd) (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships; (c) Joint Activities. Item 5. Main conclusions of the high-level substantive segment Item 6. Programme of Work (a) Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2018-2019;

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	(b) Strategic Orientation for 2020
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