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Third session

Geneva, 3-4 December 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda¹ for the third session²

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on 3 December 2019.

I. Provisional agenda

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² Approved by the Bureau of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships.

7. Adoption of the report of the third session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

| <i>Title of document</i> | <i>Document symbol</i> | <i>For information/decision</i> |
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| Annotated provisional agenda | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/1 | Decision |

1. The Working Party will adopt the agenda of its third session.

Item 2. Election of officers

2. At its first session in 2017, the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, elected Mr. Arthur Smith (United States) as Chair of for a period of two years. At the same time, the Working Party elected the following officers to serve a two-year term as vice-Chairs: Mr. Steven Van Garsse (Belgium), Mr. Mark Romoff (Canada), Mr. Kaimeng Li (China), Mr. Frédéric Bobay (France), Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan), Mr. Ziad Hayek (Lebanon), Ms. Sonia Mezzour (Morocco), Mr. Hafiz Salikhov (Russian Federation), Mr. Ibrohim Usmonzoda (Tajikistan), and Ms. Sedef Yavuz Noyan (Turkey). At its second session in 2018, the Working Party elected Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan) as co-Chair, Mr. Raymond Saner (Switzerland), and Ms. Beatrice Ikilai (Uganda) as vice-Chairs to serve a two-year term. Those Bureau members elected at the first session need to be re-elected for a further two-year term in order for them to continue serving in their respective roles. Member States not yet represented in the Bureau can nominate candidates for election as Bureau members.

Item 3. Policy Discussion: Implementing People-first Public-Private Partnerships projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals³

3. Under this agenda item, member States will discuss how governments can be supported and learn from best practices and successful experiences in project implementation. One of the approaches is to discuss various multilateral forms of cooperation that can help governments develop projects even across borders, e.g. the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI). In this regard under a similar multilateral framework it is proposed to discuss People-first PPP projects and how these projects could be planned, developed, implemented and evaluated to ensure that they make a significant contribution to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The idea of a People-first Project Facilitation and Competency Building hub will also be discussed, including the possible role of ECE as a facilitator working with governments to identify and submit projects that will be eventually evaluated and scored against the People-first outcomes and the SDGs.

4. The Policy Discussion will be structured to address key challenges:

³ At its second session of the Working Party on PPPs in November 2018 an International PPP dialogue for Belt and Road countries was held. It was agreed at this session that this important initiative should continue if funding was raised.

(a) Present actual projects in a number of sectors and discuss their compliance with the SDGs;

(b) Review the work on the Project Impact Assessment Tool as a mechanism to fully evaluate the projects compliance with the SDGs ⁴; and

(c) Discuss the pros and cons on a People-first Project Facilitation and Competency Building hub to assist Governments to identify and prepare the right projects that comply with the SDGs.

5. The detailed programme of the policy discussion will be developed in consultation with the Bureau and will be made available to participants on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website.⁵

Item 4. Review of the work since the second session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on 20-21 November 2018

| <i>Title of document</i> | <i>Document symbol</i> | <i>For information/ decision</i> |
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| Measuring and scaling up the Implementation and Impact of ECE PPP standards, guiding principles, best practices, declarations and recommendations | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/3 | Decision |
| Code of Conduct for the UNECE-affiliated International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/4 | Decision |
| Draft standard on Public-Private Partnerships in Urban Rails | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/INF.1 | Information |
| Draft standard on Public-Private Partnerships in Water and Sanitation | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/INF.2 | Information |
| Draft PPP Model Law and commentary | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/INF.3 | Information |
| Update on the work of the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to the UNECE ICoE | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/INF.4 | Information |

6. The Working Party will review the PPP work by the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE) since November 2018 on:

(a) Policy documents: International PPP Standards Guiding Principles, Declarations, and Recommendations;

⁴ The UNECE is partnering with SIF (Sustainable Infrastructure Foundation) to use SOURCE, the Multilateral Platform for Quality Infrastructure as the platform for the Tool.

⁵ The programme will be available at: <https://www.unece.org/ppp/wpppp3.html>

- (b) Implementation: Capacity building activities and policy advisory services.

A. Policy documents: International Public-Private Partnerships Standards, Guiding Principles, Declarations, and Recommendations

7. Pursuant to decisions by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships at its thirteenth session in March 2019, the secretariat prepared the two documents bellowed, which have also been reviewed and endorsed by the Bureau of the Working Party. The documents are being presented for consideration and endorsement of the Working Party with a recommendation for their approval by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnership at its next session in 2020

The Working Party will decide on whether to endorse the following documents:

(a) Measuring and scaling up the Implementation and Impact of ECE PPP standards, guiding principles, best practices, declarations and recommendations; and

(b) Code of Conduct for the UNECE-affiliated International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence;

8. The Working Party will receive a progress report on the following draft standards and best practice guides at various stages of preparation by international project teams:

- (a) Urban Rail Transit;
- (b) Water and Sanitation,
- (c) PPP Model Law; and
- (d) Waste-to-energy

B. Implementation: Capacity building activities and policy advisory services

9. The Working Party will review the capacity building activities and the policy advisory services undertaken since the last session, including the outcome of the fourth UNECE International PPP Forum held in Geneva on 7-9 May 2019 in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa. The Working Party will also review the activities undertaken by the Specialist Centres, including information on their coordination meetings held since the last session in Beijing, Paris and New Orleans.

10. The members of the Working Party will have the opportunity to take stock of past PPP activities and discuss effective means for the promotion and dissemination of this work.

Item 5. Implementation plan for 2019-2020

| <i>Title of document</i> | <i>Document symbol</i> | <i>For information/decision</i> |
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| Report of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships on its thirteenth session | ECE/CECI/2019/2 | Information |
| Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its second session | ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/2 | Information |

11. The Working Party will discuss proposals for work to be undertaken in the remainder of 2019 and in 2020 in accordance with the Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2019-2020 of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/CECI/2019/2, Annex II).

12. The Working Party will have the opportunity to hear proposals for new standards to be developed where the Working Party has a mandate on Sustainable Development Goals' related areas.⁶ New proposals are subject to interest by expert participating in project teams and resources.

13. Participants are encouraged to communicate to the meeting any expressions of interest by member States or other stakeholders for receiving, delivering, or hosting capacity-building activities in the priority areas of the Working Party's work. Requests from member States for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services will be considered based on available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.

14. Participants are also encouraged to bring to the attention of the session any expression of interest by member States and other stakeholders to provide extrabudgetary support to the work of the ICoE (such as funds or in-kind contributions, including the organization of seminars, twinning schemes or networking initiatives).

Item 6. Other business

Dates of the next session

15. The secretariat proposes that the fourth session of the Working Party takes place in Geneva in the second half of 2020, subject to conference room availability at the Palais des Nations. The Working Party will decide on the dates of the next session.

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the third session

16. The Working Party will adopt the report of its third session.

III. Tentative timetable

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Agenda Item</i> |
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| Tuesday, 3 December 2019 | |
| 10:00-13:00 | Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers Item 3. Policy Discussion |
| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00-18:00 | Item 3. Policy Discussion (cont'd) |

⁶ The list of approved topics for standards is contained in ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2017/2. Please also see Conclusion 2018 – 5.3 in ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/2.

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

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| 10:00-13:00 | Item 4. Review of the Public-Private Partnerships work since the second session of the Working Party on 20-21 November 2018 |
| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00-18:00 | Item 5. Implementation plan for 2019-2020 Item 6. Other business Item 7. Adoption of the report of the third session |
