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11th session SPECA WG on KBD

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 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Updated terms of reference

- 5 year term (or review sooner, as required).
- Updated to reflect Agenda 2030 and the work priorities being carried out by UNECE and ESCAP under the WG.
- Key directions of work:
 - (i) ICT for development;
 - (ii) Promotion of innovation and innovative technology applications;
 - (iii) Promotion of transfer and commercialization of innovative technologies;
 - (iv) Development of effective infrastructure for innovation support and financing.
- Proposal for a new name, to better reflect the activities of the WG:
 - WG on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development

Programme implementation since 10th session

- Within the framework of this project, Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and other CIS countries have been completed. Reports are available in English and Russian.
- The Review process and structure has been updated to reflect the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the reviews becoming Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews.
- Innovation for Sustainable Development (I4SD) Review of Kyrgyzstan is latest to have been completed. Report is available on the UNECE website in English and Russian.
- Stakeholder roundtable to discuss main findings was held in Bishkek 13 December 2018, with official launch event on 28 February 2019 in Bishkek.
- A Roundtable with Donor Coordination Council in support of implementation of policy recommendations of the innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan was organized by UNECE and Kyrgyzpatent in Bishkek on 25 June 2019.

SPECA countries also participated in...

- Eleventh session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, Geneva, Switzerland, 1 - 2 November 2018.
- Second session of the UNECE Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, Geneva, Switzerland, 20 - 21 November 2018.
- Thirteenth session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its high-level segment on “Making a Difference – Measuring and understanding the Impact of Innovation policies and PPP projects on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”, Geneva, Switzerland, 25 - 27 March 2019.
- UNECE/UNCTAD International Policy Training on “Innovation for Sustainable Development: National Innovation Systems and Promoting Foreign Knowledge Transfer”, Geneva, Switzerland, 28 March 2019.
- Fourth UNECE International PPP Forum “The Last Mile: Promoting People-first PPPs for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, Geneva, Switzerland, 7-9 May 2019.

Upcoming activities...

- 12th session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2019, possibly on innovation for smart cities.
- 3rd session of the UNECE Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, Geneva, Switzerland, 3-4 December 2019.
- UNECE International PPP Forum early 2020, 6-8 May 2020
- 14th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2020, topic TBC.
- Study trip to Russian Federation on science parks and incubators planned for H2 2019.
- SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development

Upcoming activities ctd...

- Early stage of review of the PPP laws in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan:
 - Kyrgyzstan: Study to analyze new PPP law and provide guidelines on selection/initiation of PPP projects. Seminar on findings planned in Bishkek end October alongside capacity-building workshop in Bishkek to strengthen the PPP institutional capacity of Kyrgyzstan by implementing UNECE guidelines and standards, including the Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs and the standard on a Zero Tolerance approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement.
 - Tajikistan: similar activities on PPPs. Reviewing and analyzing the regulatory impact of new PPP law and seminar in Dushanbe in December to present findings of study with policy recommendations on the implementation of the law, followed by a capacity-building workshop in Dushanbe in December, to strengthen the PPP institutional capacity in Tajikistan.

Work plan H2 2019 and 2020-2021

(UNECE 1) Capacity-building on policy options and practical instruments to promote knowledge-based development

- Help develop substantive skills, organizational capacity of institutions
- Promote regional cooperation
- Foster investment in modern infrastructure
- Subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources

Proposed activities:

- Organization of regional capacity-building event on knowledge-based development, possibly alongside WG on KBD.
- Participation of experts from SPECA countries in relevant UNECE events.
- Policy advisory services and other events promoting knowledge-based development at the request of Governments of SPECA countries.

Work plan H2 2019 and 2020-2021

(UNECE 2) Implementation of the UNECE project on Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of selected countries

- To increase the role of innovation in promoting further sustainable development of the SPECA countries and achievement of Agenda 2030
- Subject to demand and availability of extrabudgetary resources

Proposed activities:

- Undertaking Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and supporting implementation of policy recommendations in selected countries of the SPECA region.

Work plan H2 2019 and 2020-2021

(UNECE 3) Support to SPECA countries to foster innovation to deliver the SDGs

- Policy advisory support to SPECA countries to stimulate the private and public sector innovation required to deliver the SDGs
- Subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources

Proposed activities:

- Capacity building activities upon request from SPECA countries, for example on integrating innovation policies into national strategies for sustainable development and supporting participation of SPECA countries in wider UN initiatives in support of Agenda 2030.
- Development of a SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development, identifying innovative joint initiatives between SPECA countries with potential to support delivery of Agenda 2030 within the sub-region.

Thank you

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