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Seventh session

London (United Kingdom), 18 June 2015

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh session¹

To be held at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London², United Kingdom, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 18 June 2015.³

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Developing international standards and best practices in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
4. Review of the work of the Team since the sixth session on 23-24 June 2014
5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2015, proposals for the work plan for 2016 and discussion on the future of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS PPP)
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the report

¹ Delegates attending the meeting should register online and complete an electronic registration form available at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=X6IIfN>.

² 4, Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, United Kingdom.

³ The Bureau of TOS PPP decided at its meeting on 26 March 2015 to hold the seventh session of TOS PPP at IMO in London, United Kingdom, back-to-back with PPP Days on 16-17 June 2015 which is co-hosted by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UNECE, World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

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2. Election of officers

2. It is recalled that the Team, at its sixth session in 2014, elected Messrs Arthur Smith (United States) and Bernhard Müller (Germany) as co-Chairs of TOS PPP for a period of two years. The Team has also elected the following officers to serve a two-year term as vice-Chairs: Mr. Steven Van Garsse (Belgium), Mr. Mark Romoff (Canada), Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan), Mr. Valeriu Triboi (Moldova), Ms. Sonia Mezzour (Morocco), Mr. Andri van Mens (the Netherlands), Mr. Hafiz Salikhov (Russian Federation), and Mr. Ahmet Kesli (Turkey). The Team will review any new nominations for the Bureau and hold elections, if appropriate.

3. Developing international standards and best practices in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

3. During the sixth session of the TOS PPP in 2014, it was agreed that the activities of the team will focus on the development of international standards and best practices in PPPs, especially in pursuit of the prospective Sustainable Development Goals. It was further agreed that these standards would be developed by Project Teams following the previously agreed formal procedure (ECE/CECI/PPP/2014/2). A number of Project Teams were established to begin the work developing these standards. The following draft standards will be presented:

- (a) Charter on Zero Tolerance to Corruption in PPP (Team Leader: Marc Frilet);
- (b) Progress Report on Developing a Certification Process to promote Compliance with the Charter (Team Leader: Syed Zaidi);
- (c) Incorporating PPP into a Health Policy Framework (Team Leader: Peter Ward).

4. The detailed programme of the session will be developed in consultation with the Bureau and will be made available to participants on the website.⁴

4. Review of the work of the Team since the sixth session on 23-24 June 2014

5. The Chairperson will brief Team members on the key outcomes and highlights of the work of the Team since the sixth session:

- (a) Progress report on the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE);

⁴ The programme will be available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39033>

- (b) Progress report on the development of UNECE PPP standards;
 - (c) Consultative meetings of the BAB, policy advisory missions and capacity building activities.
6. The members of the Team will have the opportunity to take stock of past activities, and discuss effective means for the promotion and dissemination of the Team's outputs.

5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2015, proposals for the work plan for 2016 and discussion on the future of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS PPP)

7. The Team will discuss the implementation plan for work to be undertaken during the rest of 2015 in accordance with the Programme of Work of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI)⁵ as agreed at the 8th session of CECI, Geneva, 12 – 14 February 2014, and make proposals for the work plan for 2016.

8. Following its mandate to prepare international standards to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the prospective Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Team will discuss their future work on standards. Accordingly, presentations will be made to review progress on the next batch of international standards, inter alia, in the following areas:

- (a) Transport infrastructure: airports, railways and roads;
- (b) Water and sanitation.

9. In addition, the Team will have the opportunity to hear from experts some new proposals for developing standards in areas where the team has a mandate to work on standards in SDG related areas: water and sanitation, renewable energy, healthcare, ICT, education, transport and good governance.

10. The Team will have the opportunity to discuss ways on how to involve more PPP experts in project teams and ways in which the work of project teams can be more broadly publicized in countries with the aim of enhancing input in the standard development.

11. There will also be a discussion on assisting countries with the implementation of standards in cooperation with Specialist Centres of Excellence, the Business Advisory Board, regional training hubs and other organisations.

12. The Team will also discuss its future intergovernmental status following the conclusion by its Bureau at its meeting on 26 March 2015 to propose to the Team that it recommends to the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships that the Committee requests to the Executive Committee the conversion of TOS PPP into a Working Party.

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 Team's work. Requests from member States for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services will be considered on the basis of available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.

14. Participants are also encouraged to bring to the attention of the session any expression of interest by the member States and other stakeholders to provide

⁵ At its seventy-fifth Meeting on 10 February 2015, the Executive Committee renamed the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration as the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships. The latter will hold its first meeting on 3-4 September 2015

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).

6. Other business

Dates of the next session

15. The secretariat proposes that the eighth session of the Team of Specialists takes place in Geneva in the first half of 2016, subject to conference room availability at the Palais des Nations. The Team will decide on the dates of the next session.

7. Adoption of the report

16. The Team will adopt the report of its Seventh session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Thursday, 18 June 2015	
09:30-12:30	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers Item 3. Developing international standards and best practices in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-17:00	Item 4. Review of the work of the Team since the sixth session on 23-24 June 2014 Item 5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2015, proposals for the work plan for 2016 and discussion on the future of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS PPP) Item 6. Other business Item 7. Adoption of the report
