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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

#### Thirteenth session

Geneva, 25-27 March 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 25 March 2019  
at 15:00 in room XII\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.

#### A. Substantive segment

3. Making a Difference – Measuring and understanding the impact of innovation policies and PPP projects on achieving the sustainable development goals.

#### B. General segment

4. Implementation of the Programme of Work:
  - (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies;

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- (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
- (c) Joint Activities.
- 5. Main conclusions of the substantive segment.
- 6. Inter-sessional Implementation plan for 2019 – 2020
- 7. Programme of Work for 2020:
  - (a) Proposed programme budget for 2020: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme
  - (b) Draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2020
- 8. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations.
- 9. Proposal to change the name of subprogramme 4 to align it with the name of the Committee.
- 10. Other business.
- 11. Adoption of the report.

## 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/2019/1	Decision

### Item 2. Election of officers

2. Delegates may elect additional members to the bureau 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. Substantive segment

### Item 3. Making a Difference – Measuring and understanding the impact of innovation policies and PPP projects on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

3. Both innovation and public-private partnerships are central means of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Public-private partnerships are needed to close the infrastructure investment gap, which far exceeds the fiscal, technical, and administrative capacities of countries. Innovation is needed to drive and sustain inclusive economic growth within boundaries.
4. The UNECE Working Party on PPPs has developed Guiding Principles on People First PPPs, which outline how sustainable development considerations, including environmental sustainability and social inclusiveness, can be incorporated into PPP projects alongside standard value-for-money criteria. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and

Competitiveness Policies has developed good practices on selected innovation policies for sustainable development and is in the process of formulating Innovation Policy Principles.

5. These good practices and principles will make a difference only if they are translated into national policies and are applied in designing and implementing infrastructure projects in line with national sustainable development priorities. To make a difference, to successfully apply these good practices and principles, Governments need the data and tools to measure how current and prospective innovation policies and infrastructure projects affect their national sustainable development priorities.

6. Making these measurement methodologies operational will create real incentives and a mechanism by which Governments and the private sector can show that they are making a difference and are complying with the SDGs.

7. The substantive segment will explore issues around and approaches to assessing and analysing the impact of innovation policies and of PPP projects on national sustainable development priorities. It will present policy options and country experiences to encourage peer learning and sharing of good practices.

## B. General segment

### Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work

#### (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

8. The secretariat will brief the delegates on the work undertaken by the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) since the previous session, including the results of the conference on the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the launch of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan, the ongoing work on the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia, the revision of the review methodology, progress on the sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook, the work on Innovation Policy Principles, progress on developing an Innovation for Sustainable Development Strategy for the Economies of Central Asia, a training on high-growth enterprises in Belarus, a sub-regional workshop on Innovation Strategy, Technology Applications and Infrastructure for the SDGs in Azerbaijan, and other capacity building activities following up on national innovation for sustainable development reviews.

9. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the last TOS-ICP session and the good practice document on the topic “The Fourth Industrial Revolution – reshaping innovation policies for sustainable and inclusive growth”.

10. The Committee had last renewed the mandate of the Team of Specialists at its session in 2017 for two years until 2019. The Committee will be invited to decide on the renewal of the Team’s mandate for an additional two years until 2021.

<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 eleventh session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2018/2	Decision
The Fourth Industrial Revolution – Reshaping Innovation Policies for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth	ECE/CECI/2019/3	Decision
Draft Outline for a SPECA Strategy on Innovation for Sustainable Development	ECE/CECI/2019/4	Discussion

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Updating the methodology of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	ECE/CECI/2019/INF.1	Discussion
Assessment Framework and Measurement Methodology for the sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook	ECE/CECI/2019/INF.2	Discussion

**(b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships**

11. The secretariat will brief delegates on the activities undertaken by the Working Party on PPPs since the previous session, including the endorsement by the Working Party on PPPs of the Guiding Principles in People-First PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals, of the associated Introduction to People First PPPs, and of the proposals for putting People First PPPs into Action. The Committee will be asked to endorse the report of the Working Party on its second session, and to approve the three documents above. The Committee will also be asked to approve the Declaration on a Zero Tolerance Approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement and three standards on PPPs in Railways, Renewable Energy and Roads, respectively.<sup>1</sup> A multi-stakeholder discussion on the voluntary implementation of some of these documents will conclude this sub-item

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Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its second session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/2	Decision
Declaration on a Zero Tolerance Approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/4	Decision
Standard on PPPs in Railways	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/6	Decision
Standard on PPPs in Renewable Energy	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/7	Decision
Standard on PPPs in Roads	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2018/8	Decision
Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2019/5	Decision
Introduction to People-first Public-Private Partnerships in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2019/6	Decision
Putting the Guiding Principles on People-first Public-Private Partnerships into practice	ECE/CECI/2019/7	Decision
Executive summary of the Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/2019/INF.3	Information

**(c) Joint Activities**

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the process for developing international standards in PPPs approved by the Committee at its ninth session in September 2015 (document ECE/CECI/2015/7), the role of the Committee is to validate that all the stages of the standard development process have been carried out.

12. ECE organised the 2018 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development at the Palais des Nations on March 21-22 2018. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Working Party on PPPs contributed to a roundtable on the topic “Towards a Circular Economy: Innovation for Sustainable Value Chains”, in cooperation with the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and the UN Centre on Electronic Trade Facilitation (CEFACT).

13. The secretariat will brief the Committee on the results 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 substantive segment**

14. The Chairperson will present the Chairperson’s summary from the substantive segment discussions.

**Item 6. Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2019 – 2020**

15. The secretariat will present the inter-sessional implementation plan for activities in the remainder of 2019 and until the next session in 2020.

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

17. The Committee will discuss and approve the inter-sessional implementation plan.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2019-2020	ECE/CECI/2019/8	Decision

**Item 7. Programme of Work for 2020**

**(a) Proposed programme budget for 2020: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme**

**(b) Draft programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2020**

18. 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. The secretariat will present the programme budget of the subprogramme for information and a draft programme of work for discussion and adoption.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Proposed programme budget for 2020: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the ECI subprogramme	ECE/CECI/2019/9	Information

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Draft programme of work of the ECI subprogramme for 2020	ECE/CECI/2019/10	Decision

**Item 8. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations**

19. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations, including the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation.

**Item 9. Proposal to change of the name of subprogramme 4 to align it with the name of the Committee**

20. The Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe at its 75th session in 2015, with reference to paragraphs 13, 14 and 31 (g) of Commission Decision A (65) on the outcome of the Review of the 2005 reform of ECE, decided to rename the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration as the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/EX/24). The proposal for the change in name of the corresponding sub-programme 4 “Economic Cooperation and Integration” was not made at the time.

21. The secretariat proposes to change the name of the sub-programme to “Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships” in order to align its name with the current name of the Committee overseeing it. The proposed change would not have any implications for mandates or resources.

22. The Committee is invited to consider and approve this proposal, and to recommend it to the ECE Executive Committee for endorsement and onward transmission to the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission for consideration and possible decision.

**Item 10. Other business**

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

**Item 11. Adoption of the report**

24. Delegates will adopt the report of the thirteenth 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>
<b>Monday, 25 March 2019</b>	
15:00-15:20	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers
15:20-18:00	<b>Substantive segment</b> Item 3. Making a Difference – Measuring and understanding the Impact of Innovation policies and PPP projects on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
<b>Tuesday, 26 March 2019</b>	
10:00-13:00	<b>Substantive segment (continued)</b> Item 3. Making a Difference – Measuring and understanding the Impact of Innovation policies and PPP projects on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (continued)
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	<b>General segment</b> Item 4. Implementation of the programme of work (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
<b>Wednesday, 27 March 2019</b>	
10:00 – 13:00	<b>General segment (continued)</b> 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 substantive segment Item 6. Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2019-2020 Item 7. Programme of Work for 2020 (a) Proposed programme budget for 2020: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the ECI subprogramme (b) Draft programme of work of the ECI

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15:00-18:00	Item 8. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations
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