

# International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence: Results and Impact

Agenda item 4

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# Part I. Collective impact

The Centres continued to play a crucial role in promoting the UNECE People-first approach to PPPs thus contributing to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs).

The Centres held regular coordination meetings:

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to the UNECE (3-4 December 2018, Beijing, China)**

- Governance issues were discussed and future directions for the work of the Centres.
- A draft **Code of conduct for the Centres** was developed and the **Beijing Statement of Intent** was agreed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to UNECE (2 April 2019, Paris, France)**

- Focused on the impact of the Centres, the evaluation methodology to score projects, the capacity building and training activities, and governance issues.

## **Beijing Statement of Intent by the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to the UNECE**

- Includes a number of commitments and tasks to be undertaken by the Centres individually and collectively in order to:
  - promote the concept of People-first PPPs;
  - promote PPP projects complying with the People-first outcomes;
  - support the work of the UNECE project team developing the People-first evaluation methodology;
  - collect People-first PPP case studies; and
  - undertake training and capacity building activities.
- Agreement for a rotating six-month chairmanship.

## **Code of Conduct for the UNECE-affiliated International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence**

- Designed to improve the governance of the Centres, addressing issues such as:
  - Guiding Principles: United Nations Charter, United Nations Global Compact and United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;
  - Professional Competence: boundaries of competence of the Centres;
  - Ethical conduct: Confidentiality and Privileged Information, Use of the UN name and emblem, Conflict of Interest, Corruption, Intellectual Property and Sexual exploitation and abuse; and
  - Continuing affiliation conditions.

# Part II. Individual Impact



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Policies, Laws and Institutions - Paris, France**

- Organised a High-Level Workshop “People-first PPP in practice; the new UNECE inclusive PPP delivery form and its multiplier impact on effective delivery of essential Public services” (1 April 2019, Paris, France) with the Paris Bar Association
- Organised a Study tour for a Chinese governmental delegation in Marseille, France (11-12 May 2019), with the support of the City of Marseille
- Development of a People-first PPP and Public Infrastructure Knowledge Centre



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Smart cities** **Barcelona, Spain (hosted by IESE Business School)**

- Developed an evaluation methodology to score PPP projects against the People-first outcomes and the SDGs.
- Translated into Spanish of the UNECE PPP Standards and Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs, bringing the work of UNECE on PPPs to 500 million Spanish-speakers.
- Host the UNECE International PPP Forum in Barcelona, Spain



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Ports** **Beirut, Lebanon**

- Organised in Beirut together with ESCWA a training on People-first PPPs for government officials in the ESCWA region.
- Organised, jointly with ESCWA and UNECE a capacity building event on PPPs in Ports on 23-24 November 2019 in Amman, Jordan for government officials from Kuwait, Lebanon and Georgia.
- The Centre is currently being re located from a government entity to an NGO.





### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in the Belt and Road Initiative - Hong Kong, China (hosted by City University of Hong Kong)**

- Organised a study trip for students to learn about best PPP practices in Belt and Road countries (Czech Republic and Slovenia) (2-8 June 2019).
- Collected case studies and best practices from around the world in the Belt and Road countries (including in Sri Lanka and Belarus).
- Plan to complete the “Study on Strategic Cross-Boundary Land-Based Transport Infrastructure in the Regional Context for Hong Kong 2030+” as well as two case studies on MTR and China Merchant Group Company.



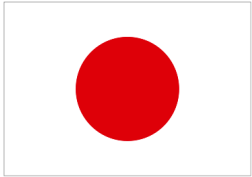
### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Public Transport Logistics - Beijing, China (hosted by Tsinghua University)**

- Translated into Chinese of all major PPP documents produced by the UNECE Working Party on PPP, i.e. the UNECE PPP Standards and Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs, Declaration etc., bringing the work of UNECE on PPPs to 1 billion Chinese-speakers.
- Organised the 4<sup>th</sup> China PPP Forum “*Green PPP and Regional Sustainable Development*” (Beijing, China, 15 November 2019)
- The Centre will organise an event in early 2020 to launch the Chinese versions of the UNECE PPP products in China.



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Water and Sanitation Lisbon, Portugal**

- Organised a visit for the National Development and Reform Commission of China (NDRC) to promote the UNECE People-first approach to PPPs in the water sector in Lisbon, Portugal (13-14 May 2019).
- Promoted the People-first approach to PPPs in the water sector by organizing a capacity building event for Albania, Croatia, the Republic of North Macedonia and Montenegro in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Planning a visit to China to discuss with NDRC future steps towards People-first PPPs in the water sector in China and beyond.



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Local Government Tokyo, Japan (hosted by Toyo University)**

- Facilitated the secondment of a senior PPP practitioner in Japan to join the UNECE secretariat for 10 months.
- PPP capacity building activities and policy advisory services:
  - Capacity building seminar in the Philippines (February 2019)
  - Promotion of PPPs in local governments in Indonesia (March 2019)
  - Working paper on assessment of Infrastructure development and demand estimate in Japan that to be applied to other Asian countries (March 2019)
  - Smart infrastructure seminar and publication of a paper on Smart infrastructure initiatives (October 2019)
  - Capacity building seminar in South Africa (November 2019)
  - PPP Whitepaper 2019-2020 on Public engagement (December 2019)
- Joint research on the applicability of PPP development of resilient pre-fabricated (or easy assembly) houses for low-income households in Indonesia (April / May 2020)



### **International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Resilient Infrastructure** **New Orleans, USA**

- Prepared a comprehensive analysis of economic benefits from increased resilience for the proposed extension of a major road in Louisiana through increased ability to evacuate in case of a natural or man-made disasters, including benefits of utilizing a People-first PPP to enable the investment.
- Prepared a framework to integrate sustainability and resilience into all Belt and Road projects, combining People-first principles and SDGs and developed a model to determine reductions in financial liability resulting from investments in resilient infrastructure to encourage the insurance/reinsurance industry to participate in People-first PPPs for resilience.
- Elected to the role of coordinating the Centres and will host the third meeting of the Centers from 2 to 6 March 2020 in New Orleans, USA.



Thank you!

