



## International PPP Centre of Excellence

### Workshop on People First Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Meeting Room G, United Nations Conference Centre

Rajadamnern Avenue, Bangkok, Thailand,

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#### Draft Programme

10:00 – 10:45 **Introduction and Presentation of the UNECE Work on People-first Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

The UNECE is mandated by its member States to develop international PPP standards as a contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These standards are model templates – short, concise documents based on actual cases – good and bad – identifying the best types of model, the financing arrangements, the legal issues and contract clauses related to the sector, as well as the feasibility of applying such projects in middle and low income countries. The standards and best practice models cover *inter alia*, energy, water and sanitation, health, education, trade facilitation, transport and so on.

**Presenters:**

- **Geoffrey Hamilton**, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section, UNECE
- **Maria Ceccarelli**, Acting Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNECE
- **Lance Thompson**, Chairperson, UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business

10:45 – 12:30 **People-first PPP projects demonstrating good governance and achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

People-first PPPs set out a clear statement that out of all the stakeholders, ‘people’ should be the priority and main beneficiary. Their focus should be on improving the quality of life of communities, particularly those that are fighting poverty and by creating local and sustainable jobs. Projects should fight hunger and promote wellbeing, promote gender equality, increase access to water, energy, transport, and education for all, and promote social cohesion, justice and disavow all forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, creed and culture. People-first PPPs should increase very quickly in scale and spread. They should be treated as ‘People first’ only once they have met a number of the criteria broadly defined as: “accessibility”, “equity”, “efficiency”, “effectiveness”, “sustainability” and “replicability”.

A selection of existing people-first PPP projects, some of which were showcased at the first UNECE International PPP Forum on People-First PPPs in Geneva in March 2016, will be presented by representative of member States and the private sector. Since the International PPP Forum, the UNECE’s Compendium of people-first PPP case studies for the SDGs was the largest mobilisation of People first PPPs ever attempted. The UNECE now is going further and has asked governments, private sector and civil society to achieve 500 ‘People-first’ PPPs by the end of 2016.

**Documentation:** compilation of case study material

**Moderator:** *Tony Bonnici*, UNECE

**Case Studies:** Armenia, *Water Sector*, *Gagik Khachatryan* \*  
Bangladesh, *Health Sector*, *Syed Afsor H. Uddin* \*  
China, *Water Sector*, *Peng Pei*  
Hong Kong, China, *Urban Transport Sector*, *Wayne Yu*  
India, *Roads Sector*, *Anil Kumar Pandala*  
Indonesia, *Energy Sector*, *Sinthya Roesly*  
Mongolia, *Education Sector*, *Bekhat Sodnom* \*  
The Philippines, *Health Sector*, *Celso Manangan*  
Tajikistan, *Energy Sector*, *Daler Jumaev* \*

**Discussants:** *Geoffrey Hamilton*, UNECE  
(representatives from public and private sector and CSOs)

\* By video conference

12:30 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 17:00 **Roundtable discussion on the UNECE draft guiding principles on good governance in people-first PPPs for the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has a hugely ambitious goal, a large price tag for achievement, and a preferred model as an implementation mechanism: partnerships of various types, including Public-Private Partnerships. As part of its efforts to address the new challenges in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UNECE is revising its seven principles on good governance in PPPs with a focus on people, planet and prosperity.

The roundtable will review the content of the draft guiding principles, and will elaborate on their practical use and dissemination among all stakeholders. Among the points for discussion are:

- **People** – how to improve access to public services in middle and low income countries with careful consideration to vulnerable groups and the empowerment of women in these societies;
- **Planet** – how to support PPPs that cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and contribute to climate change solutions; and
- **Prosperity** – how to develop successful PPP projects which improve infrastructure and contribute to economic growth.

**Documentation:** [UNECE draft guiding principles on good governance in people-first PPPs for the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Moderator:** *Geoffrey Hamilton*, UNECE

**Participants:**  
Representatives from Armenia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Tajikistan

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<sup>1</sup> A new version of the guiding principles will be available in the week of 19 September 2016.