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Fourteenth session

Geneva (hybrid), 2-4 June 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Revised annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session

To be held as a hybrid meeting with possibility of in-person or remote participation at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 2 June 2021 at 10:00 in room TPS 2*,**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

A. Substantive segment

2. Innovation and Competitiveness Policies:
 - (a) Analyses of national innovation policies;
 - (b) National and subregional capacity building;
 - (c) International good practices on innovation policies for sustainable development.
3. People-first Public-Private Partnerships and “Recovering Better”

* The fourteenth session had originally been scheduled for 26-28 March 2020. It was postponed due to COVID-19-related restrictions.

** All delegates should register online at <https://indico.un.org/e/cicppp14>. Delegates attending the meeting remotely will receive a link to the session in the days prior to the meeting. Delegates attending the meeting in person at the Palais des Nations are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, for the issuance of an identification badge. Additional information for delegates, including a map of the premises, is available on the ECE website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.



B. General segment

4. Implementation of the Programme of Work:
 - (a) Decisions taken inter-sessionally;
 - (b) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP);
 - (c) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
 - (d) Joint activities.
5. Programme of work, Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2021 - 2022, and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2023.
6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations.
7. Election of officers.
8. Other business.
9. 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/2021/1	Decision

A. Substantive segment

2. In the substantive segment, the Committee will hold an international policy dialogue to exchange experience on selected issues of mutual concern in the areas of Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.

Item 2. Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

(a) Analyses of national innovation policies

3. The Committee will be invited to discuss the results of, follow-up to, and progress with the national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan, as well as of the subregional Innovation Policy Outlook of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, including an external evaluation of the programme of national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Results and policy recommendations of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia	ECE/CECI/2021/6	Decision
Results and policy recommendations of the subregional Innovation Policy Outlook	ECE/CECI/2021/7	Decision

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Recommendations from the external evaluation of the programme of national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.2	Discussion
Status of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Armenia, the Republic of Moldova, of Uzbekistan and of Armenia	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.3	Discussion
The subregional Innovation Policy Outlook – the way forward	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.4	Discussion

(b) National and subregional capacity building

4. The Committee will be invited to discuss the results of and progress with capacity building, including:

(i) the follow-up on selected recommendations of the national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Belarus and Georgia;

(ii) on-line trainings on policies and support mechanisms to innovative high-growth enterprises for the Eastern Europe and Caucasus sub-region, including a policy handbook on this topic;

(iii) support for the implementation of the Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) including a policy handbook on business incubators;

(iv) contributions to the capacity building workstream of the UN Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development; and

(v) in cooperation with ECE's Trade subprogram, support for selected member States on request in developing road maps or action plans for the circular economy transition in selected fields, including innovation-enhancing procurement.

(c) International good practices on innovation policies for sustainable development

5. Based on past and ongoing work of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, the Committee will be invited to share and discuss possible high-level innovation policy principles and ways for building back better after the COVID-19 pandemic.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Building Back Better After COVID-19: The Role of Innovation Policy	ECE/CECI/ICP/2021/INF.1	Discussion

Item 3. People-first Public-Private Partnerships and “Recovering Better”

6. Delegates will be invited to discuss progress on the policy documents under preparation and how they can take on board the added importance of resilience in the context of the theme of the fifth ECE International PPP Forum in April 2021 “Building Back Better”,

or, as it is called in the United Nations' Comprehensive Response to COVID-19 report, "Recovering Better".¹

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
A draft People-first Public-Private Partnerships Evaluation Methodology for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/3 /Rev.1	Information

B. General segment

Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work

(a) Decisions taken inter-sessionally

7. In order to ensure that the work of the ECE and its subprogrammes could continue in the face of restrictions imposed by the United Nations and the host country to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, the ECE Executive Committee authorized the principal subsidiary bodies of ECE, including the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, to take business-critical decisions by remote silence procedure inter-sessionally (Informal document No. 2020/20 and ECE/EX/2020/L.14). The Committee availed itself of this possibility to adopt its implementation plan 2020 - 2021.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Implementation plan for 2020 - 2021	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.5	Information

(b) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP)

8. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the 2019 TOS-ICP session. It will also be invited to take note of the Chair's conclusions on the informal consultations the Team held on 21, 23 and 27 October 2020.

9. The Committee will be invited to endorse the good practice documents on "Smart and Sustainable Cities: The Role of Governance and Innovation Policy", on "Building Back Better: Using Platforms to Enable Sharing and Progress towards the Circular Economy" and on "Building Back Better: Innovation-enhancing Procurement for Sustainable Development".

10. The Committee will be invited to decide on the renewal of the Team of Specialists' mandate for an additional two years until 2023.

<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 twelfth session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2019/2	Decision

¹ United Nations Comprehensive Response to COVID-19 – Saving Lives, Protecting Societies, Recovering Better, September 2020 (<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un-comprehensive-response-to-covid-19.pdf>).

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Smart and Sustainable Cities: The Role of Governance and Innovation Policy	ECE/CECI/2021/3	Decision
Building Back Better: Using Platforms to Enable Sharing and Progress towards the Circular Economy	ECE/CECI/2021/4	Decision
Building Back Better: Innovation-enhancing Procurement for Sustainable Development	ECE/CECI/2021/5	Decision
Chair's conclusions on the informal consultations of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies	ECE/CECI/2021/8	Information

(c) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

11. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the Working Party on its fourth session, and to take note of the progress in the normative work and the mandated capacity building activities since the previous session.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its third session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/2	Decision
Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its fourth session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/2	Decision

(d) Joint Activities

12. ECE organised the 2019, 2020, 2021 Regional Fora on Sustainable Development and the 68th and 69th sessions of the Economic Commission for Europe. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Working Party on PPPs contributed to roundtables and side events organized on these occasions. The Team of Specialists also contributed to a roundtable on innovation for the circular economy at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

13. The Team of Specialists and the Working Party also made substantive contributions to the nexus areas on Smart Sustainable Cities, on Smart Connectivity, and on Monitoring and Measuring Progress Towards the SDGs, and in particular to a flagship publication on Smart Sustainable Cities.

Item 5. Programme of work, Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2021 - 2022, and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2023

14. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work for 2021 (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.6) and the draft inter-sessional implementation plan for 2021 - 2022 containing activities planned for the remainder of 2021 and until the next session in 2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.7).

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

16. The secretariat will present the proposed programme plan and performance information of the ECI subprogramme for 2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.8) for information and the draft programme of work for 2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/9), including the publications programme, for decision. The programme plan and performance information for 2022 is an extract from the ECE proposed programme budget for 2022 which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in December 2020 and submitted for consideration by the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. The programme of work reflects the annual format presented in 2020 in line with General Assembly resolution 72/266, with enrichments reflecting General Assembly resolutions 74/251 adopted on 27 December 2019 and 75/243 adopted on 31 December 2020.

17. At its meeting on 5 March 2021, the ECE Executive Committee adopted a document entitled "Sequential review of the proposed programmes of work of ECE subprogrammes" (doc. 2021/8). In line with the sequential review procedure, the Committee will be invited also to consider the "Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023" (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.9) and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023.

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Draft programme of work 2021	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.6	Decision
Draft inter-sessional implementation plan for 2021 - 2022	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.7	Decision
Draft programme of work 2022	ECE/CECI/2021/9	Decision
Proposed programme budget for 2022: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the ECI subprogramme	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.8	Information
Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.9	Decision

Item 6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations

18. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations.

Item 7. Election of officers

19. Delegates will be invited to elect 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.

Item 8. Other business

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

Item 9. Adoption of the report

21. Delegates will adopt the report of the fourteenth 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>
Wednesday, 2 June 2021	
10:00-10:10	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda
10:10-12:00	Substantive segment Item 2. Innovation and Competitiveness Policies
12:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-17:00	Substantive segment (continued) Item 2. Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (continued)
Thursday, 3 June 2021	
9:00-11:00	Substantive segment (continued) Item 3. People-first Public-Private Partnerships and “Recovering Better”
Friday, 4 June 2021	
10:00 – 12:00	General segment Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Decisions taken inter-sessionally; (b) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; (c) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships; (d) Joint Activities. Item 5. Programme of work, Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2021 - 2022 and Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023 Item 6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations Item 7. Election of officers Item 8. Other business
12:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-17:00	Item 9. Adoption of the report