Implementation of the Programme of Work:

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

Agenda item 4.(c)

Fourteenth session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

4 June 2021
Review of the work since the 13th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (25 - 27 March 2019)

- Period of 2 years from 28 March 2019 until 1 June 2021
- More than one year during the COVID-19 pandemic

Programme of work:

- Events
- Standards, recommendations, guidelines and best practices
- Capacity building
Events
Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

- 3rd session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (Geneva, 03 - 04 December 2019)
- 4th session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (Geneva, 01 - 02 December 2020)

UNECE International PPP Forum

- 4th UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva, 07 - 09 May 2019)
- 5th UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva and online, 22 - 26 April 2021)
Highlights of the 4th UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva, 07 - 09 May 2019)

- Theme: “The Last Mile: Promoting People-first PPPs for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”
- Organised in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Participation of four of the five Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions – UNECE, ECA, ESCAP, ESCWA – who expressed their strong commitment to enhance PPP cooperation across all regions.
- The Forum identified three milestones:
  - Making the People-first model more operational
  - Increasing the collaboration between the public and private sectors
  - Identifying ways in which stakeholder engagement can be increased in People-first PPPs
Highlights of the 5th UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva and online, 22 - 26 April 2021)

- Theme: “Building Back Better through People-first Public-Private Partnerships”
- A high-level debate discussed the ways “Building Back Better” could be best accomplished through People-first PPPs
- Competition UNECE “Building Back Better” infrastructure award 2021:
  - The competition was a means to incentivize countries and project managers to test the draft Evaluation Methodology in its self-assessment form and provide feedback on its improvement
  - 65 projects from over 20 countries were submitted, and 11 of them were showcased at the Forum
  - The winners were chosen directly by the participants through electronic voting
Meetings of the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to UNECE

- Coordination meeting (Paris, 2 April 2019)
- Coordination meeting on building resilience against climate change and disasters (New Orleans, 3 - 6 March 2020)
- Extraordinary meeting on Building Back Better (Online, 4 May 2020)
- Coordination meeting (Online, 9 July 2020)
- Coordination meeting (Online, 29 July 2020)
Standards, recommendations, guidelines and best practices
### People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology
- An evaluation methodology to score infrastructure projects against the People-first PPP criteria and the SDGs
- Project Team of more than 100 international experts
- Draft version completed in 2020
- Action Plan to enhance the draft Methodology and make it fully usable by the end of 2021

### People-first Model Law
- Project Team developed a first draft
- Being finalised in 2021

### Guidelines on Promoting People-first PPP Waste-to-Energy Projects for the Circular Economy
- First version completed in 2020 to be further developed
- Explore how the Waste-to-Energy industry can contribute to a transition towards a circular economy through the use of People-first and SDG-compliant PPPs
- Submitted as a contribution to the high-level segment and cross-cutting theme of the 69th UNECE Commission session in April 2021
Capacity building
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Some figures for the UNECE region

4 countries in the UNECE region: Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine

4 reports: reviews of national PPP legislation and guidelines for People-first PPP project development

11 events with more than 1,000 participants
Belarus

- **Regional PPP workshop** (Brest, 27 July 2019): jointly organised by the UNECE with the PPP unit of Belarus and the Brest City administration

- **Study tour** (Minsk and Moscow, 26-31 August 2019): for Kyrgyz senior government officials to learn about the PPP institutional capacity in Belarus and the Russian Federation facilitated by the UNECE

- **Belarus** (Brest, 24 October 2019): workshop to present the draft PPP guide prepared by UNECE for the regional authorities in Brest jointly organised with the Ministry of Economy and the local authorities in Brest

- **Manual** (November 2019): Manual for regional authorities on municipal PPP project development

- Preliminary work in 2021 on the new project from the 13th tranche of the Development Account “Towards integrated national financing framework”
Kyrgyzstan

❖ **Field mission** (Bishkek, 3-5 September 2019): to prepare guidelines to assist the public sector in the process of identification and initiation of PPP projects jointly organised by the UNECE with the Ministry of Economy

❖ **Seminar** (Bishkek, 30 October 2019): Seminar on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and the institutional capacity to identify and prepare People-first PPPs in support of the SDGs)

❖ **Roundtable** (Bishkek, 31 October 2019): Roundtable discussion on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and present the UNECE People-first PPP Standards, guiding principles and tools

❖ **Report** (March 2021): report in the form of guidelines with templates to assist the public sector in the development process of PPP projects under the new PPP law
Tajikistan

- **Field mission** (Dushanbe, 19-21 August 2019) to review the PPP law of Tajikistan jointly organised by the UNECE with the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management

- **Workshop** (Dushanbe, 17 December 2019): Workshop on strengthening the PPP enabling environment (legal and regulatory framework) and the institutional capacity to identify and prepare People-first PPPs in support of the SDGs

- **Seminar** (Dushanbe, 18 December 2019): Seminar on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and present the UNECE People-first PPP Standards, guiding principles and tools

- **Report** (March 2020): report reviewing the PPP law with policy recommendations to implement the Guiding Principles for People-first PPPs for the SDGs
Ukraine

- **Webinar** (Online, 30 March 2021): Webinar on Aligning PPP Legislation in Ukraine with the SDGs

- **Webinar** (Online, 25 May 2021): Training Webinar on How to Design PPP Projects Aligned with the SDGs – the People-first Approach to PPPs

- **Report** (April 2021): Gap Analysis of PPP Legislation in Ukraine in Alignment with the Guiding Principles for People-first PPPs
Joint events with other Regional Commissions and UN agencies

- **United States** (UN Headquarters, New York, 16 April 2019): policy session “Making PPPs work for sustainable development” jointly organised by the UNECE, UNCDF and UNCTAD at the SDG Investment Fair
- **Kuwait** (Kuwait City, 27 July 2019): high-level training workshop on PPPs for Ports jointly organised by the UNECE and ESCWA
- **Jordan** (Amman, 23-24 November 2019): workshop on PPPs in the Ports sector jointly organised by the UNECE, ESCWA and the Islamic Development Bank for government officials from Greece, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria
- **Chile** (Santiago, 10 December 2019): workshop on the role of People-first PPP in efficient, resilient and sustainable infrastructure jointly organised by the UNECE and ECLAC
- **Chile** (Santiago, 11 December 2019): seminar on resilient People-first PPP infrastructure jointly organised by the UNECE and ECLAC with the Chilean Chamber of Construction
Thank you

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