

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation  
of the sixth session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, 1-2 December 2022**

Agenda item	Document (LINK)	Decisions
1	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/1</a>	Decision 2022 – 1: The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/1) for its sixth session.
2	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/1</a>	Decision 2022 – 2: The Working Party elected Ms. Doris Chevalier (France) from the Private Sector, Ms. Melissa Peneycad (Canada) from Civil Society, and Mr. Joan-Enric Ricart (Spain) from Academia as observers to the Bureau for a period of two years.
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/3</a>  <a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/4</a>	Decision 2022 – 4.1: The Working <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcomed the debate that provided informative context for member States to develop an enabling environment that promotes circular economy practices through the use of the ECE approach of PPPs for the SDGs;</li> <li>2. Noted with appreciation the Working Party’s contribution since 2020 to promoting circular economy in PPPs and infrastructure in response to the 69<sup>th</sup> Commission session that was devoted to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, where member States requested ECE to promote circular economy transition and sustainable use of natural resources in relevant subprogrammes, sectoral committees and other subsidiary bodies (Decision 69A and Decision 69B);</li> <li>3. Endorsed the:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Guidelines on Public-Private Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals in Waste-to-Energy Projects for Non-Recyclable Waste: Pathways towards a Circular Economy (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/3); and</li> <li>ii. Guidelines on promoting Circular Economy in Public-Private Partnerships for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/4); and</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Requested the secretariat to support their implementation and use through demand-driven capacity building and policy advisory services to ECE member States, as well as through the ECE network “CIRCULAR STEP”.<sup>1</sup></li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> The ECE stakeholder engagement platform to accelerate the circular transition in the ECE region is available at <https://unece.org/circular-economy/press/unece-launches-platform-policy-dialogue-circular-economy>

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4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/5</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 4.2: The Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorsed the standard on Public-Private Partnerships/Concession Model Law (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/5);</li> <li>2. Considered the proposal from the Bureau for a possible change of the name of the “model law” and decided to rename the standard as: Standard on PPP/Concession legal framework in support of the Sustainable Development Goals;</li> <li>3. Requested the Bureau to finalise the commentary/accompanying guide under its auspices in 2023; and</li> <li>4. Requested the secretariat to submit the standard to the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (the Committee) for approval at its next session in May-June 2023.</li> </ol>
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/6</a> <a href="#">ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/7</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 4.3: The Working Party took note of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The decision by the Committee at its 15<sup>th</sup> session in May 2022 to change the name to “PPPs for the SDGs”; and</li> <li>2. The following documents reissued to reflect the change of name in line with the Committee’s decision 2022 – 4b.2: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An introduction to Public-Private Partnerships for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/6); and</li> <li>ii. The Guiding Principles on Public-Private Partnerships for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/7).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 4.4: The Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognising the need for a more marketable name for the ECE PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs, agreed with the Bureau recommendation to rename the Evaluation Methodology as “UNECE PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS): An Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs”; and</li> <li>2. Noted that the Evaluation Methodology will be reissued in early 2023 to reflect 1 above and the Committee’s decision 2022 – 4b.2.</li> </ol>
4		<p>Decision 2022 – 4.5: The Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Took note of the policy discussion under agenda item 3 on accelerating achievement of the SDGs in the ECE region through PPPs; and</li> </ol>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Requested the secretariat to further explore some of these discussions at the UNECE International PPP Forum in 2023, in particular issues relevant to economic recovery and reconstruction and digital and green transformations, including the transition to the circular economy.</li> </ol>
4		<p>Decision 2022 – 4.6: The Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcomed the PPP policy advisory and capacity building work carried out since its last session;</li> <li>2. Expressed its gratitude to the secretariat for organising a very successful sixth edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum from 4 to 6 May 2022 (the Forum addressed topical issues such as the transition to the circular economy, green PPP procurement, and digital transformation for sustainable development);</li> <li>3. Expressed its appreciation to the Government of Spain for supporting the Forum, and to IESE Business School and the Barcelona City Council for co-organising it together with ECE; and</li> <li>4. Thanked all stakeholders and donors who have been supporting the PPP work and encouraged potential future donors to provide financial and in-kind contributions towards the ECE PPP programme in the years to come.</li> </ol>
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/INF.1</a>	Decision 2022 – 4.7: The Working Party took note of document ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2022/INF.1 containing the decisions by the Bureau since its last session in November 2021.
5	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2022/2, Annex II</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 5.1: The Working Party took note of the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Renewal of the mandate of the Working Party by the ECE Executive Committee for five years until 2027; and</li> <li>2. Committee’s Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/2, Annex II), in particular the new focus of the PPP work for the coming years (paragraph 15)<sup>2</sup> and the list of the PPP activities planned for the rest of 2022 and for 2023.</li> </ol>
5	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2022/2, Annex II</a> <a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/INF.2</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 5.2: In order to give effect to the new focus of the PPP work agreed by the Committee (ECE/CECI/2022/2, Annex II, paragraph 15), the Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Took note with appreciation of document ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/INF.2 prepared by the Bureau;</li> <li>2. Approved the list of topics for PPP standards and guides with policy options/ recommendations as contained in Annex I of the document;</li> </ol>

<sup>2</sup> The focus of the work on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) is supporting ECE member States' use of PPPs to address a range of issues in the context of relevant cross-cutting Commission themes [transition to circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, and digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region], sustainable economic recovery and reconstruction, corruption in PPPs, pandemic preparedness and response, food security, women's empowerment, and accelerating achievement of the SDGs in the ECE region. The ECE Guiding Principles on PPPs for the SDGs provide the normative basis for the work on PPPs.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Approved the detailed proposals for work on new PPP products to start in 2023 as contained in Annex II of the document;</li> <li>4. Requested the secretariat, working closely with the Bureau, to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mobilise the necessary expertise and resources to implement 2 and 3 above; and</li> <li>ii. Organise sessions to advance the work on the new topics at the next edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum in 2023; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Requested the secretariat to include Annexes I and II of ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2022/INF.2 as an Annex to the report of the session.</li> </ol>
5	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II</a>	<p>Decision 2022 – 5.3: The Working Party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Took note with appreciation of the offer by the Mayor of Athens supported by the Government of Greece to host and co-organise the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the UNECE International Forum in Athens on 3-5 May 2023 jointly with ECE; and</li> <li>2. Requested the secretariat to co-organise the Forum based on existing resources in consultation with the co-organisers and the Bureau.</li> </ol>
6		<p>Decision 2022 – 6: The Working Party agreed that its next annual session be held in the fourth quarter of 2023. The secretariat will fix the dates in consultation with the Bureau and the conference room services at the <i>Palais des Nations</i> in Geneva.</p>
7		<p>Decision 2022 – 7: The Working Party requested the secretariat, in line with the special procedures established by the ECE Executive Committee for the COVID-19 pandemic period (paragraph 3 of document ECE/EX/2020/L.12), to circulate the decisions agreed at the session through all Geneva Permanent Representations for approval by silence procedure by the participating delegations of the session.</p> <p>The Working Party further requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report of the session and distribute it to all Geneva Permanent Representations and the Bureau for subsequent approval by silence procedure in accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1) and paragraph 21 of Appendix III of document E/ECE/1464 (Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies). Once the draft report is adopted, it requests its publication in English, French and Russian.</p>