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Item 3 of the provisional agenda: High-level substantive segment

“The Role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in financing the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda”

13 February 2014, Geneva, Switzerland
Palais des Nations, Salle VII (10:00 to 13:00)

Background

The UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE) was established in 2012 to identify international best practices in public private partnerships (PPPs) and to develop international PPP standards. The ICoE also helps governments to implement PPP best practices and standards through, *inter alia*, the services of the Business Advisory Board (BAB).

A number of Specialist Centres affiliated to the ICoE are being established in countries to identify international PPP best practices and models in specific sectors, such as, water and sanitation, health (the Philippines), renewable energy (Morocco), and ICT for sustainable development (Azerbaijan). These sectors have been identified as priority areas of work of the ICoE in 2014.

Purpose

The purpose of the High level substantive segment is threefold:

- To explore the role of PPPs in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and their prospective role in meeting the new challenges in the emerging post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda;
- To examine how international PPP best practices and standards can maximise the developmental impact of PPPs to meet the new challenges; and
- To discuss the ways and means the ICoE will assist countries to implement these international PPP best practices and standards.

Provisional Programme

10:00 – 10:30 **Introduction: The post 2015 United Nations Development Agenda and the role of PPPs**

Moderator: *Geoffrey Hamilton*, UNECE

Keynote Speakers:

- *Monika Linn*, UNECE
- *Barbara Kreissler*, Head of Business Partnerships, UNIDO
- *James Stewart*, Chairman, UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board, United Kingdom

10:30 – 10:40 **Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and the Construction Industry Development Council of India establishing the Specialist Centre on PPPs in Roads and Highways in New Delhi, India**

Leslie Cleland, Executive Officer, on behalf of the UNECE

Priya Ranjan Swarup, Director General, on behalf of the Construction Industry Development Council of India

10:40 – 11:45 **Panel 1: What is the role of PPPs in achieving the development goals in key sectors – water and sanitation, health and renewable energy?**

The panel discussion will be devoted to the role of PPPs in financing the development goals of the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda in three key sectors, namely water and sanitation, health and renewable energy.

For each of the three sectors, the panel will discuss the following issues:

- *What are the challenges faced in achieving the development goals in water and sanitation, health and renewable energy?*
- *What are the successful PPP models and best practices in water and sanitation, health and renewable energy that can inspire governments to replicate them in their own countries?*

Moderator: *Ted Herbosa*, Deputy Minister of Health, the Philippines

Panellists:

Challenges in transition economies and developing countries

- *Gulnara Iskakova*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva
- *Bernard Nyembo*, Project Director, Cooperative Bank for Development, Democratic Republic of Congo

Water and sanitation

- *Xavier Maitre Robert*, Senior Water Advisor, Aquafed, France
- *Rainier d'Haussonville*, Director of Public Affairs, Veolia

Health

- *Mark Halliday*, Head of PPP, Healthcare Transformation Services, Philips, The Netherlands
- *Pedro Nevez*, Structured Business Director, Andrade Gutierrez, Portugal

Renewable Energy

- **Sonia Mezzour**, General Secretary of ADEREE, Morocco
- **Richard Ornitz**, Chairman Infralux Capital and Senior Counsel, McKenna Long & Aldridge, United States
- **Carlos Sallé**, Regulation Director, Iberdrola Group, Spain

Q&A

11:45 – 12:20 **Panel 2: Is there a need for international PPPs best practices and standards in financing the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda?**

The panel discussion will investigate whether and why standards are required to release the potential of PPPs to finance the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda. The panel will discuss the following issues:

- *What are United Nations standards and how are they developed?*
- *Why international standards in PPPs?*
- *The practice of PPPs standards in the European Union: can the European experience be translated to other parts of the world?*
- *What are the international PPP standards currently being produced by the ICoE?*

Moderator: Geoffrey Hamilton, UNECE

Introduction by: Tom Butterly, UNECE

Panellists:

- **Edward Farquharson**, EPEC
- **Marc Frilet**, General Secretary of the French Institute of Legal Experts, France
- **Michael Schöll**, Chairman of UNCITRAL, Ministry of Justice, Switzerland

Views and comments by the co-Chairpersons of the UNECE Team of Specialists on PPPs:

- **Art Smith**, United States of America
- **Leo McKenna**, United Kingdom

Q&A

12:20 – 13:00 **Panel 3: How to implement International PPP best practices and standards successfully in countries?**

The panel discussion will elaborate on the ways and means of implementing PPP best practices and standards. In this context, the ICoE and its Specialist Centres develop best practices and standards while the UNECE Business Advisory Board (BAB) advises countries on their implementation. The panel, composed by the BAB mission leaders, will discuss the following issues:

- *How will the BAB undertake its work to implement international PPP best practices and standards?*
- *What are the countries and regions of the world being currently suggested for the BAB's attention and support?*

Moderator: Michael Flynn, Partner, Deloitte, Corporate Finance, Ireland

Panellists:

- **James Stewart**, Chairman, UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board, United Kingdom
- **Bruno de Cazalet**, BAB Member, International PPP Senior Legal Consultant, France
- **Roger Fiszelson**, BAB Member, Director General CICA, France
- **Pedro Nevez**, BAB Member, Structured Business Director, Andrade Gutierrez, Portugal
- **Richard Ornitz**, BAB Member, Chairman Infralux Capital and Senior Counsel, McKenna Long & Aldridge, United States

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