

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
AND  
THE [add host of specialist centre]**

The **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe** (hereinafter referred to as “UNECE”), as represented by the Executive Secretary, [add name],

and

The [add host of specialist centre]

hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

- **RECOGNIZING** the desire of the Parties to establish and develop cooperation to promote the UNECE Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) Initiative as a tool for economic development,

- **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the intent of the Parties to establish an appropriate mechanism for such cooperation,

**hereby agree to the following:**

**Article 1.**

- (1) The Parties will cooperate within the framework of their respective mandates and authority in the implementation of specific activities in agreed priority areas as well as in expanding the scope of cooperation, while making full use of the comparative advantages of the two organisations in performing their obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”.

**Article 2.**

- (1) The Parties agree to cooperate and promote the overall UNECE PPP Initiative, inter alia:
  - (a) the establishment of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence in Geneva, Switzerland - a formal part of the UNECE secretariat;
  - (b) the creation of the PPP Specialist Centre for [sector and country];
  - (c) the development of PPP best practice guide for [add sector];
  - (d) other areas of common interest.
- (2) Within the framework of the Memorandum, the Parties will be guided by the general principles and standards of international law and shall cooperate in accordance with the principles of equity, transparency and reciprocity.
- (3) The Parties will work together towards the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum through their authorised representatives, as designated by the Parties, in addressing emerging issues and initiating joint activities.

**Article 3.**

- (1) The Parties agree, whenever necessary, to:
  - a) share and promote their respective knowledge and expertise on PPPs with the international community;
  - b) provide independent advice to governments seeking to develop their PPP capabilities and markets;
  - c) conduct consultations and organise seminars and other events on issues of common interest;
  - d) extend to one another invitations to conferences, symposiums, forums and other events related to their cooperation in agreed priority areas;
  - e) exchange information and documents;

**Article 4.**

- (1) This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing. Either party may terminate the Memorandum by issuing a notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination becomes effective twenty-four months after the date of receipt of the notice by the other Party.
- (2) To ensure the ongoing operational stability of the activity referred to in Article 2(1)(b), the Parties shall not terminate this Memorandum during the initial five (5) year period following the signing of this Memorandum.
- (3) Any amendment to this Memorandum shall be effected by mutual agreement of the Parties through the signing of a relevant supplementary agreement to this effect.
- (4) Specific cooperative activities initiated by the Parties in the framework of this Memorandum shall be administered under separate project documents, and/or written agreements, whereby obligations of the Parties, sources of financing, type of activity and its duration shall be clearly specified. A Contributions Agreement shall be concluded and signed concurrently as a separate document to define the scope of such cooperation activity between the Parties.
- (5) This Memorandum is considered to be a jointly agreed declaratory statement by the Parties and it shall not interfere with the Parties' rights and obligations originating from other similar agreements, or their rights to enter into other such agreements.
- (6) Both Parties shall make their best efforts to promptly settle through direct negotiations any disputes arising from, or in connection with, the implementation of this Memorandum. Disputes, which cannot be settled within thirty days, shall be referred to the Executive Secretary of the UNECE and the [add name in hosting organisation].

Signed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 in two copies, each copy in the English language.

**For [add name in hosting organisation ]**

**For the United Nations  
Economic Commission for Europe**

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[add name of Minister]

[add name]  
Executive Secretary