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Extrabudgetary projects

**Strengthening national capacities of the UN member States
to develop and implement people-first SDGs-focused PPP projects
(PPP facilitation and dialogue hub) (Phase I)**

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

<p>1. Project title and project number: Strengthening national capacities of the UN member States to develop and implement people-first SDGs-focused PPP projects (PPP facilitation and dialogue hub) (Phase I)</p>										
<p>2. Expected timing/ duration: 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2021</p>										
<p>3. Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to strengthen national capacities of the UN member States to develop and implement SDGs-focused PPP projects. The traditional PPP model needs to be adapted in order to raise to the challenges in the 2030 Agenda, with a people-first focus. The UNECE's goal is to adopt a new approach to PPPs to make them fit for purpose for the 2030 Agenda. People-first PPPs is the approach developed by the UNECE in remodelling the PPP concept from a purely 'value for money' tool, to one that supports social and environmental considerations. The UNECE has developed five people-first criteria to ensure that out of all stakeholders, 'people' are given priority. People-first projects should meet the following criteria: i) Increase access and promote equity; ii) Develop a resilient infrastructure and improve environmental sustainability; iii) Demonstrate project economic effectiveness; iv) Be replicable and scalable; and v) Engage all stakeholders. The objective of Phase I of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A.1.1 Preparing 500 case studies based on infrastructure projects from UN member States that fulfil the people-first criteria; A.1.2 Establishing an international global platform of PPP units to promote and support PPP projects meeting the people-first criteria; A.1.3 Developing an evaluation methodology to measure the performance of projects against the people-first criteria.</p>										
<p>4. Expected results of the project: E.A.1. Enhanced understanding of the UN member States on SDGs-focused PPPs projects</p>										
<p>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The <u>target group</u> of the project will be policy makers, government officials and PPP practitioners. Beneficiary countries are all UN member States.</p>										
<p>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project will support the following expected accomplishments (a) improved international policy dialogue on promoting sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness in the ECE region, (b) improved understanding at the national level of policy options to promote sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness, and (c) enhanced national implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness of the Subprogramme 4: "Economic cooperation and integration" of the UNECE strategic framework for 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. The Working Party on PPPs (as included in its terms of reference contained in document ECE/CECI/2016/6) includes the following main activities: (a) Development of international PPP standards and recommendations in a number of sectors and subsectors that contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); (b) Preparation of international PPP best practices with the support of international PPP specialist centres of excellence which are affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence; and (c) Facilitating broad dissemination of international best practices and standards in the area of PPPs subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, through the organization of targeted capacity-building activities, policy advisory services and training programmes.</p>										
<p>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of RB staff (P4) annually.</p>										
<p>8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Donors</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">705,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IESE Business School, Barcelona</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everbright International (3 instalments of €200,000 per year from 2017)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">655,000 (€600,000)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Donors	Amount (US\$)		705,000	IESE Business School, Barcelona	60,000	Everbright International (3 instalments of €200,000 per year from 2017)	655,000 (€600,000)	
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<p>9. Project Manager: Tony Bonnici 22.05.2017</p>		<p>10. Section/Division: Cooperation and Partnerships Section, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division</p>								
<p>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell OiC of PMU 22.05.2017</p>		<p>12. Approved by EXCOM¹ 23 June 2017</p>								

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Part I. Planning (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)			Part II. Implementation (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) ^{1,2}	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities ³	Actual expenditures ⁴ (US\$)
EA.1. Enhanced understanding of the UN member States on SDGs-focused PPPs projects	A.1.1. Preparing 500 case studies based on infrastructure projects from UN member States that fulfil the people-first criteria.	336,600		
	• P3/P4 staff support x 12 months x \$14,700 per month to provide management functions for the project	176,400		
	• G3/G4 staff support x 6 months x \$11,700 per month to provide assistance in project implementation	70,200		
	• 1 international consultant x 10 months x \$5,000 to collect data and case study material from different sources	50,000		
	• Travel of staff x 20 missions x \$2,000 to meetings/conferences	40,000		
	A.1.2. Establishing an international global platform of PPP units to promote and support PPP projects meeting the people-first criteria.	127,300		
	• P3/P4 staff support x 4 months x \$14,700 per month to provide management functions for the project	58,800		
	• G3/G4 staff support x 5 months x \$11,700 per month to provide assistance in project implementation	58,500		
	• Travel of staff x 5 missions x \$2,000 to participate and service meetings of the network	10,000		
A.1.3. Developing an evaluation methodology to measure the performance of projects against the people-first criteria.	148,200			
• P3/P4 staff support x 6 months x \$14,700 per month to provide management functions for the project	88,200			
• 2 international consultants x 6 months x \$5,000 to develop and test the evaluation methodology	60,000			
Budget summary		612,100		
Project evaluation		12,000		
13% of Programme Support Costs		81,100		
Total (rounded)		705,000	Total:	

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation.

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat.

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) For an advisory service (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.