

# Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

## 2018 session

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# Strategic Objective

***“To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment for sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness”***

## Forum for dialogue

- Identify good practices-based relevant policy issues and develop best practices/standards

## Policy assessments

- National assessments on request; tailored policy recommendations

## Technical cooperation

- Targeted capacity-building to facilitate implementation of recommendations & standards



# Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

Chairperson: Sedef Yavuz Noyan (Turkey)

Vice-Chairs: Belarus, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, United States

## Subsidiary Body

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

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Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

Cooperation

International PPP  
Centre of Excellence

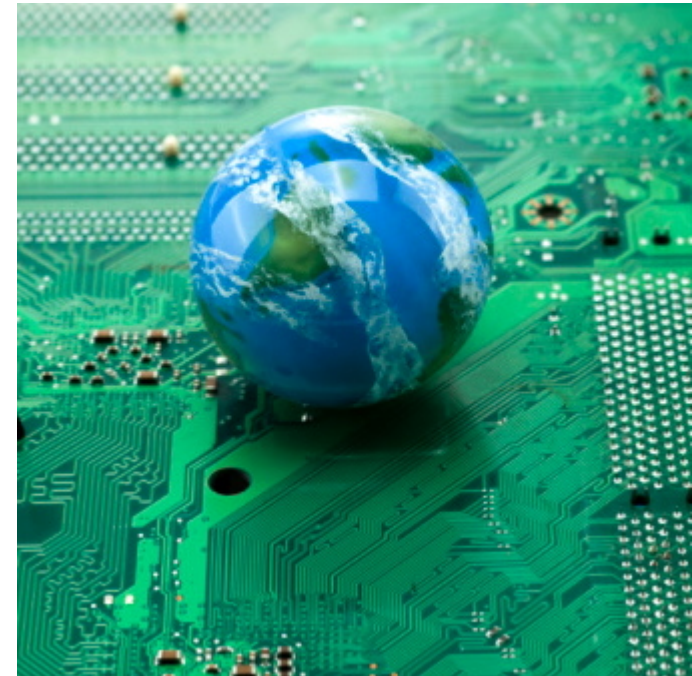
PPP Business  
Advisory Board



# Achievements since the previous session (1/3)

## Innovation and Competitiveness

- ❑ Good practices: “Towards the Circular Economy – Innovation for Sustainable Consumption and Production”
- ❑ Round Table on “ Innovation for the Circular Economy-Innovation for Sustainable Value Chain ” at 2018 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- ❑ Country analysis: Innovation Performance Review of Kyrgyzstan
- ❑ Implementation of policy recommendations:
  - ❑ Workshop on «Reforming Innovation Infrastructure in Ukraine» in Kyiv, Dec. 2017;
  - ❑ MoU w/ Belarus on the follow-up to the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review, Feb. 2018
- ❑ SPECA Economic Forum “Innovation for Sustainable Development”, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, November 2017 => Governing Council decided to create a SPECA Strategy on Innovation for Sustainable Development
- ❑ Inception workshop “Towards a Sub-regional Innovation Policy Index” => Kyiv, Dec. 2017,
  - ❑ Interest from 5 countries to participate in a pilot index



# Achievements since the previous session (2/3)

## Public-Private Partnerships

- ❑ New Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Resilience in New Orleans, United States of America
- ❑ Standard on a Zero Tolerance Approach to Corruption in PPP procurement endorsed by WP on PPPs at its 1st session
- ❑ Voluntary declaration in support of the SDGs endorsed by national PPP units present at the WP session
- ❑ Revised guiding principles on people-first PPPs for the SDGs shared with members of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development
- ❑ Progress on International PPP Standards on: healthcare policy, roads, airports, rail, water and sanitation, renewable energy, model law and policy for PPP concessions
- ❑ Policy advisory missions and capacity building:
  - ❑ 2nd Int.I PPP Forum in Hong Kong in 2017
  - ❑ Regional Workshop in Belarus in 2018



# Achievements since the previous session (3/3)

## Public-Private Partnerships

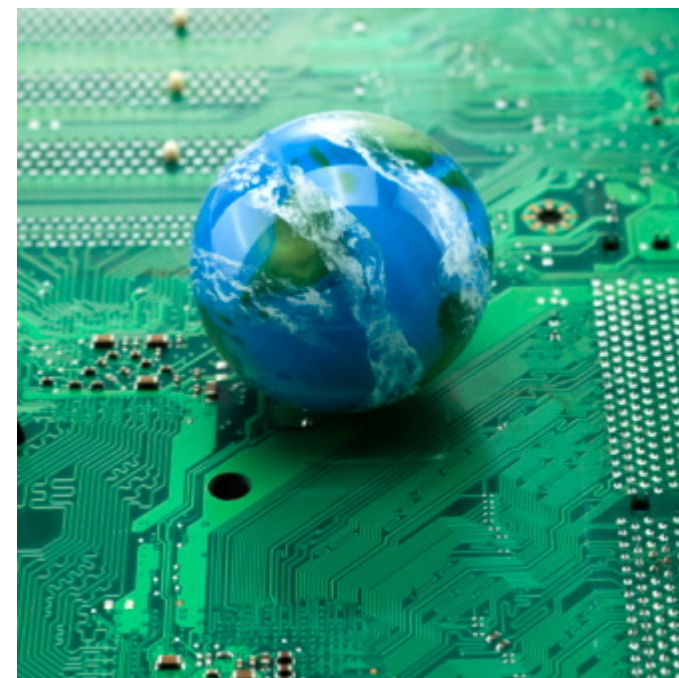
- ❑ Capacity building program on Road and Belt Initiative
  - ❑ As a result of MoU signed between UNECE and China in 2017
  - ❑ Funding proposal to UN Peace and Development Fund
  - ❑ Several countries signalled interest
  
- ❑ Third International PPP Forum with a focus on People-First PPPs, showcasing PPP case studies contributing to achieving the SDGs (Geneva 7-9 May 2018)



# Major Activities planned for 2018-2019 (1/3)

## Innovation & competitiveness

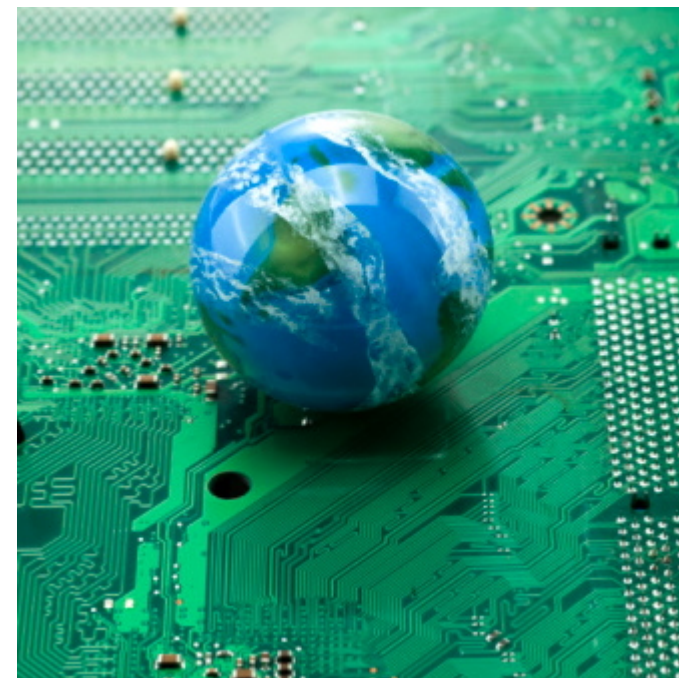
- ❑ 11th Session of ToS on IC in Geneva on November 2018
  - ❑ An international policy conference on innovation policy
- ❑ Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan will be published.
- ❑ A new Innovation for Sustainable Development Review will be carried out in 2018-2019 s.t. XB funding
- ❑ Follow-up policy advisory workshops to support the implementation of policy recommendations in 2018-2019 including in Armenia, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan
- ❑ Additional policy advisory advisory & capacity building events s.t. XB funding



# Major Activities planned for 2018-2019 (2/3)

## Innovation & competitiveness

- ❑ SPECA Working Group Session in Azerbaijan in 2018.
  - ❑ Back-to-back Policy Conference
  - ❑ SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development developed for adoption by the SPECA Governing Council
  - ❑ Scope of strategy to be discussed at Policy Conference
- ❑ Further work on the methodology for a sub-regional Innovation Policy Index and on a pilot version of the index s.t. XB funding
- ❑ Explore the scope for developing high-level policy principles on selected aspects of innovation for sustainable development





# Major Activities planned for 2018-2019 (3/3)

## Public-Private Partnerships

- ❑ The second session of WP on PPPs in Geneva on November 2018.
- ❑ Continue work on international standards on PPPs in: healthcare policy, water and sanitation, renewable energy, transport
- ❑ Finalize guiding principles on people-first PPPs for the SDGs in 2018; develop an evaluation methodology as an implementation tool to score infrastructure projects against the people-first PPP criteria
- ❑ PPP Readiness Assessment study in Tatarstan, Russian Federation s.t. XB funding
- ❑ National and sub-regional policy advisory and capacity building activities in 2018 and 2019 in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- ❑ BAB Meetings with Brazil and Georgia in 2018. Additional BAB s.t. demand and XB funding
- ❑ Capacity building for countries within the Belt and Road initiative, based on three pillars of cooperation (policy dialogue, national capacity-building and transformational projects) in 2018 and 2019 s.t. XB resources
- ❑ New initiative to empower women through PPPs s.t. XB resources



# Main cooperation w/ other ECE bodies & other int'l organizations

□ Dialogue established at the level of chairs of committees (ECE 2017, CEP 2017) and at the level of secretaries of committees (monthly meetings)

□ SDG 12 Sustainable Consumption and Production: shared interest between CICPPP (innovation), Trade (traceability in supply chains), housing and land management (smart sustainable cities), and environment

⇒ jointly organized roundtable at the 2018 Regional Forum on SD;

⇒ agreement to share expertise (2018 sessions of respective committees) & consider joint projects (e.g. on SCP/ Circular Economy at city level)

□ HLM and SE Energy committees contributing expertise to PPP standards on energy efficiency in buildings and renewable energy

□ Cooperation w/ ESCAP on SPECA & capacity building on technology transfer in Central Asia & with ECA on capacity building in People First PPPs

□ Exploring cooperation with OECD and EBRD on an Innovation Policy Index

□ Participation in the Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development and the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development



# QUESTIONS ?

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