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### Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration

#### Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships

##### Fifth session

Geneva, 5-6 February 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> for the fifth session<sup>2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on 5 February 2013

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Substantive segment: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence
4. Review of the work of the Team since the fourth session on 24 February 2012
5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2013 and proposals for the programme of work in the next biennium 2014-2015
6. Other business

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<sup>1</sup> Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations should complete the registration form, downloadable from <http://www.unece.org/ceci/ppp.html> and transmit it to the secretariat either by email ([ppp@unece.org](mailto:ppp@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 01 78). Prior to the session, delegates (with the exception of delegates from the Geneva-based Missions) are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, for the issuance of an identification badge. Additional information for delegates is available on the UNECE website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Approved by the Chairmen on behalf of the Bureau of the TOS-PPP.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

1. The Team will adopt the agenda of its fifth session.

### **2. Election of officers**

2. It is recalled that the Team has elected Messrs Leo McKenna and Arthur Smith from the United Kingdom and United States respectively as Chairmen of TOS PPP with effect from 1 June 2012. The Team will review the nominations for vice-Chairmen/members of the Bureau and decide on their election.

### **3. Substantive segment: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence**

3. The Substantive segment will be organized as a series of practical presentations and panel discussions with the participation of policymakers, representatives of the business community, other international organizations and academia. The deliberations under this item will provide an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders involved in the work on PPPs to present their perspectives on issues under discussion.

4. The discussions will be structured around the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence and its affiliated sectoral PPP Specialist Centres, with a special emphasis on the work in identifying PPP excellence in health undertaken by the newly-inaugurated International PPP Specialist Centre on Health in Manila, the Philippines. Hosts and prospective hosts of Specialist Centres are also expected to provide status reports on their plans and activities. Among the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence that will be discussed are those related to the National PPP Readiness Assessment undertaken in a number of countries with economies in transition (Belarus, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan), and the role of the Advisory Board in providing advice to governments on PPP policy and implementation using the results and recommendations of the National PPP Readiness Assessment as a starting point.

5. The detailed programme of the substantive segment will be developed in consultations with the Bureau and will be made available to participants no later than one week before the session.

### **4. Review of the work of the Team since the fourth session on 24 February 2012**

6. The Chairperson will brief the Team members on key outcomes and highlights of the work of the Team since the fourth session:

- (a) Status report on the UNECE PPP Initiative: the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence and the UNECE PPP Toolkit (Conference Room Paper 1);

- (b) Policy advisory missions and capacity-building activities; and

- (c) Fund-raising.

7. The members of the Team will have the opportunity to take stock of past activities, and discuss effective means for the dissemination of the Team's outputs.

## **5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2013 and proposals for the programme of work in the next biennium 2014-2015**

8. The Team will discuss the implementation plan for the work envisaged for 2013 in accordance with the Programme of Work of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) as agreed at the 7<sup>th</sup> session of CECI, Geneva, 5 – 7 December 2012, and make proposals for the programme of work in the next biennium 2014-2015

9. In 2013, the Team is expected to contribute to the preparation of:

(a) The setting up of new Specialists Centres affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence;

(b) Components of the UNECE Toolkit;

(c) The updated Comparative Review of Public-Private Partnerships legal provisions in Central Asian and other CIS countries;

(d) Case studies and training materials in the area of PPPs;

(e) An interactive website of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence; and

(f) Periodic eNewsletters on the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence.

10. The Team is also expected to contribute to a number of capacity-building activities in 2013 including:

(a) National readiness assessments in the area of PPPs, national reports and national policy advisory workshops in countries with economies in transition. In providing policy advisory services as part of the readiness assessments, the Team will work hand-in-hand with the Specialist Centres as the repositories of sectoral best practice;

(b) Delivery of policy advisory services and awareness raising activities to promote the further development of PPPs in countries with economies in transition; and

(c) Sub-regional and national capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting efficient PPPs.

11. Participants are encouraged to communicate to the meeting any expressions of interest by UNECE member States or other stakeholders for receiving, delivering, or hosting capacity-building activities in the priority areas of the Team's work. Ad hoc requests from member States Governments for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services will be considered on the basis of available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.

12. Participants are also encouraged to bring to the attention of the session any expression of interest by the UNECE member States and other stakeholders to provide various types of extrabudgetary support (such as funds or in-kind contributions, including organization of seminars, twinning schemes or networking initiatives) towards the UNECE PPP Initiative.

## **6. Other business**

### **(a) Dates of the next session**

13. The secretariat proposes that the sixth session of the Team of Specialists takes place in the first half of February 2014. The Team will decide on the dates of the next session.

**(b) Adoption of the report**

14. The secretariat proposes that the report be prepared not later than ten working days following the session and that it be reviewed and adopted by the Bureau on behalf of the Team.

## Annex

### Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	
<b>5 February 2013</b>	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers Item 3. Substantive segment: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 3. Substantive segment (cont'd)
<b>Wednesday,</b>	
<b>6 February 2013</b>	
10:00-13:00	Item 3. Substantive segment (cont'd) Item 4. Review of the work of the Team since the fourth session on 24 February 2012
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2013 and proposals for the programme of work in the next biennium 2014-2015 Item 6. Other business