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Summary

The present document is based on the programme of work of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs for 2016-2017 (ECE/CECI/2015/9) and 2017-2018 (ECE/CECI/2017/6). It provides additional information on activities planned and proposed for the period between the first and second sessions of the Working Party on PPPs. To facilitate discussion, this document presents outputs grouped by the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE), including consultative meetings of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board (BAB); and the development of UNECE PPP standards, guidelines, best practices and policy recommendations. The plans and proposals reflect demand expressed by member States. Delegates are invited to bring additional proposals and requests to the Session.

The Working Party is requested to review its work plan and endorse the list of activities planned for 2017-2018.

I. Public-Private Partnerships

1. The focus of the work on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) is on developing international PPP standards and best practices in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and implementing them in countries through demand-driven national, regional, and international capacity-building activities as well as through policy advisory services carried out by the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board.

II. International PPP Centre of Excellence

2. The third edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum will be organized in Geneva on 7-9 May 2018.
3. The following meetings of the Business Advisory Board (BAB) with senior policy makers in member States are planned in the coming months. Additional BAB meetings will be organized subject to demand from member States and the availability of extra-budgetary resources:
 - Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2018
 - Brasilia, Brazil, April 2018
4. A regional PPP capacity-building workshop will be organized in Moscow, Russian Federation, in March 2018.
5. A regional capacity-building activity will be organized in Central Asia in the first half of 2018 in collaboration with UNESCAP.
6. A number of policy advisory and capacity building activities to enhance capacities of CIS countries in formulating and implementing national PPP policy frameworks to promote PPPs as tools to achieve the SDGs will be held in 2018.
7. Work on a major capacity building initiative for countries along the Belt and Road initiative, based on three pillars of cooperation (policy dialogue, national capacity building and transformational projects), will be further advanced in 2018. Its implementation depends on the availability of extrabudgetary resources.
8. The International PPP Centre of Excellence on PPPs in Resilience in New Orleans, United States, will be set up and is expected to become operational in the first half of 2018.

III. Standards, guiding principles, best practices and recommendations

9. International standards on PPPs in health policy, water and sanitation, renewable energy, and transport (roads, rail, urban rail transit and airports) are expected to be finalized during 2018.
10. The revised final version of the guiding principles on people-first PPPs for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be ready in the first semester of 2018, and will be presented to other UN agencies, including the Regional Commissions, and the World Bank as part of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda framework.
11. The campaign to reach 500 People-first PPP case studies will continue to be promoted, and additional case studies will be collected and presented at the third edition of the International PPP Forum in May 2018.
12. An evaluation methodology as an implementation tool to score infrastructure projects against the people first PPP criteria will be set up during 2018 subject to extrabudgetary funding.
13. A network of PPP units and national infrastructure agencies in support of people-first PPPs and the UN SDGs will be set up 2018 subject to extrabudgetary funding.
14. An initiative to empower women through PPPs with the engagement of the private sector will be launched in 2018 subject to extrabudgetary funding.