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A PROPOSAL FOR A COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE

SDG No.17

PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Our countries have all signed up to the SDGs

Few countries have put in place clear strategies to achieve those goals however.

SDG No. 17 is more than a goal. It is a means.

We have an important role to play in implementing it for the benefit of our societies.

It talks about a GLOBAL partnership.

Partnerships need not be only local. They can be international and cross-border in scope. Our entities could benefit from partnering with each other.



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."

—HELEN KELLER

PPP TODAY

PPP is here to stay for decades to come. Serious work is needed to make sure it is done right.

In many countries, PPP is now a priority policy.

It is regarded as a crucial component of most any socioeconomic national plan, and doing it right has become a necessity.

Increasingly, PPP is viewed as a professional specialty.

It is now universally recognized as a separate field of research, study and practice.

Yet there is no global entity that represents it.

While UNECE and the World Bank and others have served an important gathering role, a closer working relationship among the public sector practitioners is needed.



"EFFECTIVELY, CHANGE IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT INDUSTRY-WIDE COLLABORATION, COOPERATION, AND CONSENSUS."

—SIMON MAINWARING

ONE VOICE

What is needed is one voice, acknowledged as legitimate, to address issues that concern us all and to help us achieve the following objectives:

1

Establishing industry-wide standards – Professional, sectorial, and ethical

2

Implementing best practices

- which lead to successful projects and allay criticisms

3

Networking, to gain access to peer knowledge, contacts and expertise

4

Promoting
"People First"
projects and
the adoption of
proper
legislative and
regulatory
frameworks

5

Organizing international events, conferences, and training workshops



There are many alternatives for the establishment of a network that groups our units and agencies.

VIRTUAL, ONLINE

An online forum can be established, where people could ask for assistance from peers and discuss matters of common interest. Such an approach could only achieve Objectives 3 and 4. Plus, many such forums already exist online.

INFORMAL, AD HOC

This alternative might involve, for example, organizing meetings like this one, on the margin of international conferences. Such an approach could only achieve Objective 5, and would be more personal than institutional.

A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

This alternative would help us achieve all the objectives we mentioned. But such an approach would require a higher level of involvement on the part of the PPP Units and infrastructure agencies themselves.



A PROPOSED, POSSIBLE STRUCTURE

(to be further discussed and evaluated by those of us who might be interested)

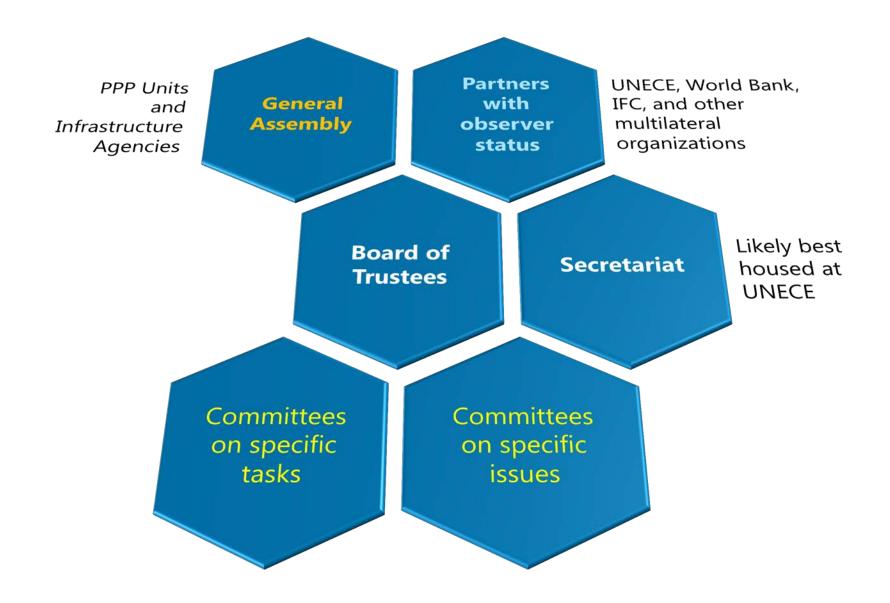
COULD INVOLVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

A GENEVA-BASED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

UNDER THE AEGIS OF UNECE

AND STRUCTURED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PPP UNITS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCIES





"INDIVIDUALLY, WE ARE ONE DROP. TOGETHER, WE ARE AN OCEAN."

—RYUNOSUKE SATORO

THERE IS MUCH TO CONSIDER AND MUCH TO DO! THANK YOU