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Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships

Second session
Geneva, 3-4 December 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
Starting at 10 a.m. on 3 December 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Policy dialogue on the implications of the current economic crisis on public-private partnerships
3. Review of work accomplished by the international network of experts on public-private partnerships

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4. Report of the Business Advisory Board
5. Implementation of the Programme of Work of the Team of Specialists:
 - (a) Capacity-building activities
 - (b) Progress in the preparation of the Toolkit on how to do PPPs
 - (c) Recommendations of the meeting on promoting capacity-building for PPPs (London, 14 September 2009) concerning possible establishment of the International PPP Centre under the aegis of UNECE
6. Other business
 - (a) Dates of the next session

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

1. The TOS-PPP will adopt the agenda of its second session.

Item 2. Policy dialogue on the implications of the current economic crisis on public-private partnerships

2. This substantive segment is envisaged as a round table policy seminar with the participation of policymakers, the business community, representatives of international organizations and academia. The deliberations under this item will provide an opportunity for a wide a range of stakeholders to participate in these discussions and present their perspectives on issues under discussion.

3. The discussions will be structured around selected thematic areas and presentations, leaving space for interaction between participants. The topics to be addressed reflect the impact of the crisis on future capacity-building activities as well as the day-to-day practicalities of implementing policies on public-private partnerships. To help steer the discussions, the secretariat will present an informal document on this topic, prepared on the basis of responses to a questionnaire sent to the Team of Specialists before the session.

Item 3. Review of work accomplished by the international network of experts on public-private partnerships

4. The Chairman will present the results of work done since the first session. Members of the TOS-PPP will have the opportunity to comment as well as present their activities at both national and international levels and to put forward proposals for cooperation.

5. The members of the Team of Specialists will be in particular invited to present new national and regional initiatives, such as the creation of a network of PPP experts for South-East Europe.

Item 4. Report of the Business Advisory Board

6. The Chairman (or a representative) of the Business Advisory Board will report on the activities of this body in 2009, including the consultative meeting with the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan (ECE/CECI/2009/3) as well as planned advisory missions for 2010.

Item 5. Implementation of the Programme of Work of the Team of Specialists

7. The Team of Specialists will discuss progress in implementation of its Programme of Work for 2008 and 2009 and make suggestions for changes where appropriate.

(a) Capacity-building activities

8. The Chairman, with the assistance from the secretariat, will report on capacity-building activities organized in 2008 and 2009. The TOS-PPP will be invited to comment and, where appropriate, propose ideas for future such activities.

(b) Progress in the preparation of the Toolkit on how to do PPPs

9. The Chairman will report on the progress in preparation of the Toolkit, including the outcome of discussions at expert meetings held in Antwerp (6-7 June 2008) and London (14 May 2009). Experts who prepared individual modules will be invited to present the results of their work and exchange lessons learned in the process.

10. The TOS-PPP is expected to review the outcome of this work and take decisions on how to finalise the toolkit, ensure a mechanism to keep it under review as well as to facilitate the use of the toolkit for training and facilitation of PPP project management at both subregional and national levels.

(c) Recommendations of the meeting on promoting capacity-building for PPPs (London, 14 September 2009) concerning possible establishment of the International PPP Centre under the aegis of UNECE

11. In the context of preparation for the above-mentioned meeting to be held in London on 14 September 2009, a number of experts proposed to establish, under the aegis of UNECE, an International PPP Centre which could be assisting governments in the process of developing their national PPP programmes. The Centre could also have a research and development facility for PPP capacity-building. It could provide a platform for the private sector to contribute to PPP capacity-building and enable coordination and cooperation between the private and the public sectors.

12. Subject to recommendation of the London meeting, the Team of Specialists will be invited to discuss the possibility of setting up such a centre, along with other issues such as: financing of the Centre, criteria for selection of core beneficiary countries that will be the focus of attention in the first two years of the Centre's operation; modalities of organization; and governance issues. A concept paper has been prepared on this topic (ECE/CECI/PPP/2009/3).

Item 6. Other business

(a) Dates of the next session

13. The secretariat proposes that the third session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships take place on 28-29 October 2010. The Team will decide on the dates of the next session.

14. Experts wishing to propose additional points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Annex**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

Time	Agenda items
Thursday, 3 December 2009	
10:00-10:15	Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda
10:15-13:00	Item 2. Policy dialogue on the implications of the current economic crisis on PPPs
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-16:30	Item 2. Policy dialogue on the implications of the current economic crisis on PPPs (continued)
16:30-17:30	Item 3. Review of work accomplished by the international network of experts on PPPs
17:30-18:00	Item 4. Report of the Business Advisory Board
Friday, 4 December 2009	
10:00-13:00	Item 5. Implementation of the Programme of Work of the Team of Specialists
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-17:30	Item 5. Implementation of the Programme of Work of the Team of Specialists (continued)
17:30-18:00	Item 6. Other business

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