

## Seventh Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific

### Infrastructure Development through PPP in the Post-COVID Era

Hybrid Meeting in Pattaya City, Thailand  
15-16 June 2022

#### CONCEPT NOTE

##### Background

Sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure has been well-recognized as an essential foundation to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth, deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and meet the targets of the Paris Agreement. Infrastructure is playing a more critical role than ever in the era of post-pandemic in order to rebuild economics. Even before COVID-19, statistics have already shown a considerable financing gap for infrastructure across the globe; three years into the pandemic, the gap has widened even larger. Therefore, there is a pressing need to ramp up investments in sustainable infrastructure and tackle large deficits in infrastructure services, especially in emerging markets and developing countries, respond to the structural changes underway and accelerate the replacement of aging infrastructure. We have a small window of opportunity to realize the potential benefits that may come with making the shift to this new sustainable development growth path.

To address this challenge, ESCAP is co-organizing the seventh meeting of the *Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific*<sup>1</sup> with the Public-Private Partnership Promotion Bureau of State Enterprise Policy Office (SEPO) under the Ministry of Finance of Thailand, the China Public-Private Partnerships Center (CPPPC) under the Ministry of Finance of China and Asian Development Bank (ADB). The meeting aims to showcase good experience and development on how countries in Asia and the Pacific region build back better in the post-COVID era through effective infrastructure financing and PPP mechanism.

In this regard, ESCAP is committed to accelerating the application of PPP to facilitate member States in promoting sustainable infrastructure in our region to accelerate SDG progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. As such, this meeting aims to provide a platform for the governments to share their infrastructure projects that are bankable and well-align with the SDGs to international investors. Additionally, it will serve as a venue to discuss Thailand's recent PPP experience and achievements in-depth, supplementing with site visits. Experts from international development banks and the private financing sector will share their perspectives on green infrastructure development and the way forward in the post-pandemic world.

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## Objectives

*The Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific* promotes peer learning opportunities, private sector collaborations, a standardized information platform, as well as capacity building on PPPs to address critical challenges and implement concrete solutions to financing quality infrastructure that is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient.

In this regard, ESCAP is organizing the seventh meeting of the network with the support of the Public-Private Partnership Promotion Bureau of State Enterprise Policy Office (SEPO) under the Ministry of Finance of Thailand, the China Public-Private Partnerships Center (CPPPC) under the Ministry of Finance of China, and Asian Development Bank (ADB). The objective of this seventh meeting is to advance the dialogue from the sixth network meeting, further engage the members' recommendations on the role of this network and strengthen regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific through sustainable infrastructure investment.

The objectives of this seventh meeting are to:

- I. Invite member States' PPP units to update infrastructure development and investment projects
- II. Share Thailand and China's experience in PPP supporting high-quality economic, social and environmental development
- III. Address infrastructure governance for PPP
- IV. Discuss the global partnerships for sustainable infrastructure
- V. Infrastructure site visiting

## Programme

Location: Hilton, Pattaya City, Thailand

Online Platform: Microsoft Teams (Agenda in Bangkok time, GMT+7)

Day 1	15 June 2022
08:30 – 09:15	<i>On-site Registration</i> (Seaboard Ballroom 3, 17th Floor)
09:15 – 09:30	<i>Meeting Link Activated for Online Participants</i> MC: Mr. Daniel Lin, Project Officer, ESCAP
09:30 – 10:10 (40 mins)	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana</b>, Executive Secretary of ESCAP</li><li>● <b>Mr. Ke Yousheng</b>, Permanent Representative of China to ESCAP, CHINA</li></ul> <b>Keynote Speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith</b>, Minister, Ministry of Finance, THAILAND</li><li>● <b>Ms. Yang Jianmin</b>, Deputy Director-General, China PPP Center, Ministry of Finance, CHINA</li><li>● <b>Mr. Adrian Torres</b>, Chief of Public-Private Partnership Thematic Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li></ul>
10:10	<i>VIP Group Photo on stage</i>

<p>10:10 – 10:30 (20 mins)</p>	<p><i>Group Photo and coffee break (Reception Hall)</i></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:15 (45 mins)</p>	<p><b>Session 1. Member States Updates and Project Proposals</b></p> <p>This session invites member States to share their current development and reform challenges in infrastructure financing and fiscally-sustainability of PPP, as well as present investment projects to potential investors.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. Tientip Subhanij</b>, Chief of Investment and Enterprise Development, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenters and Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Avag Avanesyan</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, ARMENIA</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Phouvong Phaophongsavath</b>, Director, PPP Division, Investment Promotion Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov</b>, Director, PPP Center, KYRGYZSTAN</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Pen Vibolsak</b>, Officer, Project Development Department, General Department of PPP, Ministry of Economy and Finance, CAMBODIA</li> </ul> <p><i>InfraPPPnet Web Portal Update Presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Paul Janecek</b>, CEO, Think Blue Data</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<p>11:15 – 12:00 (45 mins)</p>	<p><b>Session 2. Thailand Infrastructure and PPP Experience</b></p> <p>PPPs have played a significant role in infrastructure delivery in Thailand, which has paved the way for economic and social development under budget constraints. This session presents the showcase of PPP projects in Thailand and the ambitious PPP project pipeline called ‘Thailand’s PPP Delivery Plan 2020 – 2027’. The application of the Integrity Pact to the PPP selection process will be also introduced as Thailand’s current regulatory development to promote procurement transparency. This session also highlights the investment in East Economic Corridor (EEC) area that will transform the area to be a prime economic gateway to both Southeast Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. Sunida Susantud</b>, Senior Professional Analyst, State Enterprise Policy Office (SEPO), Ministry of Finance, THAILAND</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenters and Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Voravuth Mala</b>, Special Advisor, Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) Office, THAILAND</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Pitaya Uthaisang</b>, Director of the Public-Private Partnership Promotion Bureau, SEPO, Ministry of Finance, THAILAND</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Ekasit Chunlakittiphan</b>, Trade Commissioner in Infrastructure, Embassy of Canada to Thailand</li> </ul>

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12:00 – 13:30 (90 mins)	<i>Lunch (The Edge Restaurant, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor)</i>
13:30 – 14:30 (60 mins)	<p><b>Session 3. PPP for High-quality Development</b></p> <p>In the context of the spreading COVID-19, countries across the globe are facing severe economic challenges and a financing gap. To better promote public health, economic recovery, digitalization, green development, etc. for high-quality transformation and sustainable development featuring innovation, coordination, green, inclusiveness, and resilience, it is imperative to diversify financing channels and engage the private sector in the investment in and delivery of economic infrastructure and social infrastructure via PPP modality. PPP can effectively stimulate the vitality of market players, raise the efficiency of public resources, increase the quality and efficiency of infrastructure, and improve the governance capacity of governments, so as to promote high-quality economic, social, and environmental development.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Xie Fei</b>, Chief Technical Advisor, CPPPC, CHINA</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenters and Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Fu Ping</b>, Acting Director, Information Management Department, CPPPC - <i>PPP Boosts High-Quality Development in China</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gao Feng</b>, Executive General Manager of Investment Department, China PPP Fund - <i>Leveraging PPP Investment and Promoting Quality Infrastructure – Practice of China PPP Fund</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Zhu Zidan</b>, Deputy General Manager of Strategy and Development Department, China Water Environment Group - <i>Distributed Underground Reclaimed Water Ecosystem Improves Water Environment Treatment in Rural Township</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Luo Jiarong</b>, Officer, Nankang Finance Bureau, Jiangxi Province - <i>Specialty Town for Home Furnishing Industry of Nankang District in Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province, China</i></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
14:30 – 15:30 (60 mins)	<p><b>Session 4. Infrastructure Governance for PPPs</b></p> <p>PPP can help fill the infrastructure gap, provided that these projects have an effective legal, regulatory, and institutional environment. The session will address how to deliver affordable and bankable PPP projects through ensuring an end to end governance of the project cycle, investing in infrastructure that is fiscally affordable and economically, socially, and financially sustainable, and mitigating, allocating, and managing financial, fiscal, economic, and climatic risks effectively especially regarding PPP.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. David Bloomgarden</b>, Principal PPP Specialist and PPP Expert, ADB</li> </ul>

	<p><i>Presenters and Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Hanif Rahemtulla</b>, Principal Public Management Specialist, ADB</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjay Grover</b>, Senior Public-Private Partnership Specialist, ADB</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Agustina Musa</b>, Senior Financial Management Specialist, Southeast Asia, ADB</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Yuji Miyaki</b>, Public Management Specialist (Taxation), Central and West Asia Department, ADB</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
15:30 – 15:45 (15 mins)	<i>Coffee Break (Reception Hall)</i>
15:45 – 16:45 (60 mins)	<p><b>Session 5. Revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable infrastructure</b></p> <p>Successful infrastructure development requires inclusive partnerships at the global, regional, national and local levels to mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources. In line with Goal 17 of the SDGs, strategic partnerships need to be done collectively to promote and support integrated approaches toward sustainable infrastructure planning and development.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjeev Chowdhury</b>, Counsellor (Commercial) and Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada to Thailand</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenters and Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kazuhiro Nomoto</b>, Partnership Officer, Strategy, Policy and Budget Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. George Lam</b>, Chair, ESCAP Sustainable Business Network Executive Council (ESBN)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Shirley Ng</b>, Director, Thailand and South Asia, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Gayle Tan</b>, Senior Lead, Infrastructure Asia, Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Yono Reksoprodjo</b>, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Sintesa Group, Member of UN Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD)</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
16:45 – 17:00 (15 mins)	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Pitaya Uthaisang</b>, Director, Public-Private Partnership Promotion Bureau, State Enterprise Policy Office (SEPO), THAILAND</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rupa Chanda</b>, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:05 (5 mins)	Play Summary Video

17:05 – 18:00 (55 mins)	<b>Welcome Reception Hosted by ADB (Seaboard Ballroom 1, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor)</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>16 June 2022</b>
09:30 – 10:00 (30 mins)	Check Out from Hotel
10:00 – 10:30 (30 mins)	<i>From hotel to Project Site 1</i>
10:30– 12:00 (90 mins)	<b>Project Site 1: Laem Chabang Port</b>
12:00 – 12:45 (45 mins)	<b>Lunch Hosted by the Port Authority of Thailand (PAT)</b>
12:45– 14:30 (105 mins)	<i>Travel to Site 2</i>
14:30 – 16:00 (90 mins)	<b>Project Site 2: Eastern Economic Corridor of Innovation (EECi)</b>
16:00 – 17:30 (90 mins)	<i>Return to hotel (optional)</i>