

Workshop on the InfraPPPnet Web Portal of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnership Network of Asia and the Pacific

Virtual Meeting, MS Teams
3 September 2020

TENTATIVE CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Second Meeting of the *Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnership Network of Asia and the Pacific* in Manila, Philippines, on 7 to 9 August 2019, outlined the planned establishment of a web portal for the Network as agreed upon by member States of the Network. Since then, ESCAP has prioritized the software development of this web portal (InfraPPPnet) in partnership with the China Public-Private Partnerships Center under the Ministry of Finance of China to serve as a web-based information sharing resource.

This platform aims to consolidate information on PPP institutions, commercially viable project preparation techniques, viable project pipelines, and market environment in the region as well as on international investors and consultancies. The InfraPPPnet is open to the public to facilitate sustainable infrastructure project development and transaction matchmaking with the potential to directly contribute to member States' social and economic sustainable development resilience. International PPP knowledge and practice will also be disseminated to stakeholders and the public for further consideration on and their proper use of the innovative finance instruments.

ESCAP is prioritizing the development of this digital platform to engage with member States through our web portal, which can effectively connect and interact with member States, development partners, and the private sector even at times of restricted movement during the COVID-19 pandemic. The InfraPPPnet is now ready after internal and external testing with the kind cooperation of PPP centres of Cambodia, China, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste, and Astana International Financial Centre of Kazakhstan, World Green Organization, and HOPU Investment.

To address the socio-economic impact posed by COVID-19 in the region, ESCAP is committed to accelerating the application of public-private partnerships (PPP) to assist member States in alleviating public fiscal constraint and boost social and economic infrastructure resilience. The potential for PPPs will deliver greater and better public services through infrastructure to respond to the current pandemic and future natural disasters, and will effectively stimulate upstream and downstream industry development and create added job opportunities in the immediate term.

Objectives

To this end, ESCAP is co-organizing the Workshop of the InfraPPPnet Web Portal with the support of China PPP Center. The objectives of this workshop are to:

- i. Inform member States of the Network of the readiness of InfraPPPnet
- ii. Introduce the structure and functions of InfraPPPnet
- iii. Invite member States to upload their information onto InfraPPPnet by the end of September
- iv. Introduce ESCAP work plan of the Network under COVID-19

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Time	Thursday, 3 September 2020
12:00 – 12:10	Welcome Remarks Ms. Tientip Subhanij , Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, UNESCAP
12:10 – 12:20	ESCAP Work Plan of Network under COVID-19 This session introduces ESCAP’s orientation around COVID-19 and provides an overview of the adjusted work plan for the Network. <i>Presenter</i> Ms. Tientip Subhanij , Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, UNESCAP
12:20 – 12:50	Structure and Function of InfraPPPnet This session introduces member States of the readiness of InfraPPPnet, including its structure and function, while providing instruction on uploading PPP unit’s information. <i>Presenter</i> Mr. Xie Fei , Senior PPP Expert, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, UNESCAP
12:50 – 1:10	Q&A <i>Moderator</i> Mr. Daniel Lin , Financing for Development Section, MPFD, UNESCAP
1:10 – 1:15	Closing Remarks Ms. Tientip Subhanij , Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, UNESCAP