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Fifteenth session

Geneva (hybrid), 25-27 May 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth session

To be held in hybrid mode with possibility of in-person or remote participation at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 25 May 2022 at 11:00 in room TPS 2*,**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.

A. Substantive segment

3. Unlocking the potential of procurement and Public-Private Partnerships to boost the innovation needed for the 2030 Agenda and the circular economy transition.

B. General segment

4. Implementation of the Programme of Work:
 - (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP);

* All delegates should register online at <https://indico.un.org/e/cicppp15>. Delegates attending the meeting remotely will receive a link to the session in the days prior to the meeting. Delegates attending the meeting in person at the Palais des Nations are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, for the issuance of an identification badge. Additional information for delegates, including a map of the premises, is available on the ECE website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.

** Six hybrid sessions will be organised as follows: three 2-hour hybrid sessions from 11:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:00 on 25 May and 26 May (morning only); and three 3-hour hybrid sessions from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:00 on 26 May (afternoon only) and 27 May. Restrictions to in-person participation might apply and delegates have the option to join the sessions online.



- (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
 - (c) Joint activities.
5. Programme of Work for 2023, Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023, and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2024.
 6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations.
 7. Other business.
 8. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/CECI/2022/1	Decision

Item 2. Election of officers

2. Delegates may elect additional members to the bureau of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, for a term of office of two years starting from the date of this session.

A. Substantive segment

Item 3. Unlocking the potential of procurement and Public-Private Partnerships to boost the innovation needed for the 2030 Agenda and the circular economy transition

3. In the substantive segment, the Committee will hold an international policy dialogue on using the potential of procurement to enhance innovation for sustainable development from the perspective of the two areas of work – innovation policy and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) – with a link to the circular economy agenda and digital and green transformations in the ECE region.

4. As the latest report of the UN Secretary General shows, the world is not on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.¹ In fact, the COVID-19 pandemic has further delayed the transition to an environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive and prosperous world. To get back on track, the report inter alia calls for:

“strengthening [...] public services (including health systems, education, water, sanitation and other basic services); increasing investment in science,

¹ The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021; available at: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/2021#>

technology and innovation; [...] taking a green-economy approach and investing in clean energy and industry”.²

5. The report also notes that the pandemic has accelerated the digital transformation of government and business operations, but that the digital divide remains large.

6. Public procurement spending amounts to 10-15 percent of GDP in most countries.³ The policy dialogue will discuss how Governments can use this substantial spending to enable, create incentives for, and scale up experimentation with new ideas to meet the above challenges, particularly given that the pandemic has put public finances under heavy strain in many member States.

7. The policy dialogue will include a high-level session framing the discussion by outlining and giving examples of how moving towards functional procurement could drive innovation and yield substantial demonstration and other spill-over effects. This opening session is followed by two panel sessions focusing on the role of the Committee’s two main areas of work, innovation and PPPs.

B. General segment

Item 4. Implementation of the Programme of Work

(a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP)

8. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the thirteenth session of TOS-ICP held on 1-2 November 2021.

9. The Committee will be invited to endorse the good practice document on “Leveraging innovation on the circular economy”, outcome of the substantive session of TOS-ICP 2021. The Committee will also be invited to take note of the main results of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of the Republic of Moldova and of Uzbekistan, the progress on similar reviews for Armenia and Ukraine, the results of the capacity building programme on innovation high-growth enterprises, the progress of the Task Force on Innovation Policy Principles, and the new series of innovation policy podcasts.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies on its Thirteenth session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2021/1	Decision
Leveraging Innovation for the Circular Economy	ECE/CECI/2022/3	Decision

(b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

10. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the Working Party on its fifth session and to decide on the use of the name “People-first PPPs for the SDGs”.

11. The Committee will be invited to adopt the standard on People-first PPP/Concession Model Law, and the People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs, to take note of the Rules of Procedure of the Working Party and to adopt the annexes contained therein. It will also be invited to take note of the progress in the normative work and the mandated capacity building activities since the previous session.

² The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021, p.3; available at: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/2021#>

³ See WTO, WTO and government procurement, available at https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gproc_e.htm

12. The Committee will be invited to decide on the renewal of the mandate the Working Party for an additional five years until 2027.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its fifth session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/2	Decision
Standard on People-first PPP/Concession Model Law	ECE/CECI/2022/4	Decision
People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the Sustainable Development Goals	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3	Decision
Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5 /Rev.1	Decision

(c) **Joint activities**

13. ECE organised in April 2022 the second Forum of Mayors and the Working Party on PPPs contributed to a session on sustainable urban planning. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies cooperated with UNCTAD within the framework of the 44th UNCTAD regional course on key issues on the international economic agenda.

Item 5. Programme of Work for 2023, Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023, and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2024

14. At its 119th meeting on 16 December 2021, the ECE Executive Committee designated “Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the UNECE region” as the cross-cutting theme of the 70th Commission session. The Committee will consider and decide on its contribution, as appropriate, to this cross-cutting theme. The secretariat will present the draft Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023 containing activities planned for the remainder of 2022 and until the next session in 2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.1).

15. Delegates are invited to bring to the attention of the secretariat any additional proposals.

16. The secretariat will present the proposed programme plan and performance information of the Economic Cooperation and Integration (ECI) subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.2) for information and the draft Programme of Work for 2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/5), including the publications programme, for decision. The programme plan and performance information for 2023 is an extract from the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023 which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in December 2021 and submitted for consideration by the 77th session of the UN General Assembly. The programme of work reflects the annual format presented in 2020 in line with General Assembly resolution 72/266, with enrichments reflecting General Assembly resolutions 74/251 adopted on 27 December 2019, 75/243 adopted on 31 December 2020 and 76/236 adopted on 24 December 2021.

17. The Committee will also be invited to consider the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2024” (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.3) and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the ECI subprogramme for 2024.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Draft Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022- 2023	ECE/CECI/2022/INF.1	Decision
Draft Programme of Work for 2023	ECE/CECI/2022/5	Decision
Proposed programme budget for 2023: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme	ECE/CECI/2022/INF.2	Information
Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2024	ECE/CECI/2022/INF.3	Decision

Item 6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations

18. Delegates will be briefed about areas of common interest as well as ongoing and potential collaboration with other ECE bodies and other international organizations. In particular, the Committee will be invited to contribute to the event celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Economic Commission for Europe in June 2022.

Item 7. Other business

19. Delegates will decide on the dates of the next session.

Item 8. Adoption of the report

20. Delegates will adopt the report of the fifteenth session, including the decisions adopted by the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships.

III. Provisional timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Wednesday, 25 May 2022	
10:00-10:30	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers
10:30-12:00	Substantive segment Item 3. Unlocking the potential of procurement and Public-Private Partnerships to boost the innovation needed for the 2030 Agenda and the circular economy transition
12:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-17:00	Item 3. Unlocking the potential of procurement and Public-Private Partnerships to boost the innovation needed for the 2030 Agenda and the circular economy transition (continued)
Thursday, 26 May 2022	
10:00-12:00	Substantive segment (continued) Item 3. Unlocking the potential of procurement and Public-Private Partnerships to boost the innovation needed for the 2030 Agenda and the circular economy transition (continued)
12:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	General segment Item 4: Implementation of the Programme of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies; (c) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships; (d) Joint activities
Friday, 27 May 2022	
10:00 – 13:00	General segment (continued) Item 5. Programme of Work for 2023, Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023, and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2024.
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-18:00	Item 6. Areas of common interest with other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organisations Item 7. Other business Item 8. Adoption of the report