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Eighteenth session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth session

Palais des Nations, Geneva, room XXII
starting at 10:00 am on 25 June 2025*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Implementation of the programme of work:
 - (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies;
 - (i) Reporting on the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee;
 - (ii) Impact of the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee;
 - (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships:
 - (i) Reporting on the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee;
 - (ii) Impact of the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee.
4. Programme of work for 2026, intersessional implementation plan for 2025-2026, and key components of the programme of work for 2027.
5. Follow-up to the evaluation of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme and the Trade subprogramme by the Office of Internal Oversight Services.
6. Other business.
7. Modalities for the adoption of the report.

* Delegates are invited to register online at <https://indico.un.org/e/cicppp18>. The session documents will be made available progressively at <https://unece.org/economic-cooperation-and-integration/events/18th-session-committee-innovation-competitiveness-and>. Please note that as part of its move to paperless meetings, the secretariat does not distribute paper copies of meeting documents. Additional information for delegates, including a map of the premises, is available at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.



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/2025/1	Decision

Item 2. Election of officers

2. The Committee will be invited to elect bureau members for a term of office of two years starting from the date of this session.

Item 3. Implementation of the programme of work

(a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

(i) Reporting on the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee

3. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the sixteenth session of Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (ToS-ICP) held on 19 and 20 November 2024 (ECE/CECI/ICP/2024/2).
4. The Committee will be invited to decide on the renewal of the Team of Specialists' mandate for an additional two years until 2027.
5. The Committee will be invited to endorse the policy document on "Unleashing the Power of Innovation for Climate Action: Policy Recommendations for ethical and sustainable AI", reflecting the outcomes of the international policy dialogue under the theme "Unleashing the power of innovation for climate action: AI for net zero and climate resilient infrastructure" held at the "sixteenth session of ToS-ICP (ECE/CECI/2024/3).
6. The Committee will be informed about the progress on the results of capacity building supporting the implementation of policy recommendations from Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews.
7. The Committee will be invited to take note of progress on the work of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Transformative Innovation Network (ETIN) (ECE/CECI/2025/INF.1).
8. The Committee will be informed about the progress of the work under the Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development under the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECAs).

(ii) Impact of the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee

9. Representatives of member States will be invited to inform the Committee on the results and impact of the above work, and on lessons learned that can be applied to future work in this area.

<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 sixteenth session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2024/2	Decision
Policy document on "Unleashing the Power of Innovation for Climate	ECE/CECI/2025/3	Decision

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Action: Policy Recommendations for ethical and sustainable AI”		
Progress of the work of the ECE Transformative Innovation Network	ECE/CECI/2025/INF.1	Information

(b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

(i) Reporting on the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee

10. The Committee will be invited to endorse the report of the Working Party on its eighth session (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/2) and approve the policy documents (endorsed by the Working Party at its eighth session:

(a) Guidelines on improving the delivery of PPP projects and infrastructure through digital transformation throughout the project lifecycle in support of the SDGs (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/3);

(b) Guidelines on PPPs in digital infrastructure: Diagnostics in healthcare (telemedicine) and other digital public services (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/4);

(c) Guidelines on green and sustainable procurement of PPPs for the SDGs (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/5); and

(d) Guidelines on the state of PPPs and infrastructure finance midway to 2030 (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/6).

11. The Committee will be briefed on the main outcomes of the 9th edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum (Belgrade, Serbia, 14-16 May 2025).

12. The Committee will be briefed on the progress in the normative work on standards and practical guides on gender equality and women empowerment; stakeholder engagement; off-grid renewable energy; small-scale PPPs; climate resilient infrastructure; fiscal sustainability and affordability, and the policy briefs series on Artificial Intelligence (AI) enhanced PPPs.

13. The Committee will take note of a progress report on mandated capacity building activities to promote effective partnerships between the public and the private sectors through PPPs for the SDGs, including support to requesting Governments in self-assessing PPP and infrastructure projects using the ECE PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS). In addition, it will also be briefed on the initial impact of PIERS to mobilize financing and improve the quality of projects.

(ii) Impact of the work done since the seventeenth session of the Committee

14. Representatives of member States will be invited to inform the Committee on the results and impact of the above work, and on lessons learned that can be applied to future work in this area.

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Report of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships on its eighth session	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/2	Decision
Guidelines on improving the delivery of PPP projects and infrastructure through digital transformation throughout the project lifecycle in support of the SDGs	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/3	Decision

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Guidelines on the state of PPPs and infrastructure finance midway to 2030	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2024/6	Decision

Item 4. Programme of work for 2026, intersessional implementation plan for 2025-2026, and key components of the programme of work for 2027

15. The secretariat will present the draft intersessional implementation plan for 2025-2026 containing activities planned for the remainder of 2025 and until the next session in 2026 (ECE/CECI/2025/INF.2).

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

17. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work for 2026 (ECE/CECI/2025/INF.4), including the publications programme. The draft programme of work reflects the annual format approved by General Assembly resolution 77/267 adopted on 30 December 2022.

18. The secretariat will also brief the Committee on requests received for bilateral and sub-regional technical cooperation, and the efforts underway to raise additional extra-budgetary resources to meet these requests (ECE/CECI/2025/INF.3).

19. The secretariat will present the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2027” (ECE/CECI/2025/4) for decision, 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 Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2027.

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Draft intersessional implementation plan for 2025-2026	ECE/CECI/2025/INF.2	Information
Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2027	ECE/CECI/2025/4	Decision
Fundraising needs and opportunities	ECE/CECI/2025/INF.3	Information
Draft programme of work for 2026	ECE/CECI/2025/INF.4	Information

Item 5. Follow-up to the evaluation of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme and the Trade subprogramme by the Office of Internal Oversight Services

20. In 2022, the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) evaluated the relevance, effectiveness, coherence, sustainability, and integration of cross-cutting issues

in Subprogramme 4: Economic Cooperation and Integration, and Subprogramme 6: Trade of the United Nations Economic Cooperation for Europe for the period 2018-2021. The evaluation was part of the UN secretariat's regular program periodically evaluating selected aspects of its operations. Delegates will be briefed on progress implementing the recommendations of the evaluation as they pertain to Subprogramme 4.

Item 6. Other business

21. Delegates will decide on the dates of the next session, to be confirmed subject to the availability of conference services.

Item 7. Modalities for the adoption of the report

22. After the conclusion of the session, the secretariat will prepare a draft report and distribute it to the Geneva Permanent Missions for subsequent approval by silence procedure in accordance with paragraph 21 of Appendix III of document E/ECE/1464 (Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies). Once the report is adopted, it will be published in English, French and Russian.

III. Provisional timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	
Palais des Nations, Geneva, room XXII	
10:00-10:30	Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers
10:30-13:00	Item 3. Implementation of the programme of work (a) Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (b) Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 4. Programme of work for 2026, intersessional implementation plan for 2025-2026, and key components of the programme of work for 2027 Item 5. Follow-up to the evaluation of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme and the Trade subprogramme by the Office of Internal Oversight Services Item 6. Other business Item 7. Modalities for the adoption of the report