



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

**Beijing, China  
12 to 13 July 2023**

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **Background**

The importance of sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure cannot be overstated. It serves as a fundamental pillar for achieving inclusive and sustainable growth, realizing the objectives outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and meeting the targets established in the Paris Agreement. In the wake of the global pandemic, the role of infrastructure in rebuilding economies has become even more significant. Consequently, there is an urgent need to enhance investments in sustainable infrastructure and address substantial deficiencies in infrastructure services, particularly in emerging markets and developing countries.

To confront this challenge head-on, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is collaborating with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to co-organize the Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific. The primary objective of this meeting is to foster investment in sustainable infrastructure development across the Asia and Pacific region by leveraging effective infrastructure financing and PPP mechanisms.

ESCAP remains committed to facilitating its member states in promoting sustainable infrastructure development within our region, thereby accelerating progress towards the SDGs and attaining the 2030 Agenda. Against this backdrop, this meeting will serve as a valuable platform for governments to showcase their infrastructure projects that are financially viable and align seamlessly with the SDGs.

#### **Objectives**

The Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific provides a dynamic platform for fostering peer learning, facilitating private sector collaborations, establishing a standardized information repository, and enhancing capacity building on PPPs. Its overarching goal is to tackle critical challenges and implement tangible solutions for financing high-quality infrastructure that is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient.

Building upon the discussions and outcomes of the previous Eighth Meeting, the forthcoming Ninth Meeting aims to advance the dialogue, harness the valuable recommendations put forth by network members, and reinforce regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific through sustainable infrastructure investments. The specific objectives of this Ninth Meeting are as follows:

- I. Invite member States' PPP units to **present sustainable infrastructure projects**, supported by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), thereby facilitating opportunities for investment and development.
- II. Introduce and present the **ESCAP PPP Guidelines** to enhance ESCAP member States' capacity to prepare and implement inclusive and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- III. Introduce Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF)
- IV. Conduct **site visits to infrastructure projects**, providing participants with firsthand exposure to innovative and sustainable infrastructure initiatives in practice. These visits will serve as valuable learning experiences, enabling participants to witness real-world examples and gain insights into successful project implementation.

Through these focused objectives, the Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific endeavours to drive forward the agenda of sustainable infrastructure development, promote collaboration among member States, and contribute to the overall advancement of the region.

## Programme

### Location: Asia Financial Center Beijing (AIIB Headquarters)

Day 1	Wednesday, 12 July 2023
9:00 – 9:15	<i>On-site Registration</i>
09:15 – 09:30	<i>Meeting Link Activated for Online Participants</i> Convenor: Mr. Daniel Lin, Project Officer, ESCAP
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Rodrigo Salvado</b>, Director General, Operational Partnership Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tientip Subhanij</b>, Chief of Investment and Enterprise Development, ESCAP</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Benjamin Rae</b>, Senior Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, China</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	<p><b>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Investment Operation Team Introduction</b></p> <p>AIIB's investment operation team will provide a brief overview of their strategy and approach, allowing country representatives to gain a better understanding of AIIB's operational focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Zhaojing Mu</b>, Senior Operations Management Officer, Social Infrastructure Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Igor Popkov</b>, Senior Investment Officer, Infrastructure Investment Department Region 2, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</li> </ul>

<p>10:00 – 11:00</p>	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainable Project Pitching</b></p> <p><i>In partnership with AIIB</i></p> <p>A key highlight of this meeting is the specially tailored session dedicated to the pitching of bankable infrastructure projects from landlocked countries in Asia, with a strong emphasis on climate resilience and gender mainstreaming considerations. This session commences with an informative overview of the respective countries’ PPP regulations. Its purpose is to foster a structured exchange of feedback and ideas between government representatives and development partners, enabling effective project planning and implementation.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Daniel Lin</b>, Project Officer, Investment and Enterprise Development, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Presenters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kyrgyzstan</b>  Mr. Sanzharbek Bolotov, Director, PPP Center under the Ministry of Economy and Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Construction and Operation of a 100-150 MW Solar Power Plant Project and Mandate Overview</i></li> <li>- <i>Construction of the Highway "Bishkek - Kuntuu - Belogorka - Suusamy" with a 7 km Tunnel</i></li> <li>- <i>Modernization and Development of Manas International Airport</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mongolia</b>  Ms. Ulziibayar Batdelger, Head of Dry Port and Maritime Transportation Division, Maritime Administration under the Ministry of Road and Transport Development of Mongolia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Altanbulag Free Zone Multimodal Logistic Center (Dry Port)</i></li> <li>- <i>Tsagaannuur Free Zone Multimodal Logistic Center (Dry Port)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>India</b>  Mr. Baldeo Purushartha, Joint Secretary (ISD), Infrastructure Finance Secretariat, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Medical Colleges in Six Districts of Uttar Pradesh, India</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Break</i></p>
<p>11:30 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Sustainable Project Pitching</b></p> <p><i>In partnership with AIIB</i></p> <p>During this session, government representatives will have the opportunity to present their bankable infrastructure projects, showcasing their alignment with climate resilience goals and their commitment to promoting gender</p>

	<p>equality. Development partners will provide valuable insights and feedback, leveraging their expertise and experience to support the refinement and enhancement of these projects. This session will open with an overview of the respective countries' PPP regulations. This interactive and collaborative approach will enable effective project planning, ensuring that the identified infrastructure initiatives are robust, financially viable, and capable of delivering sustainable and inclusive development outcomes.</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Kazuhiro Nomoto</b>, Partnership Officer, Operational Partnership Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</p> <p><i>Presenters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sri Lanka</b> Mr. Ananda Priyadarshi Mallawatantri, Advisor to the President (Environment, Climate Change and Green Finance) Presidential Secretariat of Sri Lanka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Climate Smart Restoration of Kelani River Basin in Sri Lanka</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tajikistan</b> Mr. Mahmudov Karomatullo, Chief Specialist of the State Enterprise, PPP Center State Committee on Investment and State Property Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Construction of the Sanobod HPP with a capacity of 200 MW</i></li> </ul> Mr. Isfandiyor Usmonzoda, Head of Department of Investment and State Property Management of Khatlon Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Pharmaceutical Technological Park on the Territory of the FEZ</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The Philippines</b> Mr. Eleazar E. Ricote, Deputy Executive Director, PPP Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Philippine General Hospital (PGH) Diliman Project</i></li> <li>- <i>UPLB Agro-Industrial and Information Technology Parks “Agri-Futura” Project</i></li> <li>- <i>Operations and Maintenance of the Metro Manila Subway Project</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Hosted by the AIIB</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Session 3: Introduction to the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF)</b></p> <p><i>Brief introduction</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Break</i>

15:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 4: ESCAP Sustainable PPP Guideline</b></p> <p>This session serves as an opportunity to introduce and present the PPP guideline, shedding light on its core content and principles. Through the application of these guidelines, ESCAP member States can advance their objectives of inclusive and climate-resilient infrastructure and enhance their capacity for effective infrastructure project planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Zhang Shuibo</b>, Professor of College of Management and Economics, Tianjin University</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<i>Tour of AIIB Headquarters</i>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Thursday, 13 July 2023</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<i>Travel to Project from Beijing to Sanhe City, Hebei Province</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Project Briefing and Presentation</i></p> <p><b>Sanhe Waste-to-Energy Project - PPP Project Demonstration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Li Haiyan</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Shanghai SUS Environment</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Zhan Liang</b>, General Manager, International Business Development, Shanghai SUS Environment</li> </ul>
11:00 – 12:30	<i>Project visit</i>
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Hosted by SUS Environment</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Debrief and Q&amp;A Session</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Travel from Sanhe City, Hebei Province back to Beijing</i>