



## 6<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum

# The Role of People-first PPPs for the SDGs in Delivering Sustainable Infrastructure to Accelerate the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

4-6 May 2022, Barcelona, Spain

*Co-organised by UNECE and IESE Business School Barcelona, with the support of the Barcelona City Council*

### Draft Schedule<sup>1</sup>

#### Introduction

Against the backdrop of climate emergency and as the world still strives to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, embracing sustainable infrastructure that is green, circular, inclusive, resilient, fiscally sustainable and of high quality where people are the main beneficiaries is necessary to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The 6<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum will showcase how its People-first PPP approach in support of the SDGs is contributing to the work of the international community to scale-up and implement such vital infrastructure projects.

The 3-day hybrid event (with in-person and online participation) will be held in Barcelona, Spain and co-organised by UNECE and IESE Business School Barcelona, with the support of the Barcelona City Council, from 4 to 6 May 2022.

The Forum will feature experts and practitioners from a wide range of sectors and industries, whose contribution will highlight the role of People-first PPPs in implementing sustainable infrastructure projects to achieve value for people and value for the planet.

---

<sup>1</sup> A more detailed programme will be published in the coming weeks.

## DAY 1 (4 May 2022)

Location: IESE Barcelona

Time	Plenary room (Auditorium) <i>interpretation EN, RU, ES</i>	Room IESE 1 (B-102) <i>no interpretation</i>	Room IESE 2 (B-301) <i>no interpretation</i>	Room IESE 3 (Q-402) <i>no interpretation</i>
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration</i>			
9:30-11:00	Opening Remarks and High-level plenary: 'People-first PPPs for the SDGs as a catalyst to implement the 2030 Agenda'			
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30-13:00	Case studies (Part I)			
13:00-14:30	Roundtable discussion: contract clauses for resilient Concession/People-first PPPs for the SDGs <sup>2</sup>			
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:30-16:00	Case studies (Part II)			
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
16:30-18:00	Parallel Session 1: <b>Green procurement</b>	Parallel Session 2: <b>Fiscal sustainability in People-first PPP projects for the SDGs</b>	Parallel Session 3: <b>The blue economy and the Circular Economy<sup>3</sup></b>	Parallel Session 4: <b>Green PPPs in the Americas<sup>4</sup></b>
18:30-20:30	<i>Cocktail reception hosted by IESE</i>			

<sup>2</sup> The session is organised by the International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPP Policies, Laws and Institutions, France.

<sup>3</sup> The session is co-organised with the Arctic Economic Council.

<sup>4</sup> The session is co-organised with the United Nations Economy Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (tbc).

## DAY 2 (5 May 2022)

Location: *Barcelona City Council*

Time	Plenary room <i>interpretation EN, RU, ES</i>
9:00-10:30	Plenary: PPPs and the digital transformation for sustainable development
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45-12:15	Plenary: PPPs and the climate challenge <sup>5</sup>
12:15-13:45	Plenary: Sustainable PPP frameworks in cities
13:45-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-18:00	Parallel site visits
19:00-21:00	<i>Gala reception hosted by Barcelona City Council</i>

<sup>5</sup> This session is co-organised with WAPPP.

## DAY 3 (6 May 2022)

Location: IESE Barcelona

Time	Plenary room (Aula Plana) <i>interpretation EN, RU, ES</i>	Room IESE 1 (B-102) <i>no interpretation</i>	Room IESE 2 (B-301) <i>no interpretation</i>	Room IESE 3 (Q-402) <i>no interpretation</i>
9:00-11:00	<b>Plenary:</b> <b>How can People-first PPPs for the SDGs support the Circular Economy agenda?</b>			
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Session 1:</b> <b>To what extent Waste-to-Energy PPPs are contributing to the Circular Economy agenda?</b>	<b>Parallel Session 2:</b> <b>Improving the legal and regulatory framework for People-first PPPs for the SDGs: paving the way for green, sustainable, resilient and circular projects</b>	<b>Parallel session 3:</b> <b>Bridging multilateral institutions for advancing People-first PPP projects for the SDGs</b>	<b>Parallel Session 4:</b> <b>Land Value Capture for the Circular Economy</b>
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>			
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunchtime Capacity Building Event</b> <i>(with English and Russian Interpretation)</i> <b>Special roundtable for Government officials from Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus: Dialogue with investors/lenders</b>			
14:30-16:00	<b>Concluding plenary and next steps:</b> <b>PPPs beyond infrastructure: the governance of emerging ecosystems</b>			
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
16:30-18:00	<b>Side event:</b> <b>PPPs for cities<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Side event:</b> <b>Digitalisation and resilience for People-first PPPs<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Side event:</b> <b>reserved for NGOs</b>	<b>Side event:</b> <b>reserved for Academia/IGOs</b>

<sup>6</sup> This side event is organised by PPPs for Cities – IESE Business School, Barcelona, Spain.

<sup>7</sup> This side event is organised by the International Sustainable Resilience Center, New Orleans, USA.