

“CIDC-UNECE Centre of Excellence for PPP Projects in Roads and Highways”

UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) has signed an MoU with CIDC (Construction Industry Development Council), a body of the Planning Commission, Government of India, **to build the frameworks required to ensure success in PPP projects in the Roads and Highways sectors**, which are a major focal area in infrastructure of India. The collaboration involves building a Centre of Excellence which involves stakeholders from Public and Private segments in India and support other South Asian Countries with special attention to Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh to create such Institutions.

The Centre has been set up in Delhi. It was formally launched on March 7th, 2014 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi during CIDC's 18th Annual Day ceremony. The Centre in India is affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Background:

Projects undertaken on a Public Private Partnership have had an unacceptably low rate of success across the world, especially in underdeveloped countries. Many of these projects involve funding by International multilateral funding agencies like IMF, ADB etc. The reasons are multifarious and mainly revolve around the diverse legal & socio-economic frameworks in individual countries. In view of the concerns relating to this, the UN Development account started the Public-Private Partnership Alliance programme for capacity-building in infrastructure development and provision of basic services

Objective: To increase the capacity of Governments to promote, develop, operate and manage public-private partnership projects for infrastructure development and the provision of basic services. The project is being executed by ESCAP, with the collaboration of ECA and ECE, and will focus on selected countries in all three regions. It seeks to build upon available expertise, institutions and arrangements within the three collaborating regional commissions and other United Nations entities (such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Public-Private Partnerships for the Urban Environment programme), thus using considerable synergies in public-private partnership development. PI see for details: <http://www.un.org/esa/devaccount/projects/2006/0607D.html>

About the Centre:

This specialist centre will play a high-profile role in leading the development and dissemination of knowledge and global best-practice in the delivery of PPP projects and programmes within the roads and highways sector.

The growth and development of physical infrastructure in India has been a remarkable phenomenon during last two decades, and successful construction of transportation systems has been responsible for a sustained economic growth, and substantial employment opportunities in India.

The impetus provided by the Indian government for creation of world class physical infrastructure has led to formation of many PPPs for execution of infrastructure projects. Many of the partnerships have either failed to take off or have found the going difficult. The newly-established Centre would work as an **agent of change** to bring national policies to fruition.

In order to address the complex issues of balance between legitimate private and public interest through a long term contractual venture and to disseminate the information throughout the world, the UNECE has developed the concept of specialist PPP Centres affiliated to the International PPP Centre of Excellence as repositories of international PPP best practice.

The setting up of the Specialist Center as a full-time body will facilitate development of this segment with support and involvement of all stakeholders concerned with construction including government bodies, public and private sector agencies, which take up and supervise the execution of projects, the manufacturers and suppliers of construction machinery equipment and materials, and the contractors who actually undertake the construction, and also the scientific, technical and training

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institutions, designers and consultants. The involvement of all stakeholders will ensure a unified, balanced view on this vital issue and help evolve necessary strategies and their seamless implementation.

The role of the Specialist Centre on PPPs in Roads and Highways is to:

1. Based on a standard template for the ways to present PPP models provided by the UNECE, identify PPP best practice models in the roads and highways sector, in consultation with all stakeholders with special emphasis to stakeholders participating in or intending to participate in such Projects in India.
2. With the assistance of the UNECE, create a body of distinguished experts to advise the Specialist Centre on these models from both public and private sectors including representatives of International Organisations, and the Multilateral Development Banks.
3. Look at how these models need to be adapted in countries in a pre PPP stage in their development and develop partnerships with beneficiary countries of the Specialist Centre who are seeking support in developing their own roads and highways programmes through partnerships.
4. Establish a network of sector-specific stakeholders from the public and private sectors, and form alliances with key sector-specific bodies.
5. Become through the organization of such activities, a repository of best practice models that can be of specific help to improve PPPs in the roads and highways sector.
6. Conduct research and development in the roads and highways sector.
7. Actively promote the development of local and international PPP markets in the roads and highways sector.
8. Establish a publicly-accessible database of clients, contractors and advisors operating within the roads and highways sector globally, as well as a publicly-accessible database of past, current, and future PPP projects within the roads and highways sector globally.
9. Establish a database of best-practice policies and programme delivery strategies used by the public sector globally, that forms the research resource underpinning both the PPP best practice models in the roads and highways sector, as well as the consultancy services offered by the Specialist Centre.
10. Providing government clients with advice and consultancy services in applying and contextualising the PPP best practice models in the roads and highways sector.
11. Organize meetings, seminars, workshops & conferences to disseminate these materials.

To deliberate on the issues related to PPP with a special focus on Roads & Highways sector, we propose to organize an International Conference.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their experiences in the delivery of PPP projects and programs with emphasis on the roads and highways sector and share ideas of improving the standards of practice and related regulations, and making a conscious effort at all levels to promote adoption of the concept of PPP. This will also encourage Indian, Nepalese, Bhutanese & Bangladesh Construction Industry activities by setting examples.

An agenda for action needs to be prepared, however, and therefore some relevant and live examples should be demonstrated. Participation of Constituents from Industry, Institution and other service providers in this debate is extremely vital, and therefore, CIDC is organizing this Conference.

Delegates will also include:

- » Planners in the Central & State Governments in India
- » Project owners including Ministries, Departments and Public Sector Undertakings of Government involved with Construction in India

Detailed program of the conference will be announced shortly.

In the Meantime, the Centre of Excellence jointly with CIDC is launching Case Study Oriented set of six courses for middle and higher level executives of all stakeholder organisations involved in PPPs. The courses have been designed by UNECE and adapted to suit Indian needs to enable the concerned personnel to build capacities and mitigate risks.

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| 1. Introduction to Public-Private Partnerships | - 2 nd April, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |
| 2. Good governance in Public-Private Partnerships | - 16 th April, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |
| 3. Risks in Public-Private Partnerships | - 7 th May, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |
| 4. Running an Effective PPP Procurement - What are the Key stages in PPP Procurement? | - 21 st May, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |
| 5. An Overview of Issue related to Public-Private Partnerships and Sustainable Development - How can PPPs deliver sustainability? | - 4 th June, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |
| 6. A Guide to the preparation of an outline Business case | - 18 th June, 2016 (9.30 AM to 6 PM)** |

>>> In all modules, glimpses of other modules shall be incorporated. The courses are replete with analysed Case studies, many from India.

CIDC successfully conducted first round of Module 1 to 6 between 25th May'2015 to 3rd August'2015 in which delegates from Niti Aayog, UP State Govt. Deptt. , banks, PSUs, PWD Karnataka, Industry and academia actively participated.

In case any organisation wishes to have these courses conducted in-house so that a large number of their officers can benefit from the deliberations, please contact Addl. DG, CIDC, Mr. Sunil Mahajan (Cell: +919711106001).

**Dates subject to change*

