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## WAPPP ANNUAL CONGRESS 2022

13-17 June 2022

*PPPs for COP 27 and Beyond™*

*'Bringing SDG-driven impact in infrastructure through mobilizing private sector participation'*

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### *I. Introduction to the Annual Congress 2022*

The theme of this year's Annual Congress is "*PPPs for COP27 & Beyond*". Following the Glasgow Climate Pact, countries have recognized not only that global warming levels demand crisis-level unified actions but also the critical need to live within planetary boundaries, and to urgently accelerate public and private sector financing, to reach these goals. Continuing the "Next Level PPP" framing of last year's Annual Congress, this year's meeting will explore how to future-proof PPPs and bring private and public sector stakeholders together towards one common goal of achieving more climate resilient infrastructure under the SDGs framework.

**There is a global call for urgent action to build forward better.** The links between climate change and sustainable development goals (SDGs) are strong. Poor and developing countries, particularly least developed countries, will be among those most adversely affected and least able to cope with the anticipated shocks to their social, economic, and natural systems. As the impact from climate change has not surfaced as severely as that of Covid-19, governments are not acting as decisively on the interlinkages among growing social inequity, lack of access to basic infrastructure services and limitations of available resources to climate change as they should. However, it is not too late to build a robust system towards affordability, inclusiveness, and resiliency in infrastructure. Every year the world faces devastating, and increasingly unprecedented, hurricanes, heat waves, and wildfires resulting in loss of lives. Loss of biodiversity, irreversible changes in land, water and air quality are impacting a sustainable transfer of livable and affordable infrastructure to future generations.

**Governments continue to face immense challenges.** Even before taking the climate dimension into consideration, however, governments all over the world find themselves already dealing with extensive challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, by the fast pace of technological change, by record high national debt levels, and by the huge gap in financing needs for infrastructure. Bringing climate mitigation and adaptation to public infrastructure adds new layers of complexity, including climate-proofing and

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decarbonizing existing infrastructure, and developing future-proof models which will stand the test of climate change and limits on planetary boundaries.

**Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) are becoming more important than ever.** Governments have limited financial resources and institutional capacity to undertake such a sizable investment program. Facing all these challenges is nearly impossible without the public sector entering into partnerships of different shapes and forms with the private sector. However, the risk of many of these partnerships leading to an exacerbation of the existing problems is high as systemic risks such as climate change and increasingly environment-social-governance (ESG) risks affect the basic tenet of PPPs- risk sharing and value-for-money. Only well- planned, -designed and -executed next level PPPs can add real value and be prepared for the future. PPPs need to respond to the changing needs, limitations in the planetary resources, extreme weather events, physical climate risks, leapfrogging technological innovations and changing demography of our society.

## ***II. Objective of the Annual Congress 2022***

The Annual Congress will host international experts on the subject of “PPPs for COP27 & Beyond” from within the WAPPP global network of PPP practitioners, the United Nations Organizations, Governments, global and bilateral Development Financial Institutions (DFIs) as well as the investors, lenders, infrastructure companies, businesses, manufacturers and other “for impact” organizations. The objective of the event is to engage with multiple stakeholders on the subject to attain the following goals by the end of the Congress:

- Understand how governments are future-proofing PPP policies and frameworks and how to accelerate the process
- Elevate the discussion on how we can adapt “for-COP27 & Beyond” PPP contracts to deliver efficacy, efficiency and competitiveness
- Bring private sector perspectives on how we can prioritize impact in PPPs to ensure social inclusion, Just Transition and transparency alongside commercial profitability

## ***III. Format of the Annual Congress 2022***

The event will be held over the week of Monday 13 June to Friday 17 June 2022 in virtual format.

- The theme for each day is as follows:
  - The first day will be devoted to *Planning and future-proofing PPP Strategy and Frameworks*
  - The second day will be devoted to *Adapting PPP Contracts and implementation to new realities*
  - The third day will be exclusively devoted to *The view from the field and PPP Unit presentations*
  - The fourth day will be looking at PPPs from different *Sectoral and*

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### *thematic-based discussions*

- The fifth day will focus on *Looking forward to COP27 & Beyond and WAPPP awards*
  
- Annual Congress endeavors to host this event with the support of its strong partnership network through jointly organizing, branding, and sponsoring sessions.
- Recognition for 'WAPPP's call for papers'
  - Presentation of selected papers recognized the Editorial Board
  - Research grant & prizes for publications
  - Free membership with WAPPP / benefits with partners
- All panels aim to be balanced between male and female speakers.
- Facilitate ample opportunities for networking among PPP practitioners.

If you wish to register for the event, please click [here](#).

***We are looking forward to welcome you for the Annual Congress 2022!***