



INTERNATIONAL PPP CONFERENCE IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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Introduction

Nowadays PPP is getting leading role in development and delivery of sustainable infrastructure projects in Central Asia. Governments are giving special focus and priorities on infrastructure PPP projects in energy, transport, healthcare and other sectors.

Kyrgyz Republic along with other countries of the Central Asia are heading to a fast stream of PPP development mechanisms. Starting from strengthening the institutional base by launching special PPP agencies to developing the juridical base by adopting/ renewing PPP laws, special under law acts, methodological documents and strengthening capacity development of PPP experts. Many of PPP experts has successfully passed CP3P certification program and as a result of obtaining PPP reforms, region has launched numerous PPP project portfolios and signed number of PPP projects in countries within last 2 years.

Along with that, COVID-19 period has shown difficulties in rehabilitation of national economies due to huge budget expenses obtained for saving humans lives around the world, including Central Asia region. Especially it has been problematic among developing countries. Pandemic has shown all weaknesses and lack of sufficient infrastructure availability as well as region, along with other countries region faced with global challenges happening nowadays.

Therefore, in order to develop sustainable PPP platform in region, Governments needs to continue strengthening PPP reforms in accordance with successful international and national practices.

One of the positive examples of making efforts dedicated to support and develop PPP at the international level is the successful holding of an Uzbekistan International PPP roundtable in Tashkent on May 20, 2022.

In this regard, expressing regional commitment and in order to continue the strengthen theme of the PPP development, the PPP Center of the Kyrgyz Republic decided to hold the «International PPP Conference» in Bishkek on October 5-6, 2022.

This conference aims to create a stronger, modern and expanded partnership with the countries of region in the field of PPP, so that the countries of the region can continue to develop as a sustainable, prosperous and closely interacting economic space.

Conference will serve as platform to showcase the governments reforms strategies, successful international PPP practices and adopted PPP standards. This event will also



provide an opportunity to identify and form new PPP solutions in the post-COVID period, support economic, social and environmental sustainability in the countries of the region.

In order to allocate more space for individual thematic discussions, several workshops / side events will be organized around the conference dedicated to PPP challenges in region and issues of supporting the expansion of the PPP network base in the region in order to provide an opportunity to promote and form new cross-border PPP projects aimed at the highest priority areas of the region's economies.

This event will provide an opportunity for representatives of the governments of the Central Asian countries and international partners to stimulate the development of an international platform for using the mechanism of PPP.

The purpose of the conference is also to show that this is not another stand-alone event, but the beginning of a results-oriented process that will undoubtedly lead to the development of a PPP tool at the international level.

On its turn, Kyrgyz Republic continues to prioritize and support PPP mechanism as one of the main instruments to deliver sustainable PPP infrastructure projects for country's future economic prosperity.

In 2021, President S. Zhaparov signed a new edition of law «On public-private partnership» which played a significant role of new impulse on PPP development in the Kyrgyz Republic. In coordination of the PPP center created in 2019, based on active support of the President and Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and of multilateral partners, Kyrgyz Republic has made a big progress in PPP development for the last two years.

In 2022 Government adopted National Development Program of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2022-2026 years, where PPP found a special role as a main instrument on attraction of private investments and realization of investment projects. Within National program, it was developed and adopted new PPP development program with aim of attraction private investment for more than 1 bln. US dollars and realization of perspective projects in the prioritized sectors as energy, transport, healthcare, education, municipal infrastructure. For aim achievement, Government annually approves PPP projects to be realized every year.

In parallel with the ongoing reforms in the field of PPP in the Kyrgyz Republic, a number of PPP agreements has been already signed in collaboration with international partners, major PPP projects have been launched, such as the modernization of airports, the development of renewable energy stations, the construction of alternative roads, multifunctional clinics, and others.

In line with PPP progress, Government strictly follows best international practices and standards together with Sustainable Development Goals, «People first PPPs» in order to bring highest benefit to all those who are interested in PPP projects.

The «International PPP Conference» in the Kyrgyz Republic includes 2 day scheduled events as a workshop with PPP agencies and international experts to strength PPP network in region and aimed at provision of more detailed view and discussion on PPP development in Kyrgyz Republic and present upcoming PPP prospects to participants.

Conference will be held with participation of high management of the Kyrgyz Republic, leaders of PPP agencies in the region, international development partners, private

companies and international PPP experts in the one platform for creation of new ideas, experience share and enhancing PPP as tool for economic diversification.

Objectives

1. Creation of a discussion platform on the development of public-private partnerships for representatives of government agencies, the business community, international organizations and experts in the field of PPP, as well as other interested parties;
2. Conference will certainly become a landmark and very productive event for the international PPP community, serve as an additional impetus to the dynamically developing PPP mechanism in the Kyrgyz Republic and also expand the horizons of cooperation and partnerships in the field of PPP in the countries of the region.
3. Presentation and promotion of potentially attractive PPP projects in the Kyrgyz Republic;
4. Enhance dialog among the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and potential PPP partners;
5. Experience exchange in the field of PPP.

Honor guests and speakers:

Conference will be organized with the participation of the representatives of the international development institutions, high-level government representatives, international well-known private companies, leaders of PPP agencies, international PPP experts and other honored guests. Following organizations as Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank of reconstruction and development (EBRD), Eurasian Development Bank (EADB), International Finance Corporation (IFC), UNECE, UNESCAP, UNICEF, PPP authorities of UK, China, Turkey, Slovenia, Azerbaijan and Central Asian countries has already confirmed participation in conference.

Conference will deliver the following planned events:

01 Opening remarks and Program overview

After opening remarks by Head of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Akylbek Zhaparov, Director of National Investment Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Umbriel Temiraliev, respected Representatives of main partners of event ADB and UN agencies, the program overview will be delivered by Director of PPP center of National Investment Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov with focus on distinguished progress in PPP area in the Kyrgyz Republic.

02 Individual sessions of International Finance Institutions on PPP

As part of the event, conference participants will be able to get acquainted with the showcase of International Finance Institution's best practices on PPP development with focus on Kyrgyz Republic. This part of the event will include individual sessions of ADB, EADB, IsDB and EBRD, where participants will receive information on the further prospects for the development of PPPs, as well as receiving relevant and useful information about the strengths and benefits of using the PPP mechanism in infrastructure development, PPP advantages in Eurasian platform, Islamic Finance for PPP infrastructure projects, view and successful practices of EBRD and role of ADB as a main partner on PPP development in the Kyrgyz Republic.

03 Sectoral sessions «PPP perspectives in Priority Sectors of the Economy»

The sessions will be held in such areas as: energy, transport and healthcare, they will demonstrate and analyze in detail successfully applied PPP practices in the above-mentioned sectors of the economy. The sessions will be attended by representatives of international finance institutes, PPP experts and Government representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic. As a result of the sectoral sessions, it is planned to sign agreements on cooperation between international finance institutions, relevant sectoral ministries and international private companies (PFI) on promotion and implementation of PPP projects.

04 UN Session on PPP development with SDG's

This session will be delivered by UN Agencies as United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Within Session it will be presented Evaluation Methodology on PPP for SDG's and Review of successful PPP international experience in preschool education.

05 Panel Discussion «Cooperation of international development institutions with the Kyrgyz Republic in the promotion and development of PPP»

Panel discussion between representatives of Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, ADB, WB (IFC), UNECE, EADB, ISDB on providing support programs in field of PPP with announcing the results and future perspectives of collaboration.

06 Thematic Session: "Enhancement of National PPP policies"

Within the framework of Conference PPP thematic sessions will be delivered. First session "Enhancement of National PPP policies" will be organized with participation of leaders of PPP agencies from various countries, advisory companies and representatives of Business Ombudsmen Institute of the Kyrgyz Republic. Within this session it will be presented a comparative analyses of PPP policies in region and experience share on best application practices of PPP policy and protection of private investments.

07 Thematic Session: "PPP Education technologies"

Second thematic session will be dedicated to PPP education technologies with aim on enhancing capacity building of PPP experts in the region. Capacity building plays a key role in enhancement of PPP institutional base in countries. This session will be delivered with participation of Public Administration Academy under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Education Center under Ministry of finance, Kyrgyz Economic University, Authorized training organization PPP Expertise Eurasia and partners from Infrastructure Project Authority UK.

Under the auspices of the conference, other training events will also be held for public authorities with various specific PPP thematic.

08 Awarding ceremony

Within the framework of the conference, in order to encourage guests and participants of the event for active assistance and contribution to the development of the PPP mechanism, as well as to stimulate further promotion of PPP in the Kyrgyz Republic, the First award ceremony for PPP entities in the Kyrgyz Republic will be held in such categories as: "PPP Project of the Year ", "For contribution to the development of PPP", "Innovative project of the year", etc.