



2016 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum

UNECE side event: “Putting people first in Public-Private Partnerships for the FfD follow-up”

New York, 20 April 2016, 1:15pm to 2:30pm

(General Assembly Building 1B, Conference Room F)

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has a hugely ambitious goal, and a large price tag for achievement and a preferred model: partnerships of various types (public, public-private and civil society¹) as an implementation mechanism.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development leads to these critical questions:

1. What are the types of models which can be said to be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
2. How can PPP, if at all, become a win-win mechanism for everyone - that is for governments, private sector, and for the socially vulnerable economic groups?
3. What conditions we need to create for these SDG-related partnerships to thrive and to go forward?

This side event hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will address these key questions. Requested by its member States, the UNECE is preparing international standards for PPPs in support of the SDGs. Acknowledging that a number of PPP projects failed to deliver developmental goals and value-for-money, the UNECE also gave thought to new models and best practices in partnerships that can be described as “People First Public-Private Partnerships”, which can be replicated around the world.

Through an inclusive dialogue, the UNECE aims to achieve a more mutual agreement between the NGO community, civil society and those developing standards on how the PPP model could be developed and mainstreamed. More importantly, a clear understanding on how civil society can participate in the development of standards is one of the key objectives of this side event.

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¹ See SDG 17.17.