



**Expert Group Meeting on Public-Private Interfaces  
(New York, 10-11 October 2016)**

In the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda), Member States encourage “knowledge-sharing and the promotion of cooperation and partnerships between stakeholders, including between Governments, firms, academia and civil society, in sectors contributing to the achievement of the sustainable development goals” (paragraph 117).

During a consultation with civil society held by FfDO/MEOB in August 2016, it was proposed that CSOs and FfDO/MEOB undertake a joint knowledge-building exercise on Public-Private Interfaces (PPIs). In this context, PPIs are understood as concessions by the public sector to the private sector to incentivize the delivery of public goods. It was emphasized that such interactions are not limited to partnerships covering financial arrangements but also extend to regulatory and institutional incentives for private sector finance such as regulatory space, financial backing, tax exemptions and risk absorption. However, further investigation and analysis must be undertaken to inform developing countries on potentially negative development impacts of these concessions. The output of the above knowledge-building process will be fed into the 2017 ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up.

The first step of this knowledge-building process will entail a mapping and clustering exercise of a wide range of existing interactions and interfaces between the public sector and private finance in the context of the broader UN Development Agenda. The mapping will be undertaken through a survey which will be disseminated widely to a variety of stakeholders. The survey will investigate economic and financial instruments utilized for public sector backing of private finance, as well as the implications of PPIs on quality, cost and access to public services and the regulatory, financial and legislative tools used to deliver public services. The mapping will be framed in the context of the recommendations in the Addis Agenda related to the regulatory framework of private finance.

In order to launch this work, FfDO is convening a small Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on 10-11 October 2016 in New York. The meeting will be attended by experts on the issue of PPIs, who will analyze existing initiatives, design a research methodology and develop the survey as the first step in this project. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to better understand the next steps needed to take this work forward. To further enhance the dialogue, an expert on PPIs will be invited to facilitate the discussions.

The outcome of the meeting will be a deep understanding of existing initiatives, a methodology for collecting and analysing data, a draft survey for dissemination and mapping of the organizational capacities of all stakeholders involved to contribute to this project.