RABAT DECLARATION ON PPP

Participants at the ESCWA Experts Group Meeting on Infrastructure Investments and Public-Private Partnerships in Rabat, Morocco 17/18 April 2013 concluded that:

(1) Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) is a powerful internationally recognized instrument for governments to stimulate the progress in meeting infrastructure demand of developing nations and regions, using financial and operational resources together with innovative knowledge of the private sector;

(2) PPP is initiated and facilitated by governments in partnership with the private sector; both parties recognize the need for a dedicated PPP policy which requires skilled and experienced government and public sector officials to enable its implementation;

(3) The knowledge, expertise and financial resources of IFIs, private sector companies and other stakeholders are essential for a successful implementation of PPP;

(4) A strong and feasible pipeline of PPP projects and cooperation between all stakeholders are essentials.

Therefore, participants welcome the initiative of ESCWA in close collaboration with UNECE to support governments in the Arab Region for the development of PPP and unlock infrastructure investments by:

(1) Setting up an international PPP network in ESCWA member countries for PPP experts and senior advisors from both the public and the private sectors;

(2) Exploring the possibility to organise a master class on PPP for senior advisors and decision making officials to foster the development of PPP policies, incorporating successful PPP experience on best practices with high level contribution of the private sector;

(3) Investigate the establishment, under the UNECE International Centre of Excellence coordination, of International PPP Specialist Centres on different PPP areas in the Arab Region, including Renewable Energy in Morocco and infrastructure and Islamic finance.

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