

PPP IN TRADE FACILITATION WORKING GROUP

CONFERENCE CALL

JULY 10, 2013, 10:00 CET

Attendance

Present:

Lance THOMPSON, Conex (FR)
Josephine BAIAMONTE, CBP (US)
Paloma BERNAL TURNES, Georgetown (US)
James BLAIR, Crown Agents (UK)
Jari SALO, Tieke (FI)
Anders TORNQVIST, Comfact (SE)

Absents:

Giovanna CHIAPINNI, ICE (IT)
Maurice DIAMOND, Crown Agents (GB)
Malcolm McKINNON, MCM Consult. (GB)
Samira MUSAYEVA, UNCITRAL (UN)
Johan PONTEN, SWEPRO (SE)

Summary

(points that may require your attention are in red below)

We concluded during the call that the key points which were brought up during the Geneva 20th Forum should be re-examined with a purely "Trade Facilitation" perspective. Try to eliminate the majority of text which concerns all PPPs in general and try to concentrate only on points which concern trade facilitation PPPs.

We decided to have our next conference call towards the end of August (after the 21st); a Doodle-Meeting-Request will be sent out in about a month for this.

In the meantime, each participant was asked if they could look at specific sections of the current chapter list of the key-points and rework it with a concentration on points which concern trade facilitation PPPs. Some work was attributed to absent experts; they will be asked separately by e-mail.

The distribution was as follows:

0. Definition of PPP → Lance ; Definition of Trade Facilitation → Gordon Cragge
1. Principles of Good Governance in Trade Facilitation PPPs → Maurice, James
2. Policy → Anders
3. Capacity Building → Paloma
4. Improving Legal Framework → Josephine, Giovanna & other ICE (IT)
5. Risk → Finland: Jari, Lauri, Markus
6. Procurement of Trade Facilitation PPPs → Maurice, James
7. Putting People First → Michael
8. Environment → Malcolm, Guillaume

If you were not attributed a section but would like to work on one, could you please contact me quickly?

Could you please submit all ideas, suggestions and texts for your section by August 16th?

Discussion details

Perhaps we should be looking only at the points that concern trade facilitation issues and not to look at the overall tasks related to PPP in general.

The scope of trade facilitation can be encompassed in some infrastructure projects (such as road or port development). These will have a direct impact on trade facilitation.

We should also focus not only on trade, but also on services (and in some cases infrastructure projects).

If there is a PPP and we want to look at trade facilitation aspects of this PPP. In order to do this, we take up the trade facilitation tool-box and look at each element of trade facilitation and see what is applicable within the PPP to trade facilitation.

Within a future PPP project, you might want to take into account these trade facilitation aspects and you can expect such and such benefits.

Resource: Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide – to check with Johan or Marie-Theresa if there is a direct reference to PPP and where.

For your information, this Guide “TFIG” is available at: <http://tfig.itcilo.org/index.html>

It is an on-line guide that brings together a great deal of different resources. Please do check it out.