

PPP IN TRADE FACILITATION WORKING GROUP

CONFERENCE CALL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, 13:00 CET

Attendance

Present:

Lance THOMPSON, Conex (FR)
Paloma BERNAL TURNES, Georgetown (US)
James BLAIR, Crown Agents (UK)
Guillaume LAURENCY, Bureau Veritas (FR)
Lauri RAILAS, Krogerus (FI)
Anders TORNQVIST, Comfact (SE)

Absents:

Josephine BAIAMONTE, CBP (US)
Anna BELMONTE, ICE (IT)Giovanna
CHAPPINI CARPENA, ICE (IT)
Pier Alberto CUCINO, ICE (IT)
Maurice DIAMOND, Crown Agents (GB)
Caroline NICHOLAS, UNCITRAL (AT)
Johan PONTEN, National Board Trade (SE)
Norman ROSE, UKTF (GB)
Jari SALO, Tieke (FI)

Summary

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

PPP project – Draft text version 0.11

There was a consensus during the conference call to approve this document. There were two comments which came in by e-mail just before the call which were integrated.

- On legal aspects in PPP Procurement (lines 378-380 of draft version 1.0)
- On aligned documents in the examples of Trade Facilitation PPPs. (lines 180-186 of draft version 1.0)

This document is now considered finalized as the background paper for a recommendation project. This does not exclude any further points from being presented during the next recommendation project.

Proposal for a UN/CEFACT Recommendation on PPP in Trade Facilitation

Comments during the conference call on the project proposal document:

- The section on recommended practice will be omitted in the document which is submitted for approval. **HOWEVER, all experts should consider this question and try to develop what recommended practices should be proposed in such a UNECE Recommendation.**
 - One recommended practice may be something like: “Governments and those involved in international trade should actively consider implementing trade facilitation through Public-Private Partnership” (followed by a few examples like Rec33).
- Having some case studies very early on in the project would definitely help. It would also be interesting to have different types of projects (research project vs. technology project vs. infrastructure project)...
 - **The working group of the future recommendation will need to very quickly elaborate a ‘questionnaire’ / ‘case study format’ in order to begin circulating this early on in the project.** This could be inspired by the background paper for example...
 - This should be one of the first working items of the new Project Team (perhaps as soon as the Sardinia conference).
 - If you have some suggestions or ideas for this before the meeting in Sardinia, please send these to Lance (lance.thompson@conex.net) or Paloma (pb737@georgetown.edu) before October 11th 2014.

- **Project leadership: two parties have expressed their interest in leading this project.** If you have any comments or support for one or the other candidates, please contact Lance (lance.thompson@conex.net) or Johan (johan.ponten@kommers.se) before October 4th.
 - Maurice DIAMOND (Crown Agents, UK)
 - Norman ROSE (UK Trade Facilitation, former SITPRO Chair)
- The Project Chair will need to be defined before the Project Proposal is presented to the Bureau for approval (expected to be submitted to the Bureau on October 7th).
- Paloma BERNAL TURNES (Georgetown, US) has accepted to stay on as Editor.
- Lance THOMPSON (Conex, FR) will become a member of the new project and will offer his support if necessary.
- The calendar within the Project Proposal is a little ambitious and will necessitate a regular monthly conference call of all experts (if not perhaps more).

Next meeting:

- October 17th (during the Sardinia Forum)

Other points for your consideration:

22nd UN/CEFACT Forum in Sardinia

14-18 October 2013

- <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=33036>
- The PPP meeting is planned for Thursday, October 17th.
- http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/documents/ITPD_Draft_Agenda_for_14-18_October_Forum_2013_rev.1.pdf
- If you are able to join the Working Group at the Sardinia Forum, please let Lance know as soon as you know (lance.thompson@conex.net).