



UNECE International PPPs Centre of Excellence

Proposal for an International Centre on water and sanitation PPPs

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Needs in water and sanitation



- Access to water is a basic human right
- Most of the regions of the world – exp Sub – Saharan Africa – will likely meet the MDG target
- Uneven global water distribution: 768 m people with no access to improved water sources (11%)
- 240 m people to remain without access to water by 2050
- 2.5 bn lacking access to improved sanitation, 1bn still practicing open defecation
- 1.7 m people die annually
- needed \$190 bn each year by 2015– only 7.8 bn in 2010 (4%)





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Private sector involvement



Benefits

- Close the investment gap
- Better management of the asset
- Improve financial viability of the utility
- Improve efficiency and quality of the service provided

Challenges

- PPPs confused with privatisation
- Distrust
- Social and political difficulties
- Poor level of staff training
- Technical difficulties to reach some parts of towns (e.g. shanty towns)
- Overambitious investment plans and timetables
- Currency and political risks, immature local financial market
- No acceptance by the inhabitants





Proposal for an Int Centre on water and sanitation



Rationale:

- No leading agency on water PPPs
- Need of a less ideological approach, and to normalize the perception of water PPPs
- UN is a unique neutral forum for discussion
- Need to clarify and rectify the concept of water PPPs
- Need to highlight success and failure cases and the reasons behind
- Need for expectations to be more realistic





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Objective and structure of the centre



Objective:

To identify and to share best practices among new national /regional models in water and sanitation PPPs by developing best practices guidelines on water and sanitation and translating them into international standards through a UN process.

Structure:

An international specialist centre with a cluster of countries, private sector representatives, IFIs and IOs





The Int centre - structure



International Hub in Geneva
under the ICoE
(1 coordinator, 1 or 2 staff)

TARGET REGIONS

- South Asia
- South East Asia
- Africa
- Middle East
- Latin America

PARTNER COUNTRIES FOR THE CENTRE

- Brazil
- France
- India
- South Africa
- The Philippines
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- UK
- Ukraine

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

- World Bank
- ADB
- AFDB
- EBRD
- ISdB
- UFM
- GWP
- OECD

PRIVATE SECTOR

- Veolia
- Aquafed
- Int Water Ass
- Suez
- Aqualia
- Manila Water

Virtual Platform

BAB Members water advisors



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Activities



GUIDANCE MATERIALS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

CAPACITY BUILDING

AWARENESS BUILDING

- **Best practices guidelines**
- **International Standards**

- **International case studies**
- **Govt to govt conferences**
- **Twinning strategies for cities**
- **Regional conferences**

- **Training sessions and master classes**
- **Assistance in implementation**

- **International Forum for knowledge sharing**
- **Yearly international water PPP conference**





Next steps and timeline

Milestone	Timeline
First Int Conference on water and sanitation PPPs	21-22 Oct 2014
Launch of 3 project teams for the development of international standards on 3 selected areas	By November 2014
Establishment of the cluster	By December 2014





Outcome of the conference

The Centre should:

- a) Focus on the identification of international PPP best practices and the development of relevant guidance tools that contribute to the achievement of the prospective Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on efficient and affordable water and sanitation services.
- b) Address the lack of verifiable information, and facilitate the exchange of information and international PPP practices (both pros and cons) and develop international PPP standards;
- c) Be structured around a 'cluster' of members composed of Member States, International Financial Institutions, international and regional organizations, and representatives of the private sector and civil society;
- d) Initially be hosted by the UNECE ICoE in Geneva and its operations should be based on extra-budgetary funding;
- e) Organise a yearly international conference on PPPs in water and sanitation.





Cooperation with GWP-Med

1. Outreach and communication- circulate the Centre's work at regional level
2. Organise some pilot activities whose results can be shared through the Centre
3. Promote knowledge and experience sharing from different MENA countries





Thank You!

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