

UNECE
Project International Standard in Zero tolerance to corruption in PPP procurement

DRAFT - Minutes teleconference discussion notes and decisions
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I. Summary

Despite of technical problems for some participants to connect or to be heard, the exchanges have been very fruitful and important steps have been taken towards the achievement of our objectives.

From my side I understand that I have to improve my hardware and software to exchange better and this on the way. I may only advise other participants having technical difficulties to do the same: do not hesitate to contact Claudio Meza (Claudio.meza@unece.org) or Ms. Naoko Kimoto (naoko.kimoto@unece.org) who replaced Ms. Mika Inomata who was of invaluable help in this respect.

1. The scope of our project: it should not be limited to corruption in procurement in the narrow sense but it should address situations of corruption at any stages from origination of the project to contract implementation (i.e. after full agreement and everything including financial close.)
2. Definition of corruption: We should continue our exchanges on definition of corruption taking into account the situation in various jurisdictions and based on identification of real issues. The review of the applicable regulations will then permit to identify gaps and later make proposals.
3. Team members are invited to focus on situations in which they were more familiar at some important stage of the PPP development process and divide into subgroups which could also have a regional origin.
4. The main goal at this stage is to progressively develop a sufficient body of knowledge in contact both with governments, industry and stakeholders. The focus should be on an evidence based approach including the efficiency of anti-corruption legislation or good practices on existing projects. However team members are not investigators or whistle-blowers and they should not put themselves in inappropriate position. In all cases confidentiality and anonymity of non-public information shall be guaranteed.
5. Our project needs publicity and exposure in order to attract support. Geoffrey has kindly proposed to a draft brochure in a near future. He will present it to the Team during the next webex conference.

II. Actions/Decisions

Each Team member is invited to take action and submit their views **before COB 19 November 2014** on:

- Preliminary list of issues.
- Definition of corruption, which could embody every issue identified as potential corruption practice in PPP, from project planning up to the beginning of the works.
- Advise on the set of issues within the main PPP stages in which he/she could preferably contribute through a sub-working group and/or a regional sub-working group.
 - o Enlist volunteers to provide an overview in specific geographic regions. The regional sub-working group is expected to provide an overview in specific geographic regions: Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle East and Latin America.