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Forthcoming Meeting

TG72 - Public Private Partnership

International Conference on PPP Body of Knowledge (PPPBook)



18-20 March 2013 in Preston, UK

Background

In many developed and developing countries there has been a move toward increased reliance on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) for infrastructure development. This involves an engagement with, or participation of, private companies and the public sector in the financing and provision of infrastructure. In most countries these PPP arrangements have been aimed at overcoming broad public sector constraints in relation to either a lack of public capital; and/or a lack of public sector capacity, resources and specialised expertise to develop, manage, and operate infrastructure assets.

Public Private Partnerships are now commonly used to accelerate economic growth, development and infrastructure delivery and to achieve quality service delivery and good governance. The spectrum of nature and types of public private partnerships (PPPs) are overwhelming, making a definition of a PPP difficult. In addition, there have been tremendous developments in the use of PPP in many countries that has made it increasingly important to understand these practices.

PPPs are now accepted as an important avenue for funding major public sector infrastructure projects. PPPs are joint ventures in which business and government co-operate, each applying its strengths to develop a project more quickly and more efficiently than government could accomplish on its own. The private sector may be responsible for the designing, financing, constructing, owning and/or operating the entire project. The private sector may want to be assured that the public-private partnership structure is designed to provide competitive rates of return commensurate with a financial rate of return that they could earn on alternative projects of comparable risk.

Given the changing economic, social and political environment, coupled with globalisation and budgetary constraints, PPP has become unavoidable and indeed desirable by countries. Many developing countries, and indeed others with limited financial resources, still look to PPPs as an alternative source for financing much needed infrastructure such as roads and bridges. However, many developed countries have transitioned to a new wave of PPPs that focus heavily on achieving 'value for money' by mobilising private sector efficiencies, innovations and flexibilities in delivering



both infrastructure and services to a more discerning public.

The organisers are pleased to announce an international PPP Conference to explore on-going research in PPP across these diverse issues. This event will provide an opportunity for all interested academics and researchers to engage in the conference. The research presentations will facilitate discussions on aspects of research methodological approaches, data collection and analysis, perceived research outcomes and contributions to the body of knowledge, which, while focused on PPP, will also interface with related knowledge domains in procurement and performance. Public Private Partnerships are now commonly used in the many countries across the world to accelerate economic growth, development and infrastructure delivery and to achieve quality service delivery and good governance.

Conference Themes

Given the importance of PPP to many nations and because of many challenges associated with its implementation, research in PPP has continued to grow. Specific PPP related issues covered by research and related publications include: PPP Structures, Systems & Mechanisms, stakeholder management, project and corporate financing; risk and value management; market analysis, modelling and forecast; relational management, sustainability framework, project management, sustainable procurement strategies, capital structure decisions and management; statutory regulations in the PPP environment; developed and developing countries issues; transaction management, design quality, legal and contractual requirements, role of financial and insurance sectors; institutional and multilateral funding etc.

The conference main themes can be categorised as follows:

- Decision Models/Frameworks
- Policies and Strategies
- Implementation – Needs and Issues
- PPP Markets
- Financing
- Performance
- Risk Management
- Sustainability of PPP projects
- Governance & Institutions
- Managing Change & Innovation

Key Dates:

Abstract Submission	15 April 2012
Full Paper Submission	30 September 2012
Reviewer Comments	31 October 2012
Camera Ready Paper Submission	30 November 2012

Additional Information

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