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Sheraton Towers Singapore Hotel, Ballroom 2

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Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) are gaining traction in many cities around the world as a means to leveraging private sector expertise and capital in the financing, building and operations of infrastructure assets. Private involvement in urban infrastructure can have the potential to produce win-win partnerships by leveraging the private sector's efficiency, productivity and innovation to bring overall value-for-money to a project. In addition, by involving private sector financing, PPPs could potentially also be used by governments to delay the timing of cost outlays for infrastructure projects and provide governments more temporary fiscal space.

On the other hand, PPP projects are complicated and require the necessary expertise to be structured and prepared. While PPP projects have the potential to deliver enhanced outcomes for the public sector, they could also result in large and unnecessary financial exposures that diminish value-for-money if not structured correctly. In other words, proper project preparation and structuring, together with the right project management practices and capacity within the government, are essential to the effective delivery of PPP projects.

The training event on PPPs and bankable project preparation will draw on speakers from countries with PPP programs, as well as project finance expertise from the private sector, to create meaningful opportunities for discussion, learning and tailored feedback. Participants will have the chance to share their respective PPP programs and projects and will receive targeted responses from experts on how to strengthen the policy framework and enhance the bankability of their projects for the private sector. In addition, the workshop will expose participants to the newest thinking on urban finance including topics on municipal creditworthiness, project preparation and indicators for sustainable infrastructure.

In close collaboration with the Global Infrastructure Facility and the Public-Private Partnerships Group within the WBG, the Global Platform for Sustainable Cities will conduct a half-day workshop dedicated to project preparation and PPPs on **March 8, 2016 in Singapore**, in conjunction with the First Meeting of the Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC) which takes place on March 9 to 10.

The key objectives are:

- (i) For participating cities to share knowledge and operational expertise on PPP programs and projects, to allow different governments to learn from each other. Also, this will help the private sector understand better the pipeline of PPP projects that are being brought to market;
- (ii) To create an opportunity for exchange between the private and public sectors on the issues, both at a policy and project level, that need to be addressed in order to attract private sector involvement in infrastructure. This is aimed at providing timely advice to governments seeking to improve their PPP programs; and

- (iii) To provide an opportunity for networking among the public and private sectors of different countries, as this will aid the formation of collaborations and meaningful partnerships.

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I. Welcome and Introduction	
14:00	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jordan Schwartz, Director, Infrastructure and Urban Development Hub, World Bank - Mr. Kurt Lonsway, Manager, AfDB
14:10	<p>Project Preparation, PPPs and Urban Development</p>
II. Country-Specific Cases: Identification and Preparation of “Investable” Urban Infrastructure and PPP Projects	
14:30	<p>Presentations on National-Level Programs and City-Level Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private sector briefing: Bankable Risk Allocation between the Public and Private Sectors - Chongqing - Questions, Comments and Advice
15:30	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
III. Country-Specific Cases: Identification and Preparation for PPPs	
15:50	<p>Preparation on National-Level Programs and City-Level Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private sector briefing: Steps Governments can take to strengthen the pipeline of PPP projects - City from India - Abidjan - Questions, Comments and Advice
17:30	<p>End of Finance Workshop</p>