

## UNCITRAL – Central University of Finance and Economics

### 2021 International Colloquium on PPP Best Practices in the Belt and Road initiative

#### Program

*Online-Thursday, 8 April 2021 and Friday, 9 April 2021 (2:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST, 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM CEST)*

*Interpretation in English and Chinese available*

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#### ***Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021***

<b>Time (Beijing time - Vienna time)</b>	<b>Content</b>
2:00-2:30 PM 8:00-8:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CAO Fuguo</b>, Dean, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance, Central University of Finance and Economics(CUFE)</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Anna Joubin Bret</b>, Secretary, UNCITRAL</li><li>• <b>YE Jun</b>, Deputy Director-General, MOFCOM</li><li>• <b>SHI Jianpin</b>, Vice President, CUFE</li></ul>
2:30-3:30 PM 8:30-9:30 AM	<b>Session 1 - Value of UNCITRAL PPP Legislative Documents and Best Practices in China</b> The speakers will explain the value of UNCITRAL PPP Model Legislative Provisions and Legislative Guide as international benchmarks, as well as the current situations and upcoming reforms of PPP in China. <b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Athita Komindr</b>, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP)</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>José Angelo Estrella Faria</b>, Principal Legal Officer and Head, Legislative Branch UNCITRAL</li><li>• <b>JIAO Xiaoping</b>, Director, China PPP Center, Ministry of Finance</li><li>• <b>CAO Fuguo</b>, Dean, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance, CUFE</li></ul>
3:30-3:50 PM	Questions & Answers

9:30-9:50 AM	
3:50-4:50 PM 9:50-11:00 AM	<p><b>Session 2 - Inspirations and Opportunities for Belt &amp; Road Initiative Programs and Lessons Learned from Latest Development</b></p> <p>The topics in this session will cover the content such as potential opportunities of infrastructure programs in the context of Belt &amp; Road Initiative, PPP law in countries along the Belt and Road, development and perspective of PPP law in China, role of inter-government organization and multi development institutions in PPP-related legislation, and illustration of PPP best practices.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ZHOU Qin</b>, Vice Dean, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance; General Manager, Governmental Affairs Division, China International Economic Consultants Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gerard Johannes Sanders</b>, Senior Adviser to the President and General Counsel Emeritus, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>CAO Guoxian</b>, Chairman of the Board, Capital Environment Holdings Limited</li> <li>• <b>WANG Zimei</b>, Deputy General Manager, Beijing CSTJ Metro Investment and Development Co., Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Paul Starr</b>, Partner, King &amp; Wood Mallesons</li> </ul>

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Time	Content
2:00-3:00 PM 8:00-9:00 AM	<p><b>Session 3 - Planning and Preparation of Sustainable PPPs and Effective Contract Award Procedures: Keys for Success</b></p> <p>Whereas one of the key features of UNCITRAL PPP Model Legislative Provisions and Legislative Guide is highlighting the importance of program planning and preparation, the speakers in this session will discuss the risks in regard to PPP programs and best practices on identification, assessment, mitigation, and allocation of such risks. Meanwhile, this session will involve other issues like the standardization of VFM assessment, the reform of Financial Impact Assessment, coordination of exist regulatory regime of infrastructure investment and PPP preparation procedures, the operation and use of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and the setting of performance standards and /or index. The speakers will share their experiences regarding the design and implementation of contract award procedures in line with the sustainability needs and the practice of project finance.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>YANG Jianmin</b>, Deputy Director, China PPP Center</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>José Angelo Estrella Faria</b>, Principal Legal Officer and Head, Legislative Branch UNCITRAL</li> <li>• <b>Chavajate Soontornwit</b>, Policy and Plan Analyst, State Enterprise Policy Office, Ministry of Finance of Thailand</li> <li>• <b>Vu Quynh Le</b>, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam</li> </ul>
3:00-3:15 PM <i>9:00-9:15 AM</i>	Question & Answers
3:15-3:30 PM <i>9:15-9:30 AM</i>	Coffee Break
3:30-4:30 PM <i>9:30-10:30 AM</i>	<p><b>Session 4 - PPP Contract: Ensuring the Balance of Interest of All Parties</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the relationship between PPP laws and contracts, the value of standard contracts, the idea and features of performance-based contract, issues relating to the assignment of PPP contracts, the transfer of equity of the companies involved, the adaptation and renegotiation of PPP contract, performance evaluation and performance-based payment, the reform of government payment mechanisms and the step-in rights of lenders and of contracting authority. The session will also take stock of last developments related to duration, termination and extension of the PPP contract, that is usually a long-term relationship between the private partner and the contracting authority, as well as dispute resolution and available alternatives to litigation.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ZHANG Xiaoping</b>, Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Benjamin Herisset</b>, UNCITRAL</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Vladimir Kilinkarov</b>, PhD, Head of Russian PPP practice, Dentons</li> <li>• <b>WANG Weidong</b>, Partner, Grandall Law Firm</li> </ul>
4:30-4:40 PM <i>10:30-10:40AM</i>	Questions & Answers
4:40-5:00 PM <i>10:40-11:00AM</i>	<p>Closing Session</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>YIN Fei</b>, Dean, CUFU Law School</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anthony Neoh</b>, Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law</li> <li>• <b>CAO Fuguo</b>, Dean, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance, CUFU</li> </ul>