



## **Committee on Trade, Investment, Enterprise and Business Innovation, First session**

*Item 3: Advancing PPP and private sector networks to accelerate climate action and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

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## Overview

The investment and Enterprise Development Section manages **two** key networks:

- ESCAP Sustainable Business Network
- Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific



ESCAP Sustainable Business Network



# ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)



- ESCAP's mechanism to engage with the business sector: the *ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)*
- Created in 2004, originally the ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC)
- In 2012, EBAC transited to ESBN to promote more active business sector engagement in sustainable development

# ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)

## Objectives

- Drive business actions and contributions to the SDGs
- Increase availability of peer learning and inspiration for more sustainable business activity
- Offer private-sector insight and collaboration to ESCAP's other activities



# ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)

## Composition

- Business leaders, CEOs, and Heads of Sustainability of companies from the region or those with substantial operations in ESCAP economies
- Led by an Executive Council of 15 members
- Current chair is Mr. George Lam, President of the Hong Kong-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Foundation

## Executive Council Meeting

- Biannual Executive Council Meeting
- Oversee the work of the ESBN
- Discuss business perspectives on sustainable development issues
- Provide private sector insight and perspective on the work of ESCAP's Secretariat

# Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business

## Objectives

- An ESNB initiative
- Agreed upon at the Executive Council meeting in May 2022
- Call on businesses to commit to align their operational strategies with ESG principles
- Recognizes the urgent need for action to mitigate climate change
- Proposes new partnerships between governments, private sector and communities
- Calls for action aligned with five pillars



# Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business

## 5 Pillars



# Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business

## Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business Declaration

- The Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business Declaration was soft launched at APBF 2022 held in Bangkok on 26 August 2022
- The Deal is a non-binding document that calls on the private sector to commit to aligning their core operational strategies with environmental, social and governance principles
- As of February 2023, **89** private sector organizations have pledged support to the Declaration.

**Pledge support to the Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business:**

<https://www.unescap.org/projects/gd/pledge-support>





# Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific

## Background

- The challenges of infrastructure financing in Asia and the Pacific are complex, given the vastly different geographic and economic levels of development of member States in the region
- Recognizing these challenges, ESCAP established the ***Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific*** in 2018 with support from the China PPP Center, under the China Ministry of Finance



# Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific



**53 Network Member States**  
From Asia, the Pacific, Africa, and North America  
(As of February 2023)

# Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific

## 1. Regional Network Meeting

- **Format:** Physical/Virtual/Hybrid
- **Time:** Biannual
- **Focus:** member states updates; projects presentation; site visit; project matchmaking session; networking.

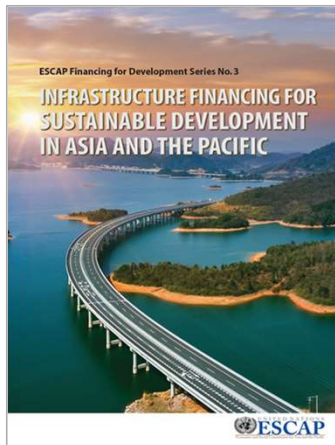


## 2. Thematic Workshop

- **Format:** Virtual
- **Time:** Biannual
- **Focus :** topic-specific discussions; thematic case study; interactive sessions.



# Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific



In 2019, ESCAP published the *Infrastructure Financing for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific* proposes a new and holistic approach to infrastructure financing, which can accelerate sustainable and resilient infrastructure development and drives regional progress towards attaining SDGs in Asia-Pacific in 2030.



ESCAP is developing **PPP guidelines** with CPPPC and ADB with a focus on infrastructure project planning and risk identification in selected priority sectors.





# InfraPPPnet Web Portal



<https://ppp.unescap.org>



# InfraPPPnet Web Portal



## Launch

ESCAP **officially launched** InfraPPPnet web portal at the 4<sup>th</sup> Network Meeting in 2020. Upgraded in 2022



## Project

Received **84 sustainable infrastructure projects** from Asia-Pacific region across 12 sectors



## Investment

The total investment value of the received projects reached **\$25.7 billion**



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