Should Standardized Agreements be Used for PPP Transactions in Developing Countries: A Debate (9.00 am to 10.30 am EST) -

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Given the significant time and expense involved in preparing custom-made project agreements for each individual PPP transaction (a particularly acute challenge in developing countries), a number of countries have experimented, successfully and unsuccessfully, with the use of standardized documents, in an attempt to expedite the process and reduce transaction costs. This session explored the advantages and challenges of these efforts, using a debate format with two speakers in favor of standardization and two opposed.

Moderators

- Mark Moseley, Lead Lawyer, PPP Group, Singapore, World Bank
- Patricia Sulser, Chief Counsel, Legal – Global Infrastructure, International Finance Corporation

Speakers in Favor of the Use of Standardized PPP Agreements

- Metja Ledwaba, Founding Partner, Ledwaba Mazwai Law Firm, Pretoria, South Africa
- Jamie Fergusson, Principal Investment Officer and Global Sector Lead for Renewable Energy, International Finance Corporation

Speakers Against the Use of Standardized PPP Agreements

- John Pickett, Partner and Co-leader, Global Energy Sector, Linklaters, London
- Jeff Delmon, Senior PPP Specialist, Tanzania, World Bank

Managing public utilities with small private operators: the case-study of the Bus Rapid Transit System in Lagos (Nigeria) (11 am to 12.30 pm EST)

Small-scale private operators (SPOs) represent a tremendous potential for the development of the private sector, particularly in developing countries. Nonetheless, experience shows that an efficient management of public utilities delivered by SPOs cannot be achieved without entering into formalized relationships with local authorities through diverse forms PPPs. Based on these observations, the Community of Practice on PPPs (created by the French Conseil d'Etat, in association with the Agence Française de Développement and the World Bank) has begun to undertake a large-scale research on small PPPs in order to identify the conditions for such processes of formalization to succeed. This session will present and review the results of the first case study currently being conducted on the Bus Rapid Transit line in Lagos, Nigeria.

- Managing public utilities with small private operators - SCPPPs are not a minor matter, Paloma Bernal

Moderator:

- Maïlys Lange, Conseil d’Etat

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