Using Local Public-Private Partnerships to Create More Reliable and Resilient Infrastructure

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While private-public partnerships (PPPs) can also be implemented at the national level, their impact at the local level is substantial. For instance, financing for circular economy initiatives and the sustainable use of natural resources often relies on PPPs. The United Nations and others, namely World Association of PPPs, help develop and disseminate evidence-based international policy practices and convenes experts from national, regional, and local governments, businesses, academia, and civil society to formulate guidelines and evaluation frameworks like the UNECE PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS).

Join panelists for a deep dive into strategies to optimize locally aligned PPP projects for critical infrastructure financing. With an estimated $15 trillion financing gap by 2040 and a growing urban population, it’s essential to ensure a successful transition to climate resilience while addressing financing challenges, including rising debt levels, currency fluctuations, and political considerations.

Opening remarks:

- **Graham Alabaster**, Chief of Geneva Office, UN-Habitat
- **Kamelia Kemileva**, Co-Director, Global Cities Hub

Speakers:

- **Cedric Dupont**, Professor, Geneva Graduate Institute
- **Jim Mugunga**, Executive Director, PPP Unit of Uganda
- **Rodolphe Barbaroux**, SDG Advisor, City of Evian, France
- **Vivian Brady-Philips**, World Economic Forum Global Partnership for Local Investment initiative
- **Helene Bakoula**, Vice-Chair Bureau of the Working Party on PPPs, Legal Counsel Athens Urban Transport Organization, OASA S.A.
- **François Bergère**, Executive Director, Long Term Infrastructure Investors Association

Moderated by **Jean-Christophe Barth-Coullaré**, Executive Director, WAPPP, Geneva

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