

# AGENDA

25 November 2020 | Virtual meeting

## Asian Public Governance Forum Infrastructure Governance in times of COVID-19



16.00-16.15

### Opening remarks

The co-hosts will provide brief introductory remarks and set the scene for the event.

16.15-16.45

### Session 1: The new 2020 OECD Recommendation on the Governance of Infrastructure: a fit-for-purpose tool for a post-Covid era

This session will present the new OECD Recommendation on the Governance of Infrastructure, adopted by the OECD Council in July 2020, during the pandemic. Participants will explore its potential use in the region. The endorsement of the new Recommendation culminates a long process that included a large public consultation and the collection of lessons, evidence and experience over the years from working with OECD and non-OECD countries in the implementation of Infrastructure projects.

16.45-17.15

### Session 2: Strategic planning of infrastructure for the recovery phase

Strategic planning of infrastructure can support economic and social recovery following the COVID-19 crisis. The session will share current thinking from OECD countries and key partners and identify possible avenues for designing and implementing infrastructure programmes that contribute to a sustainable rebound while strengthening infrastructure resilience.

17.15-17.45

### Session 3: Public procurement strategies for infrastructure delivery

The COVID-19 crisis is different from those experienced in the past with great implications on how governments should move forward in terms of infrastructure planning and delivery. This session will address the challenges related to the digital transformation of the infrastructure sector and the need for greater transparency and trust in the public sector. It will also debate how the region can use the occasion to unlock the value of the infrastructure sector through enhanced digitalisation.

17.45-18.15

### Session 4: Monitoring and evaluation frameworks for better governance of infrastructure

Monitoring of results and performance evaluation for infrastructure and public procurement are still incipient in many OECD and non-OECD countries, preventing the governments from understanding the real impact of the projects in the life and well-being of the citizens. It also limits the possibilities to redesign and adjust strategies. This session will debate existing concepts to support monitoring evaluation and accountability of infrastructure projects, including the use of visualisation tools and modern technologies.

18.15-18.30

### Final reflections and next steps

The co-hosts will discuss findings from the previous sessions, and provide reflections on how to take the discussions forward in the context of building a strong partnership for infrastructure governance and delivery in Asia through the development of regional networks



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