

ITF Working Group on Strategic Infrastructure Planning

1st Working Group meeting on 28 February – 1 March 2019

Room D, OECD Chateau, 2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France

<i>Agenda</i>	
<i>The meeting will be chaired by Philip Graham, CEO, UK National Infrastructure Commission</i>	
Day 1 – Thursday, 28th February 2019	
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome from the Secretariat (Young-Tae Kim, Secretary-General & Stephen Perkins, ITF Head of Research and Policy Analysis)
14:10 – 14:20	Introduction to the Working Group – background, objectives, timeline (Jagoda Egeland, Project Manager)
14:20 – 15:20	Tour de Table – introductions from participants & indication of their research interests (Philip Graham, Chair)
15:20 – 15:40	Overview and review of the Agenda (Philip Graham & Jagoda Egeland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Economy of Strategic Infrastructure Planning • (Better) Assessment of Need for Infrastructure Investment • Project appraisal and selection
15:40 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:50	Session I: Political Economy of Strategic Infrastructure Planning <p><i>Several OECD governments have established government departments or independent agencies to develop coherent long-term infrastructure plans across sectors. This session will compare different national planning frameworks, with focus on which characteristics of the planning agencies (including independence from the government, scope of remit, leadership – politicians vs. technocrats) can help build consensus on infrastructure investment.</i></p> <p><i>The aim of this session is to determine whether a comparative study of different planning frameworks could shed light on how to improve governance frameworks to get better infrastructure outcomes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure planning across sectors in Australia (Stephen Alchin, Independent Expert) • Transport infrastructure planning in Sweden (Abel Tefera, Trafikverket) • Infrastructure planning under changing priorities in Chile (Alex Galetovic, Stanford University) • Governance of cross-border infrastructure projects (Franc Žepič, Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia) • Discussion: How may these different frameworks affect outcomes? (All)

17:50-18:00	Summary of Day 1 of discussions (and another review of the agenda)
19:00-20:30	<i>Dinner at Le Bois – 29 Rue Bois le Vent, 75016 Paris.</i> NB: If you haven't done so yet, RSVP to Yazmin. NB2: Everyone will have to pay for themselves.
Day 2 – Friday, 1st March 2019	
9:00 – 9:30	<i>Coffee and croissants</i>
9:30 – 11:15	<p>Session II: (Better) Assessment of Need for Infrastructure Investment: What gaps are there, what data/assessments do we need?</p> <p><i>At the end of last year, the NIC produced a National Infrastructure Assessment. The NIA looks at the UK's future economic infrastructure needs up to 2050 and makes key recommendations for how to deliver new transport, low carbon energy and digital networks, how to recycle more and waste less, and how future infrastructure should be paid for. In this session, the NIC will provide an overview of the NIA and participants will review the assessment through the prism of their own assessment frameworks in place.</i></p> <p><i>The aim of this session is to discuss best practice in assessing the need for infrastructure investment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA) by the National Infrastructure Commission (James Richardson, Chief Economist, NIC) • Discussion: What lessons does the NIA present for other countries? (All)
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:15	<p>Session III: Project Appraisal and Selection: Can we improve the methodology behind it?</p> <p><i>Project appraisal and selection are constantly being improved by policy makers, by enhancing the existing assessment methods and incorporating new assessment modules to inform the decision makers (e.g. distributional impact analysis). More work is also done to account for risk and uncertainty, mostly through scenario-based assessments.</i></p> <p><i>The aim of this session is to discuss where and how we may look for better methods of assessing infrastructure projects and increase our understanding of how different projects fit with long-term societal needs and how they respond to major socio-economic trends.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating external drivers (population ageing, environmental risks, automated driving, etc.) into decision-making on multimodal investment needs (Alexander Walcher, Managing Director, ASFINAG Construction Management)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment packages – accounting for interdependencies in project selection (Chris Campbell, Economic Advisor, UK Department for Transport)
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch in the OECD canteen</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Towards an ITF Report on Strategic Infrastructure Planning In this session, the Secretariat will propose report chapters
14:30 – 15:30	Group discussions In this session, WG Members will discuss content and responsibilities for evidence gathering/report chapters
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:45	Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting back from breakout groups + discussion • Agreement on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Division of responsibilities ○ Timeline and next WG meetings (dates + locations) ○ Deadlines for inputs ○ Selection of a Chair
16:45-17:00	Summary of takeaways from the 1st WG meeting