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Sustainable Public-Private Partnerships in the MENA Region

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Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) are usually employed by the governments to provide infrastructure services. Governments are able to draw private capital and expertise through PPPs, and, under the right circumstances, they can improve service provision and spur economic growth (Arezki and Belhaj, 2019).

In the past, PPPs have been evaluated on the basis of their financial impact (Delmon, 2021; Hoeft, et al., 2021).

With sustainability and civil engagement issues becoming more prominent, projects financed with PPPs have become central to achieving sustainable development (Casady et al., 2020; Hai et al., 2022).

Contrary to the past, the evaluation of PPPs has gained a more holistic dimension and also considers social and environmental factors, for example with KPIs able to provide a comprehensive evaluation. (dos Reis and Gomes, 2022).

Furthermore, the objective of this track is to bring the theme of sustainable PPPs into the context of the MENA region in order to highlight the risk and success factors by comparing them with those from the European and Anglo-Saxon context (Arezki and Belhaj, 2019; Di Liddo et al. 2019;).

The track would like to attract interdisciplinary works, from fields like public administration, public management, public policy, accounting, finance, engineering and beyond.

The track aims to investigate whether PPPs are the most suitable instruments to encourage sustainable development in the MENA region and, if so, under what conditions.

We are particularly interested in advanced forms of PPPs and similar instruments that have spread in the MENA region, or models that have developed in the rest of the world that are better replicable in our context of interest.

We are requesting theoretical or empirical, descriptive or explanatory papers that should have a clear conceptual basis and should meet the appropriate methodological standards. Comparative papers are also appreciated.

The following areas are most welcome (not exclusive):

- Sustainability assessment in PPPs in MENA region;

- Monitoring sustainability in PPP projects in MENA region;
- Financial sustainability of PPPs in MENA region;
- PPPs for environmental projects in MENA region;
- PPPs and resilient projects in MENA region;
- PPPs accounting and accountability in MENA region.

Practicalities

- Submissions should be made in English or Arabic.
- The call-for-papers and panels will remain open until November 30th.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by December 15.
- Full papers will be expected by January 8th.

The conference will take place on February 6-9, 2023, in the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (SEAPP) of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, in Qatar. The PhD symposium will take place on February 6; all plenary and parallel sessions on the themes, proposals and panels will be scheduled on February 7-9.

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