



Roundtable in collaboration with University of Geneva

Objectives & Expected Outcomes

- Bringing in experts on urban sustainability to foster discussion for (future) research and capacity building.
- Providing a platform to connect and improve cooperation among different urban stakeholders (International organizations, city governments, private sector, academia, NGO's)
- Establishing the basis for 4 thematic workshops (*possibly becoming a regional observatory to monitor, assess development*)

15:00 – 15:10 Introduction: Alexandre Hedjazi, University of Geneva (UNIGE)

Society

- *Under which conditions can public-private partnerships deliver infrastructure projects that are sustainable (economically, environmentally) and people oriented?*
- *How reliable are existing PPP metrics? What are we missing?*

15:10 - 15:20 Speaker: Karen Wilson, OECD

15:20 – 15:30 Speaker: Raymond Saner, University of Basel

15:30 - 15:35 Discussant: Spiro Pollalis, Professor of Design Technology and Management

15:35 - 15:55 Q&A

Policy

- *What policy instruments/tools do policy makers have available to ensure better (cross-sectoral) integration across governance frameworks? What lessons can be learnt from past experiences?*
- *What are the specific policy challenges of trans-national projects, such as the BRI? What are reliable indicators for progress in the area?*

15:55 - 16:05 **Speaker:** Alexandre Hedjazi, UNIGE

16:05 - 16:10 **Discussant:** Spiro Pollalis

16:10 - 16:30 Q&A

**(break 5 minutes)*

Finance

- *At a time when the construction and maintenance of infrastructure networks/projects is so relevant, what type of innovative finance mechanisms can be adopted?*
- *What are the shortcomings of existing finance mechanisms? Are indicators adequate? What is needed to strengthen their capacity to propel sustainability changes?*

16:35 - 16:45 **Speaker:** Rowan Palmer, UN Environment

16:45 – 16:55 **Speaker:** Vladimir Vagin, Center for Initiative Budgeting of the Ministry of Finance, Russian Federation

16:55 – 17:00 **Discussant:** Spiro Pollalis

17:00 – 17:20 Q&A

Data

- *To what extent the needs of data collection and data management, which are vital for effective sustainability accounting, are being included into sustainable infrastructure development?*
- *How can we move past “adding more sensors”, thus contributing to informational noise, towards actually designing data ecologies, where the various data flows feed into each other? Can SDGs work as guides as to how to design these data ecologies?*

17:20 - 17:30 Speaker: Matteo Tarantino, UNIGE

17:30 - 17:35 Discussant: Spiro Pollalis

17:35 - 17:55 Q&A

17:55 – Conclusion: Alexandre Hedjazi, UNIGE & Gulnara Roll, UNECE