
REFERENCE GROUP ON INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Terms of reference

Role and functions

The UN Reference Group on Infrastructure Asset Management (IAM) brings together key experts and specialists in the field of IAM to provide strategic guidance to the capacity development work of the IAM UN team, the latter consisting of technical staff from United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), United Nations Capital Development Funds (UNCDF) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The Group is to advise the IAM UN team on how to ensure effectiveness, sustainability and scale of its joint technical assistance and capacity development work on IAM in beneficiary developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Reference Group will assist the work of the IAM UN Team with the following tasks:

- *Position* the work of the UN on IAM by suggesting ways to foster coherence and harness synergies with related initiatives within and outside the UN system
- *Strengthen its development impact* by reviewing the evolving UN capacity development delivery mechanisms on IAM and identifying high impact areas and emerging opportunities for capacity development in the IAM space
- *Ensuring high topical relevance and analytical standards* of IAM resources and toolkits by providing inputs and promoting feedback and involvement of relevant experts in the various networks of their respective organizations
- *Promote advocacy and networking* by raising awareness of the UN work on IAM among various stakeholders and networks; periodically keeping members of those partners and networks abreast of its progress in the UN work on IAM; promoting partnership and collaboration with other stakeholders specializing in the field; and helping identify potential funding opportunities for the IAM UN work.

Membership and Meeting Modalities

Members of the Reference Group are selected based on their experience and knowledge of the various challenges facing infrastructure asset management in developing countries as well as their positions in key organizations and stakeholder groups. The composition offers a rich mix of experts on IAM and related fields from academia, NGOs, private sector, national and international donor organizations, and multilateral and regional development banks, with attention to geographic and gender balance. Members serve in their personal capacity and there will be no remuneration. The Group will meet on a biannual basis, at least three months apart, unless otherwise agreed. In general, meetings of the Reference Group will be held online. In instances where members express their preference for face-to-face interactions, alongside UN or other meetings they plan to attend, a physical meeting can be organized where and when it is safe to do so.