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WHY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS DON'T WORK

The many advantages of the public alternative

Wednesday, 18 March 2015, 10.30am – 12:30pm

CCUN, Room: Chapel, Corner 44th and 1st Av. Entrance from 1st Avenue

Privatisation is about to become official UN policy. Many governments are still turning to public-private partnerships in the hope that the private sector will finance public infrastructure and public services. This hope also runs through the G20, the OECD and the ongoing negotiations at the United Nations for the Sustainable Development Goals. However, experience with so-called public-private partnerships (PPPs) shows that privatisation is fundamentally flawed.

The report "Why Public-Private-Partnerships don't work" - released by **Public Services International Research Unit (PSIRU)** - assesses PPPs in countries both rich and poor and shows that these are an expensive and inefficient way of financing infrastructure and services, since they conceal public borrowing, while providing long-term state guarantees for profits to private companies.

The event aims to raise concerns on PPPs and propose alternative policy options that are more compatible with social development.

SPEAKERS:

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| Rosa Pavanelli | General Secretary, Public Services International (PSI) |
| David Hall | Former PSIRU Director, author of the research |
| Jane Carter | Labour Economist, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) |
| Bhumika Muchhala | Senior Policy Analyst, Finance and Development Programme, Third World Network (TWN) |
| Christopher Dekki | UN Liaison for the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) |
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