Mexico leading in transparent PPP procurement

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO // 29 May, 2017: Mexico is leading the way for emerging countries in reforms to boost its infrastructure sector, the Global Infrastructure Hub has found.

The GI Hub’s new tool, InfraCompass, shows Mexico’s reforms, including its partnering with the OECD to implement the OECD Competition Committee’s Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement, were helping to improve procurement.

Mexico currently outperforms even the developed country average in transparency of Public-Private Partnership procurement, bid evaluation, and the calling for tenders process.

Since 2011, Mexico’s competitiveness has improved by an average 2% annually and total infrastructure investment grew by 23%, from US$13.4 billion in 2011 to US$16.5 billion in 2015. Private sector investment in infrastructure in Mexico has increased since 2011, with an average 19.4 transactions at US$14.1 billion per year recorded between 2012 and 2016, compared to nine transactions totalling US$3 billion in 2011.

InfraCompass, launched by the Global Infrastructure Hub earlier this month, provides comprehensive data across 49 countries including Mexico, identifying best practices for infrastructure markets across six categories, Institutions and governance; Regulatory and competition frameworks; Permits, licences and land acquisitions; Plan and select; Procurement; and Delivery and operations.

The new online tool will guide governments across the globe on creating the best conditions for infrastructure delivery. The website and an accompanying report can be accessed at: http://infracompass.gihub.org

Mexico performed well in the categories of Procurement and Plan and select.

GI Hub Chief Executive Officer Chris Heathcote says Mexico’s focus on improving public procurement would boost its infrastructure market.

“Unlocking private sector investment is key to delivering more public infrastructure – and improving public procurement will be a key to that,” he said. “And that’s really important for creating liveable communities. This is about people and helping to improve their lives.”

InfraCompass will assist governments and development agencies identify leading infrastructure practices and the reforms that will have the most impact in their market.

“This is a really important compilation of data all in one online resource that will shine a light on best practices, and show governments where they need to improve,” Mr Heathcote said.

“All of these factors contribute to the best possible environment for infrastructure markets.
“InfraCompass is a key part of the GI Hub’s body of work which is aimed at helping to deliver more quality public infrastructure across the globe and creating more liveable communities.”

The leaders, across both developed and emerging countries, for each category were:

**Institutions and governance:**
New Zealand, Germany, Canada, Malaysia, Colombia, and Kenya
**Regulatory and competition frameworks:**
United Kingdom, Ireland, Singapore, Peru, Colombia, and South Africa
**Permits, licenses and land acquisitions:**
Singapore, New Zealand, Korea, Rwanda, Malaysia, and Turkey
**Plan and select:**
United Kingdom, Korea, Canada, South Africa, Mexico, and Kenya
**Procurement:**
Austria, Denmark, Australia, South Africa, Mexico, and Vietnam
**Delivery and operations:**
Spain, Austria, USA, Malaysia, Russia, and Nigeria

The GI Hub, established by the G20, has been in full operation from Sydney, Australia for the past 18 months, with the aim of promoting reforms and practices to unlock higher levels of investment in infrastructure. Other GI Hub projects include:

- **Global Infrastructure Outlook**, a new online tool that will be released soon, which shows infrastructure needs now and into the future across 50 countries.
- **Project Pipeline**, a free online platform detailing early-stage information on government infrastructure projects across the globe to help the private sector make decisions on investment and participation: pipeline.gihub.org
- **Allocating Risks in Public-Private Partnerships**, advice for governments and the private sector in conjunction with Norton Rose Fulbright: ppp-risk.gihub.org

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The Global Infrastructure Hub (GI Hub) was launched in 2014 with a G20 mandate to increase the flow and the quality of opportunities for public and private infrastructure investment. We work to facilitate a better supply of quality, bankable government infrastructure projects to the private sector, identifying reforms, planning approaches and risk management strategies that drive public-private partnership and investment into infrastructure. We aim to be a leading reference on infrastructure best practices, providing innovations that enhance the market’s ability to finance, build and secure the best returns from infrastructure projects.

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