

InfraCompass: New tool to navigate for better infrastructure

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 16 May, 2017: Governments across the world will today be able to access a new online tool that is set to transform infrastructure planning.

InfraCompass, launched by the G20's Global Infrastructure Hub (GI Hub), provides comprehensive data across 49 countries, identifying best practices for infrastructure markets and guiding governments on how to create the best conditions for infrastructure delivery.

The online tool and an accompanying report can be accessed at: Infracompass.gihub.org

GI Hub Chief Executive Officer Chris Heathcote says the tool will guide economies on where to make key changes to improve their infrastructure markets.

“The GI Hub is really excited to deliver InfraCompass, and we believe it can really make an impact in helping countries deliver infrastructure.”

The tool has been welcomed by the World Bank.

“We in the World Bank Group are delighted to see the release of InfraCompass. We see it as a key resource for both policy makers and infrastructure investors,” World Bank Public-Private Partnerships Group Senior Director Laurence Carter said.

“The infrastructure gap is a service delivery/governance gap and this excellent, easy-to-use information from the Global Infrastructure Hub provides both a comprehensive overview of how countries are performing as well as areas where action can be taken to improve governance and delivery.”

Globally, infrastructure is a critical issue. The US alone is set to invest \$1 trillion developing existing and new assets, and similar spending is being considered around the world as governments seek to boost productivity and economic growth – and deliver key infrastructure.

InfraCompass will help inform these decisions, supporting governments in improving the way they deliver much-needed infrastructure projects. The tool is the first of its kind, and is the culmination of one and a half years spent analysing and compiling 130 existing datasets. The result is a comprehensive, easy to use online database that rates country infrastructure performances in the categories of:

- **Institutions and governance**
- **Regulatory and competition frameworks**
- **Permits, licences, and land acquisitions**
- **Plan and select**
- **Procurement**
- **Delivery and operations**

Mr Heathcote says 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 can improve,” he 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, in 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 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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About Global Infrastructure Hub

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.

For more information about GI Hub, visit: www.gihub.org