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Revitalizing the PPP across Infrastructure Sector

Panel Brief:

India is one of the leading countries in implementing PPPs for the delivery of infrastructure projects. With over 2000 PPP projects in various stages of implementation, India ranks high on global rankings in private sector investments, business climate and institutional maturity for PPPs. The ecosystem for PPP projects in energy, roads, ports, airports, railways, metro, ICT, municipal solid waste, natural gas, water/sewage treatment has evolved over three decades. The road and energy sectors have been the most prominent, accounting for more than 84% of the total number of projects that achieved financial close. While the reliance on the private sector for infrastructure development remains high, as outlined in the future targets set by the GOI, the risk appetite of private investors has declined over the past decade. This highlights the need to review partnership models and the overarching ecosystem.

This panel explores the role of the private sector in long term infrastructure development and financial sustainability. The key questions the panel seeks to answer are:

1. What debates and discussions in PPP are likely to shape the future of infrastructure development?

2. Why is the revitalization of PPPs crucial for addressing infrastructure challenges and ensuring long-term sustainability?

3. What lessons can be learned from India's PPP experiences to ensure the sustained progress of infrastructure development while balancing public and private sector interests?

4. What regulatory frameworks need to be developed to ensure greater accountability of the private sector for environmental impacts in PPPs?