

Benchmarking Infrastructure Development 2020

Changes to the PPP Scoring Methodology

The PPP scoring methodology for *Benchmarking Infrastructure Development 2020* data builds on the methodology used for *Procuring Infrastructure PPPs 2018*. However, there are significant changes and differences between the two scoring methodologies. Consequently, *Benchmarking Infrastructure Development 2020* PPP legal scores are not comparable with the PPP scores in *Procuring Infrastructure PPPs 2018*. Changes to the scoring methodology are described below:

(a) Change in the scoring approach due to the systematic introduction of practice questions: New to the 2020 edition, the PPP survey completely separated regulatory-based *de jure* questions from practice *de facto* questions. The latter were systematically introduced to capture the implementation of each of the regulatory data points assessed. While this basic aim of the regulatory questions remains, the clear delimitation between regulatory based and practice questions introduced in the 2020 edition implies a substantial change from the scoring approach taken in the 2018 edition.

The scores published in the *Procuring Infrastructure PPPs 2018* report were a mix of regulatory and practice-based answers. Both regulatory- and practice-based questions were collectively reflected in the aggregate score of each thematic area. A full score was recognized for each benchmark when a regulatory provision was identified. Additionally, surveyed economies were rewarded with half points for the areas that the majority of contributors considered as having been followed in practice, even if a regulatory basis did not exist. Finally, for a subset of questions that were considered particularly relevant (for example, conducting assessments), the 2018 edition included independent practice *de facto* questions (with only a binary Yes/No possible answer) that were scored along with the other questions, providing a bonus full score when a regulatory requirement was followed in practice according to the contributor's opinion.

The aggregated results of the pilot practice *de facto* questions are presented in each of the corresponding sections of the *Benchmarking Infrastructure Development 2020* report and are available for download on this website. However, individual practice scores by economy are not presented, given the nascent nature of this approach. The scores contained in the report and website are legal *de jure* scores, reflecting exclusively regulatory alignment to internationally recognized good practices, and are not comparable with the PPP scores from *Procuring Infrastructure PPPs 2018*.

(b) Additional and reformulated questions: In addition to the change in the scoring approach, during the refinement of the PPP survey, a set of new questions was added, and some other questions were reformulated, in particular to ensure consistency with the new TPI survey. This results in limited comparability for reformulated questions, and no baseline for new questions. Direct comparisons between the scores published in *Procuring Infrastructure PPPs 2018* and *Benchmarking Infrastructure Development 2020* are therefore inaccurate. The detailed PPP scoring methodology (also available on this website) identifies the new and reformulated questions.