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# Mobilising private finance for infrastructure

## Myths and realities

What **Color** is  
Your Infrastructure?

Using Green Practices to Improve Water Quality and Save Money



# Infrastructure is the backbone



**Fundamental Human Right**  
**Key Determinant of Domestic Investment Climate**



# Private Capital Providers

- Commercial Banks (International)
- Commercial Banks (Domestic)
- Pension Funds
- Insurance Companies
- Infrastructure Finance Companies
- Private Equity Companies
- Hedge Funds
- Private Equity Providers

*All have very different risk appetites and investment strategies*

## **Role of Governments: Public Entities and Development banks**

- **Directly Finance from tax revenues**
- **Issues Bonds**
- **Offer shares of the project**
- **Provide guarantees**
- **Credit enhance**
- **Insurance, hedging or other financial instruments**

# Deploying Infrastructure is done through ....

- **Public Procurement:** public sector purchases the asset
- **Public Private Partnerships**

## What are Private Public Partnerships?

**Contracts or arrangements under which governments work with the private sector to :**

- **Capitalise or co-capitalise**
- **Design**
- **Build**
- **Operate**
- **Maintain**

**Public infrastructure and services**

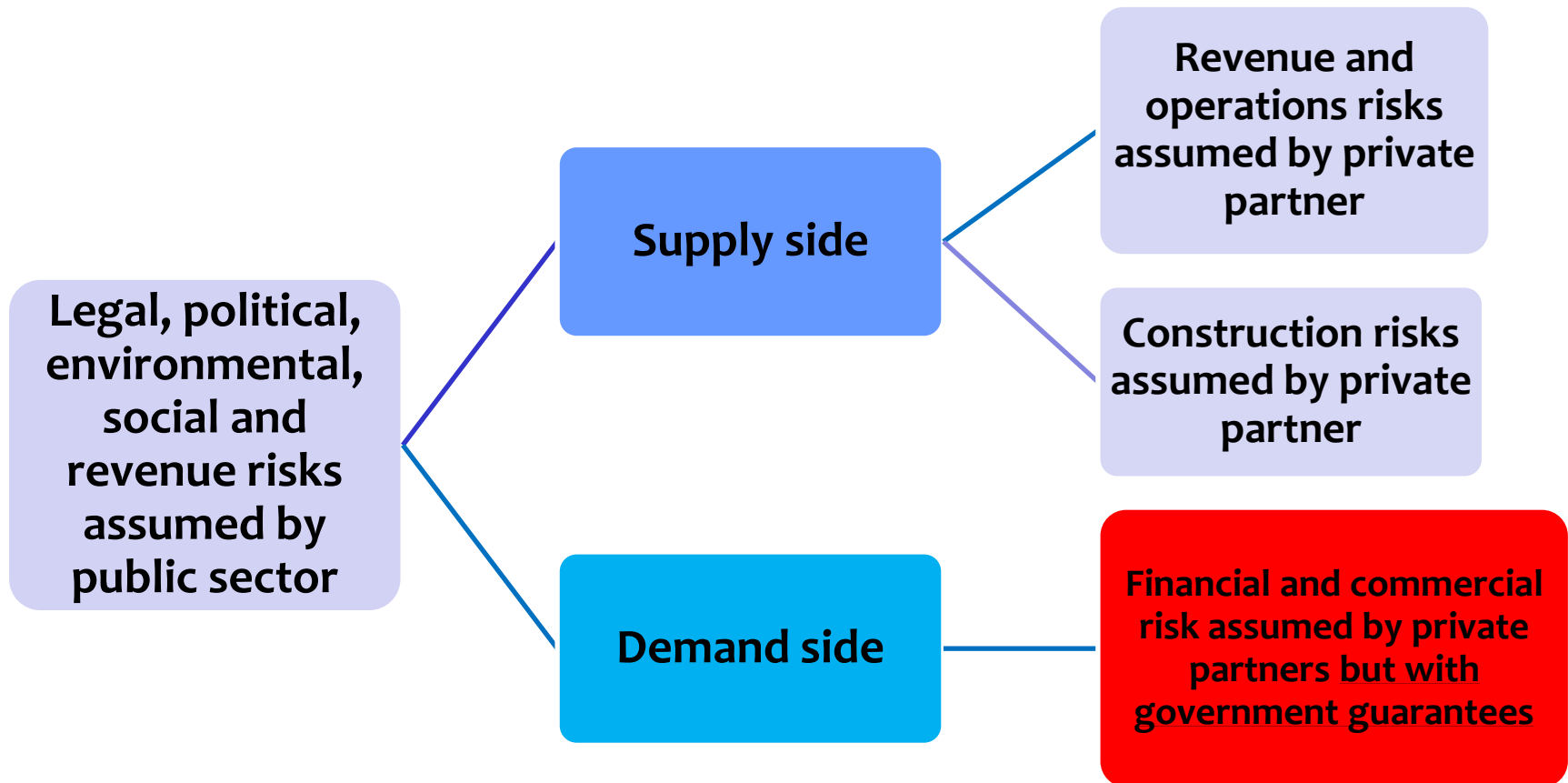
**There are many choices in PPP arrangements ...**

- **Concession Agreement**
- **Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT)**
- **Design, Build, Finance, Operate (DBFO)**
- **Design, Build, Finance, Maintain (DBFM)**
- **Design, Build, Operate (DBO)**
- **Build, Finance, Maintain**
- **Operate, Maintain (O&M)**
- **Design, Build**

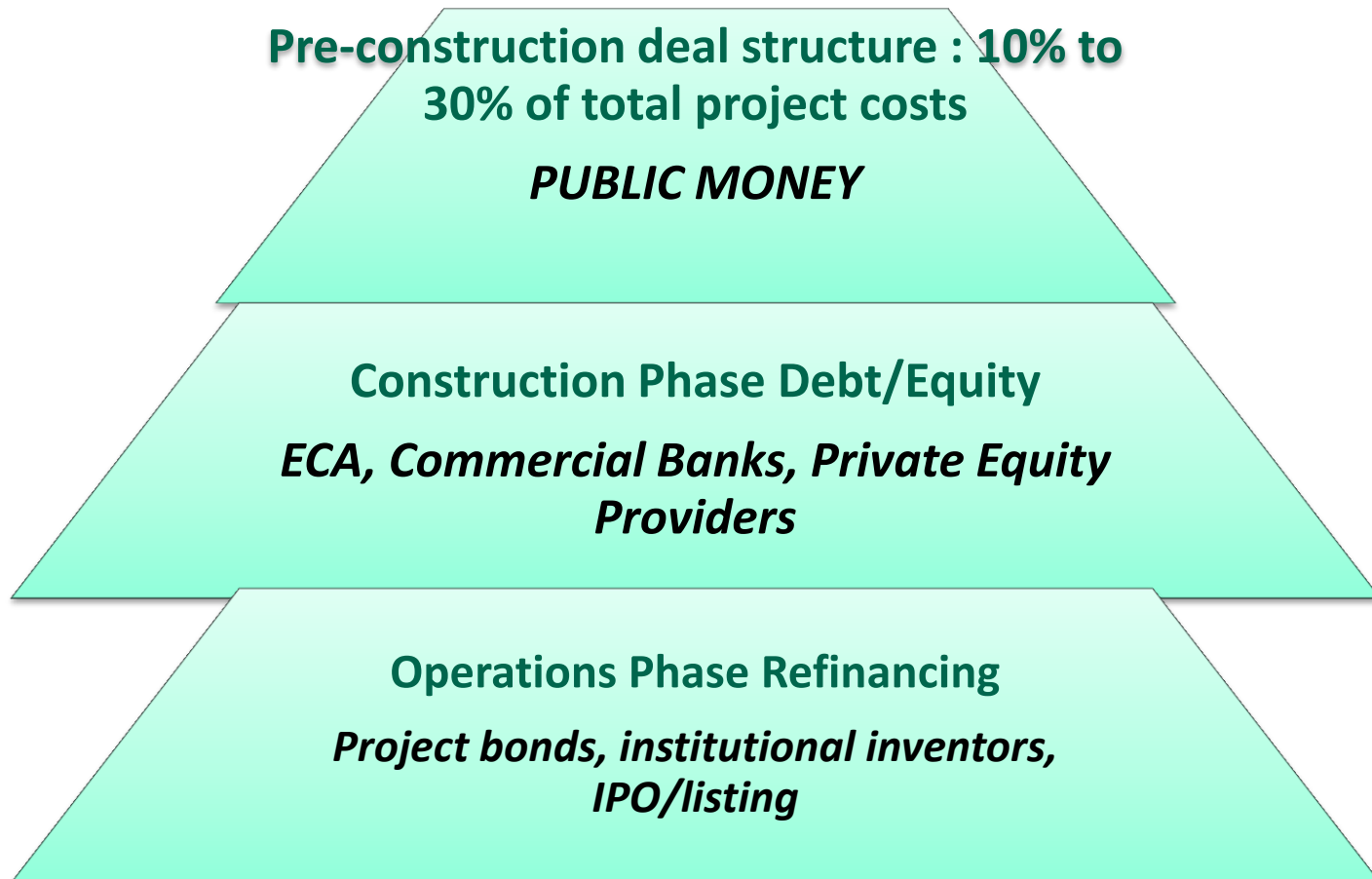
**Complex and  
long-term**



# PPPs are 'risk sharing' arrangements between public and private entities



## Stages in mobilising private finance into infrastructure



## Key risks for the private investor:

**Devaluation:** US\$ value of cash flows fall below debt servicing levels

**Convertibility:** Prevent currency transfers into forex and overseas.

**Uncertainties linked to future revenue streams:**

**Bankability of infrastructure financing is based on future revenue streams.** Data and expertise in forecasting notoriously inaccurate.

**Policy makers cant orchestrate PPPs:**

Policy makers are not deal makers. A new mindset and skills set are needed.

## Solutions to crowd in private sector

### Government:

- Assume legal and political risks and also revenue risks when needed.
- Infrastructure development funds/project development funds/ viability gap funds
- Credit Guarantees
- **Tweak existing instruments to reward 'green' infrastructure**

### Commercial Banks:

- Address asset –liability mismatch. Banks seeks to hold for 5 to 7 years. Construction projects needs longer time frames.
- More innovative ways to finance, aim to improve credit ratings for transactions.

## Solutions to crowd in private sector

### Development Banks and Export Credit Agencies :

- Country risk mitigation and deepen capital markets
- Guarantees
- Credit enhancement

### Public entities:

- Improve credit worthiness, corporate governance, management capacity
- Address the issue of inefficient state-owned monopolies
- Improve local expertise to structure long term project financing
- Remove tax holidays in favour of lower but universal fiscal regimes

# The infrastructure reality

- Bankability is based on future revenue streams/availability payments.
- When revenue streams are predictable and sufficiently large, debt financing is an option.
- When future revenues are not sufficiently predictable, the 'gap' can be closed by public funds or private equity.
- Debt gets paid on pre-determines schedules.
- Private equity takes higher risks and gets paid after debt servicing.
- **This aspects of deal structuring deserves close attention.**

# The infrastructure reality

- **Private investors will invest if minimum internal rates of return are big enough.**
- **Public agencies may need to give away large shares of future revenues to private investors, even if the equity stake is small.**

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# Thank you

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