Webinar 2 on Innovation and Digital Government

Bio of Speakers

Professor M. Adil Khan, is a Professor (Adjunct) of Development Practice at the School of Social Sciences, University of Queensland, Brisbane (Australia) and former Chief of Socio-Economic Governance and Management Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), New York, USA.

Prof. Khan possesses more than 40 years of experience in international development, participatory governance, corruption control, and public policy. His work experiences include multidisciplinary and multinational team leadership and substantive guidance in research and capacity building in development management, pro-poor public policy, and corruption control at developing country government and the United Nations.

In his current capacity as Professor of Development Practice at the University of Queensland, Australia Professor Khan conducts research and publishes and supervises Master and PhD students in the broader areas and issues of governance and development. Professor Khan regularly undertakes consultancy works, participates in seminars and workshops and designs and offers training/guest lectures in the field of development and governance including programme evaluation, and design and deliver short-training courses on results based monitoring and evaluation, pro-poor public policy and in capacity building in "Socially Conscious Leadership (SCL) values for the implementation of UN SDGs.

Professor Khan is/has been a regular visiting professor/guest speaker/keynote speaker at the leading universities of Europe, North America, and Asia and at international conferences and seminars.

For his outstanding contributions in the field of international development and in team leadership Professor Khan has been awarded by the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration a Plaque of Recognition for championing the work of participatory governance in the programme of work of the UN and among the member states; and (ii) the 1995 UNEP Sasakawa Award for introducing the spiritual perspectives of sustainability in the special issue of the journal, *Sustainable Development,* of which he was once the Founding Editor-in-Chief.

Professor Khan is on the editorial board of several international journals and has published extensively on broader issues of governance and development. He is also the Principal Author of the 2008 UN World Public Sector Report, "People Matter: Civic Engagement in Public Governance".

Professor Khan has a master's degree in economics, a master's degree in Social Planning and Development and a PhD in Political Economy.

Mr. Armando Guio Español at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University is a lawyer, and graduated from Universidad de los Andes (Bogota, Colombia) in 2014 with an Honours Degree. He holds a Masters of Law from Harvard Law School (LL.M. '16) and a Master of Public Policy from Oxford University (MPP '18).

He has advised public and private entities around the world on data protection, AI policy and innovation matters. He has been actively involved in the design and implementation of AI Strategy's of several countries in Latin-America. And, as a consultant for CAF Development Bank of Latin-America, he has led the design of the first AI Governmental Council of Latin-America and the Caribbean.

He is interested in emerging technologies and the ethical and regulatory challenges that come with them. He thinks that the regulation of these innovations will be one of the most important discussions of our generation and would be essential for the future of developing countries. Thus, he has focused his work and studies on the design and implementation of regulatory sandboxes.

Mr. Mugambi Njeru has been with Huduma Kenya since 2013 and has served in different positions including Director, Service Delivery before appointment as the Acting Secretary/CEO. He was part of the inception team that conceptualised and rolled out the Huduma Kenya multi-channel one-stop-shop model anchored on interoperable Information Communication Technologies (ICT) infrastructure that has enabled seamless provision of various Government Services from the Huduma Kenya One-Stop-Shop platforms.

Before Joining Huduma Kenya he worked with Africa Union - New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Kenya Secretariat. At the secretariat he was part of the team working on the NEPAD development infrastructure and Africa peer review mechanisms (APRM). This provided an opportunity to understand regional and global issues for example the role of ICT and other infrastructure pillars that will lead to the African Renaissance.

Mr. Mugambi holds a Master's in Development Studies and two degrees in Public Accountancy (CPA-K) and Environmental Planning and management. He has vast experience in Strategic Leadership and Project management and is very passionate about transforming Public Service through ICT innovations and change of organisational culture. He is a proponent of customer centrality in decision making and as the foundational building block of Customer Service Excellence. Additionally, with his background on environmental planning and management he is an ambassador for climate change and he is a champion for Huduma Kenya's target to grow 500 Million trees in the next 10 years through the campaign dubbed 'Huduma Adopt a Forest'.

Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, PhD is a Senior Interregional Adviser for Public Administration at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in New York specializing on issues of public administration, innovation, and digital government.

Prior to joining UNDESA, Cristina was Assistant Director for Institutional Relations at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University (FIU) and Deputy Director for International Programs at the Institute for Public Management and Community Service also at FIU.

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