Mainstreaming the Toolkit on Capacities for Digital Government Transformation in the Curricula of the Public Administration Schools and Training Institutes in the Asia Pacific Region

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Overview

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA)

- A pioneering public administration organization and network in the Asia Pacific region established in 1958 and formally launched in 1960
- Actively engaged experts, scholars, and practitioners and students of Public Administration working towards responsive public administration and governance public service and governance in Asia
- Granted UN consultative status in 1966 and continues to be engaged with the UN (UNPAN, UNDESA, UNPOG, CEPA)
- Over the recent years, EROPA employing a number of platforms (conferences, publications, webinars, dialogues, etc.) was engaged with a number of partners and training institutions in the advancing the discourse of contemporary issues and concerns of public administration



EROPA in the Asia Pacific Region





Usefulness and Timeliness of the Toolkits

- Toolkits provide modules specific for digital government that are accessible to all public institutions
 - However, there is a need to be mindful of contextualizing the modules to develop training designs that are grounded
- Supplements the lack of training programs and/or manual that are essential in advancing efforts to digitalize the public sector
- Provides systematic approach towards digital transformation
 Coupled with structural modules that are readily available



Important Role of Educational and Research Institutions

- Maximize the role of higher educational institutions (HEIs) as source of research studies complementing the needs for digital government → strengthening RND of the HEIs
- HEIs as provider of capacity development trainings for government officials
 - Focusing the training on upskilling the digital capacities/competencies of government officials
- Provide training-of-trainers program for HEI officials focusing on digital capacities



Recommendations / Commitments

Building upon the previous activities conducted in collaboration with UN DESA and AAPA, EROPA recommends, and commits to the following:

- Continue capacity building interventions through the conduct of training of trainers on the Toolkit on Capacities for Digital Government Transformation in collaboration with UN DESA

 Follow up trainings (in person or online) to deepen the understanding of the Toolkit and its application
- Create cohorts of trainers composed of officials from universities and public institutions in the Asia-Pacific region for easier dissemination and mainstreaming the Toolkit in the curricula and training programmer for public servants

Recommendations / Commitments

- Continue sharing good practices on how the Toolkits including this Toolkit could be incorporated in PA curricula among communities of PA
 - Share case studies of new courses and translate training materials into different languages
- Taking off from the UNDESA toolkits, continue efforts to localize and contextualize the teaching and research of SDGs among EROPA partners and public administration institutions in the region.



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