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**Launch of the UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG
eLearning Course on
Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG
Implementation (Foundational and Advanced Courses)**

Concept Note & Agenda

17 January 2024

15:00 – 16:00 | Seoul (GMT+ 9)
13:00 – 14:00 | Bangkok (GMT+ 7)
18:00 – 19:00 | Suva (GMT+ 12)
01:00 – 02:00 | New York (GMT-4)

Registration: ***Coming Soon***

*Organized by
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)
United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)*

1. Event Description

This webinar will introduce the newly launched eLearning course on Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation (Foundational and Advanced Courses). The event will feature expert presentations on the topics covered in the eLearning courses from Korea and the Philippines along with a detailed introduction to the course. The eLearning courses are based on the UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG Toolkit on “Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation” of the [UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs](#).

2. Context

The success of SDGs hinges on the effective coordination of implementation efforts through robust public governance. To address issues effectively, state and local governments must foster organic cooperation, extending to the private and non-governmental organizations.

This Foundational Course aims to explore the general aspects of effective national to local public governance for SDG implementation, with a specific focus on strengthening institutional effectiveness, emphasizing the importance of multistakeholder engagement, and recognizing the role of local governments in achieving the SDGs.

Building on the insights gained from the Foundational Course, the Advanced Course delves deeper into the specific aspects of SDG localization. It places special emphasis on vertical integration for policy coherence, financing for SDG localization, and monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs. The eLearning course includes case studies and knowledge checks to enhance the capacities of policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders, fostering an understanding of the significance of SDG localization, and vertical integration for policy coherence, and the application of innovative financing mechanisms to advance SDG implementation.

The learning outcomes are designed around the commonly expressed challenges of strengthening coordination between national and local governments and enhancing institutional effectiveness for the SDG achievement. The eLearning course seeks to break institutional barriers for a more effective pursuit of the SDGs and highlight the pivotal role of local government.

The Toolkit, developed in 2021, focuses on strengthening public institutions at both national and local levels to facilitate more consistent SDG implementation. Through the eLearning course, participants will explore various cases involving collaboration between state and local authorities, including planning, policy establishment, and financial practices. The eLearning course is freely accessible to all interested policymakers, practitioners and stakeholders on the UN DESA Digital Learning Centre and includes features for enhanced accessibility.

The Foundational course comprises of 3 units:

Unit 1: Course Introduction

- Module 1.1 Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation

Unit 2: Institutional Effectiveness for SDGs

- Module 2.1 Effective, Accountable, and Inclusive Institutions
- Module 2.1 Institutional Effectiveness for SDGs

Unit 3: Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

- Module 3.1 Whole-of-Government Approach
- Module 3.1 Whole-of-Society Approach

The Advanced course comprises of 5 units:

Unit 4: Localizing the SDGs

- Module 4.1 Need for Localization of SDGs
- Module 4.1 Localization from National to Subnational

Unit 5: Vertical Integration

- Module 5.1 Aligning Local Planning to Achieve the SDGs
- Module 5.1 Vertical Integration for Policy Coherence

Unit 6: Financing for SDG Localization

- Module 6 Financing for SDG Localization

Unit 7: Follow-Up Measure

- Module 7.1 Monitoring and Evaluation
- Module 7.2 Reporting SDGs

Unit 8: Action Plan for Accelerating Change

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3. Objective

This webinar aims to introduce the content, purpose, and accessibility features of the eLearning course on "Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation (Foundational and Advanced Courses)." The eLearning courses are designed to enhance institutional effectiveness for SDG implementation and foster an understanding of the importance of SDG localization, emphasizing vertical integration and policy coherence to advance the implementation of SDGs.

4. Target Audience

The primary audience of the Webinar are national government agencies, local government authorities, development partners, the private sector, and academia and students.

5. Expected Outcomes

- The participants of the webinar will become familiar with the eLearning course content, registration process, and certification details.
- Generate greater engagement and understanding on effective national to local public governance for SDG implementation.

6. Agenda

Time KST	Agenda
15:00 - 15:05 (5 mins)	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Hye Kyung (Shelley) Choi, Programme Management Assistant, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA (1 min)</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit (PMCDU), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) [Video Message] <p>Group Photo (1 mins)</p>
15:06 - 15:11 (5 mins)	<p>Introduction to the eLearning Course on Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Prabin Maharjan, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA <p><i>Guiding Question: What are the objectives of the new eLearning course, and what topics does it cover?</i></p>
15:12 - 15:24 (12 mins)	<p>Vertical and Horizontal Integration of governance systems for Accelerating the Localization of the SDG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. M. Jae Moon, Professor, Department of Public Administration, Yonsei University (tbc) <p><i>Guiding Question: How can governance models be enhanced through inclusive multilevel cooperation to effectively address the growing complexity of crises and ensure the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</i></p>
15:25 - 15:35 (10 mins)	<p>Application of Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation in the Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration Secretary-General (EROPA) (tbc) <p><i>Guiding Question: How has application of toolkit has enhanced capacity of public officials for SDGs implementation in the Philippines?</i></p>
15:36 - 15:40 (4 mins)	<p>Introducing UN DESA Digital Learning Centre and Course Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nina Brandt, Senior Programme Management Officer, UN DESA • Ms. Hye Yong (Hailey) Kim, Associate Research and Policy Analysis Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA <p><i>Guiding Question: Who can access the course and how to join and navigate it?</i></p>
15:41 - 15:56 (15 mins)	<p>Moderated Q&A</p>
15:57 - 16:00 (3 mins)	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ana Thorlund, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG

7. About the Organizers

UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG: The United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) is part of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). Its principal mission is to strengthen the public governance capacities of developing Member States in Asia and the Pacific and beyond to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. UNPOG was established in June 2006 to promote efficient, participatory and transparent governance as an outcome of the 6th Global Forum on Reinventing Government. In response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the mandate of UNPOG has been extended to the end of 2030.

For more information: http://www.unpog.org/page/sub2_1.asp

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