This governance capacity development session series on "Strengthening Public Governance and Accelerating Innovation to Achieve Agenda 2030" (held every Friday from 2 April to 25 June 2021) was to provide a common knowledge base to discuss and share general knowledge on the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the critical importance of strengthening public governance and building effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels for SDG implementation. [Read more.]

During the 20th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) (12 to 21 April 2021) the Committee explored effective governance and public administration for the implementation of the SDGs. It also discussed key areas of public administration underpinned by the [eleven principles of effective governance](#) for sustainable development to implement the SDGs [Read more.]

Building on the outcome of the 2019 Rome Conference on SDG 16, UN DESA and IDLO with the Government of Italy organized a [SDG 16 Conference 2021](#) (28-30 April 2021) which focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on SDG 16 as well as the transformative contribution SDG 16 can make in helping to safeguard and accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [Read more.]

In preparation for the UN E-government Survey 2022 and with the aim to improve the Survey and its methodology, UN DESA organized consultation sessions with stakeholders to gather feedback and suggestions for the UN E-Government Survey 2022. See the dates below for the sessions for different regions [Read more]:

- 5th May: [Global, during the WSIS Forum 2021](#);
- 14th May: [Asia and Pacific](#);
- 17th May: [Americas](#)
- 24th May: [Europe, Middle East & Africa](#)

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UN DESA and GRECO organized a joint side event on Building Transparent, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions (2 June 2021) in the context of the Special Session of the General Assembly (UNGASS) Against Corruption 2021, which showcased the importance of building transparent, accountable and inclusive institutions to foster good governance, prevent corruption and gain public trust. Read more.

The report on Innovation, Digital Government and Public Service Delivery for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean Region - Key Findings and Insights from the Facilitated Online Capacity Development Training Workshop was released. Full report

The report of the Conference on Transforming Governance for a more Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Future: SDG 16 as the Roadmap to Respond to COVID-19 and Build Back Better was released. Direct access to the report.

UNPAN Members’ Activities

Hosted by J-PAL’s Crime and Violence Initiative, Governance Initiative, and Innovations for Poverty Action’s (IPA) Peace & Recovery Program, this series showcased emerging results and policy lessons from the first three years of GCCI. J-PAL and IPA, with support from the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, jointly launched GCCI with the aim of increasing understanding of effective policies to promote peace and good governance, reduce crime, and support individuals and communities recovering from conflict.

With the rate of domestic violence increasing in light of COVID-19, what is the role of state institutions, including the police, in preventing and responding to violence against women? This 2nd webinar of this series titled Combating Violence Against Women through State institutions: Emerging Evidence and Implications for Practice took place on 2 April 2021. Read more.

How can states strengthen formal systems of justice provision and build people’s trust in the state? And how can informal dispute resolution systems complement or undermine these efforts? The 3rd webinar of this series titled Who Delivers Justice? Evidence for Strengthening Dispute Resolution Systems took place on 23 May 2021. Read more.

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In the Democratic Republic of Congo, tax revenues are equivalent to just 7.5% of GDP, standing in stark contrast to higher-income countries in which tax revenues generate billions of dollars for essential government services. The challenges of domestic resource mobilization are complex. This 4th webinar of the series entitled Building State Capacity for Tax Collection: Emerging Evidence and Implications for Practice took place on 3 June 2021. Read more.

ReSPA organized an open day Workshop on drafted Analysis of Policy co-ordination in Montenegro from 9 to 10 June 2021 in Montenegro. The workshop aimed to present the strategic, legal, and institutional aspects of coordination of public policies, with thoroughly explained the role of the most relevant public administration institutions in the improvement of co-ordination among public policies. Read more.

Prof. Cecilio E. Simon English has been elected Director of El Instituto Centroamericano de Administración Pública (ICAP) on 23 June 2021. Read more.

AAPAM Newsletter / 88th edition (Jan-June 2021): African Public Service Day was held on 23 June 2021. It is an important date in the calendar of African public servants, public service employees and public administration throughout the continent. It is a day set aside in the continent to celebrate public service. Read more.

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