CEPA held its 21st session at the UN Headquarters in New York from 4 to 8 April 2022. The overall theme of the session was "Transforming institutions and governance to build forward better towards 2030". Topics discussed in this year's session included governance and public administration aspects of the theme of the 2022 ECOSOC session and the 2022 High-level political forum on sustainable development. For more information, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1644](https://unpan.un.org/node/1644).

UNDESA, together with IDLO and the Government of Italy organized the **SDG 16 Conference 2022 on "People-Centred Governance in a Post-Pandemic World"**. The Conference examined how COVID-19 has contributed to the root causes and drivers of conflict and instability, challenged the delivery of public services, threatened the rule of law and increased inequality and exclusion. It highlighted innovations made in response to the pandemic. The Conference was held from 21 to 22 April in Rome, Italy, and online. For more information click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1618](https://unpan.un.org/node/1618).

UN DESA/DPIDG together with UNPOG and in collaboration with the National School of Local Administration (NASLA) of the Ministry of Interior, Royal Government of Cambodia, the Resident Coordinators Office in Cambodia and UNDP organized a 5-day Training of Trainers Workshop on "Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation in Cambodia". It was held from 10 to 17 May 2022. For more information, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1656](https://unpan.un.org/node/1656).

New on the UN DESA/DPIDG Blog: "A Hippocratic oath for the coming generations" by Dag O. Hessen

The blog post explores the impact of climate change on health, both its direct ramifications as well as psychological effects. To read the blog post by Dag O. Hessen, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1660](https://unpan.un.org/node/1660)

The **Report on the Peer-to-Peer Learning International Workshop on "Public Service Training Assessment for Strengthening Capacities of Public Servants to Support the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals"** held on 16-17 March 2022, is now available!! For more information, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1701](https://unpan.un.org/node/1701)

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The report of the 21st session of CEPA, held in April 2022, is now available in the six official UN languages. A key message of the session was that to build forward from the COVID-19 pandemic and advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, (...). Another key message was that climate change mitigation and adaptation called for technical and programmatic shifts as well as (...). These and other matters are reflected in a resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its Management Segment on 8 June 2022, as well as in the Committee’s input to the 2022 high-level political forum. For more information, click on https://unpan.un.org/node/1697.

Activities from UNPAN Members’

The IIAS MENA 2022 - Conference on “Next Generation Governance and Young Global Public Administration” called for proposals for its MENA Panel on "Digitalization and emerging technologies for resilience and recovery", organized as part of the 2022 Joint Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and Euromena. The deadline for submitting an abstract was 18 April. For more information, click on https://unpan.un.org/node/1646.

To celebrate the 2022 United Nations Public Service Day, a virtual event was held on the theme of “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals”. Taking its lead from the 2022 theme of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF), the main body for reviewing implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 2022 UN Public Service Day commemoration focused on the role of public institutions and public servants in building back better from COVID-19 as they work to meet the 2030 deadline for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. It brought together key stakeholders, public servants and UN officials. The virtual event will be held on 22 June. For more information, click on https://unpan.un.org/node/1683.

This interactive session on "Promoting Independent External Audits on the Credibility of Government Budgets: How Supreme Audit Institutions assess and address budget credibility" will take place on 16 June 2022. For more information, click here https://unpan.un.org/node/1693.

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Latest **EROPA Bulletin, Vol. 42 No. 2** (April 2022), the flagship quarterly newsletter of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration is now available.

**IIAS Agenda Newsletter** for April 2022 is now available.

Organized every 3 years over a 5-day period, alternately in the different regions of Africa, the **Africities Summit** is the largest democratic gathering organized on the African continent. This flagship event of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) organized in partnership with the Government of Kenya, the Council of Governors of Kenya (CoG), and the County of Kisumu took place on 17-21 May 2022. The theme chosen for the summit is: "The role of intermediary cities in Africa in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and of the African Union’s Agenda 2063". For more information, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1699](https://unpan.un.org/node/1699)

UN DESA was invited to attend and present on the Principles of Effective Governance and the Curriculum on Governance at the **Second Ibero-American Forum** on "Implementation Mechanisms of the Agenda 2030" organized by the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD), and the Dominican Republic’s Ministries of Public Administration, and of Finance, Planning, and Development. The forum was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on 26 & 27 May 2022. For more information, click on [https://unpan.un.org/node/1698](https://unpan.un.org/node/1698)


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In collaboration with its organizing partners, the Faculty of Social Sciences, Kasetsart University held its first international online conference on "Roles of Social Sciences in Sustainability Transformation in the Global South" on 09 June 2022. This conference explored how social sciences may contribute to the conception, design, and implementation of the many sustainable transformations that must be accomplished for people across the Global South to continue to experience sustainable gains. For more information, click on https://unpan.un.org/node/1621

The 2022 Joint Congress of the IIAS-Euromena will be held in Rome, Italy, from 27 June to 1 July 2022. The main theme of the Congress is "Next Generation Governance and young global public administration: mobilizing people, skills, energies for a sustainable new normal". For more information, click on https://unpan.un.org/node/1679

The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) and the Chinese Society for Industrial Ecology (CSIE) are calling for papers to be presented at their joint research workshop on an integrated approach for the SDGs in Asia which will be hosted by Tsinghua’s Institute for Sustainable Development Goals on 23 July 2022. Submission should be sent latest by 15 June 2022 directly to AAPA_CSIE_SDGs@163.com.

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) introduced the Innovative Management Award (IMA) to recognize innovations in the public sector through the introduction of new ideas and new operational and management methods. IMA is a continental award honoring public-sector institutions, organizations and ministries which have made exceptional and longstanding contributions to the public. AAPAM is pleased to announce a call for Innovative Management Award (IMA) competition (submission deadline is 30 June 2022) to be held during the 41st Roundtable Conference in December 2022. Click here for more information.

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