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### **UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES**

# UN Public Service Awards (UNPSA) awareness campaign moves steadily across all regions of the world

Ms. Thuli Radebe, Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) in South Africa promoted the United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) during her interview on the Good Morning Africa television programme as part of the outreach and communication campaign of UNPSA. In the interview Ms. Radebe encouraged Africans to nominate innovative public service initiatives to enhance visibility and the sharing of knowledge through best practices. This is one of the outcomes of the outreach effort made by DPADM's UNPSA team to encourage public servants from all regions to nominate innovative public service initiatives. Other positive outcomes include collaboration between DESA and the University of Florida in reaching out to governments in Latin America through the regional and national institutions where over 8,000 officials of local governments were informed about the programme; and collaboration with UN WOMEN in giving three Briefings to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations where Permanent Missions from Bhutan, Brazil, Canada, Congo, Cuba, Finland, Greece, Italy, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Switzerland and South Africa were briefed about UNPSA.

Additionally DESA's December feature story sheds light on Mr. Uriel Marquez Carrazco, Vice Minister of Public Administration of Mexico and 2011 UNPSA 1st place winner for the Latin America and Caribbean region in two categories. In his interview with DPADM's UNPSA team, he shared his insights about the 2011 UN Public Service Day, Awards Ceremony and Forum on the importance and impact of winning this prestigious Award, saying that: "Societies face similar problems around the world, and it was inspiring to listen to other government officials from other

countries, to learn from them, and to have the opportunity to share with others the energy and desire to constantly do better for the benefit of their citizens. It was indeed a great honour to be there."

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## **NEWS FROM AAPAM**

African Association for Public Administration and Management http://www.aapam.org

#### **Conference Information**

## African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) 33rd Roundtable

Theme: Strengthening Citizen Engagement through Decentralization to Enhance

Public Service Delivery in Africa Dates: 14-18 November 2011

Location: Crossroads Hotel, Lilongwe, Malawi

E-mail: <a href="mailto:aapam@aapam.org">aapam@aapam.org</a>
URL: <a href="http://www.aapam.org">http://www.aapam.org</a>

### **NEWS FROM CLAD**

**Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD)** 

http://www.clad.org

## **Conference Information**

## XVI Congreso Internacional del CLAD sobre la Reforma del Estado y de la Administración Pública

Date: 8-11 November 2011 Location: Asunción, Paraguay E-mail: clad@clad.org

URL: <a href="http://www.clad.org/congreso-clad">http://www.clad.org/congreso-clad</a>

## **Recent Publications**

- Reforme's Bulletin

http://www.clad.org/ultimos-boletines-reforme

- Ricorep's Bulletin

Red de Instituciones de Combate a la Corrupción y Rescate de la Ética Pública (RICOREP)

http://www.clad.org/ultimos-boletines-ricorep

#### **NEWS FROM CAFRAD**

African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development <a href="http://www.cafrad.org">http://www.cafrad.org</a>

### **Conference Information**

# Pan African Conference on the Role and Place of University in Africa of the 21st Century

Date: 21-23 November 2011 Location: Rabat, Morocco E-mail: <a href="mailto:cafrad@cafrad.org">cafrad@cafrad.org</a>

URL: http://www.cafrad.org/Workshops/Rabat21-23 11 11/index en.html

## Pan African Ministerial Conference Reform

Theme: Reform, Innovation and Modernization of Public Services and State

Institutions to Support the Transformation of African States into Emerging Countries

Date: 12-14 December 2011 Location: Rabat, Morocco E-mail: cafrad@cafrad.org

URL: <a href="http://www.cafrad.org/Workshops/Rabat12-14">http://www.cafrad.org/Workshops/Rabat12-14</a> 12 11/index en.html

### **NEWS FROM DPADM**

**Division for Public Administration and Development Management** <a href="http://www.unpan.org/DPADM">http://www.unpan.org/DPADM</a>

### News

## **DPADM** and Boston University: Building CIO Capacity

On 8 November, a delegation from the Boston University School of Management met with DPADM staff to explore further opportunities for collaboration to assist UN Member States in building Chief Information Officer (CIO) capacity. They also gave a presentation on the current trends of the Public Sector CIO.

DPADM has been working closely with Boston University in the area of capacity building for e-government, specifically with reference to CIOs. Through DPADM/DESA, Boston University has implemented four courses for CIOs: two of them in Saudi Arabia, one in Qatar and another one in Brunei Darussalam. These courses were designed to strengthen the knowledge of e-government decision makers on the roles of CIOs, as well as to help them to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each country's e-government strategy.

## **Director Discusses Governance, Transparency and Accountability**

Ms. Haiyan Qian met with a delegation led by Mr. Anders Hjertstrand, Director of International Development Cooperation, Swedish National Audit Office (NAO) in an exploratory mission to explore possible ways of collaborating with DPADM to help combat corruption. Ms. Qian appraised the delegation on the Division's work highlighting its work in promoting good governance and combating corruption through citizen engagement, e-government, and human resource development and institution building, for which they showed great interest owing to the fact that it related to their mission. She expressed that the Division is ready to collaborate with Swedish NAO to showcase their experiences in building capacities of supreme audit institutions, which she felt would be of great value especially to Member States with less developed supreme audit institutions. They agreed to consider sharing their experiences in building capacities of supreme audit institutions with DPADM for showcasing as part of UNPACS.

### **Conference Information**

## Capacity Development Workshop on Public Information Management

Theme: "Internet as a catalyst for change: access, development, freedoms and

innovation"

Dates: 28-30 November 2011 Location: Suntec City, Singapore Contact: Ms. Sunyoung Chang

E-mail: <a href="mailto:chang7@un.org">chang7@un.org</a>
URL: <a href="http://www.unpog.org/">http://www.unpog.org/</a>

### **NEWS FROM ICAP**

Institute of Public Administration in Central America <a href="http://www.icap.ac.cr">http://www.icap.ac.cr</a>

## **Conference Information**

Pasantía Regional: "La Reforma de la Educación Básica y su financiamiento: desafíos ante la NGP

Dates: 7-11 November 2011 Location: Heredia, Costa Rica Contact: M. Castillo

E-mail: mcastillo@icap.ac.cr

URL: www.icap.ac.cr

## **NEWS FROM RCOCI**

**Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)** 

http://www.rcoci.org

## **Recent Publications:**

Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletion, Fall 2011, Issue 34

Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, July 2011, Issue 116

Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, August 2011, Issue 117

Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, September 2011, Issue 118

Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, October 2011, Issue 119

### **NEWS FROM UNECLAC**

**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)** 

http://www.eclac.org

## **Conference Information**

Curso Internacional "Políticas presupuestarias y gestión pública por resultados"

Dates: 14-25 November 2011 Location: Santiago, Chile Contact: María Paz Rivera E-mail: mariapaz.riveracepal.org URL: http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-

bin/getprod.asp?xml=/ilpes/noticias/paginas/4/42364/P42364.xml&xsl=/ilpes/tp