



# UNPAN Partners' Newsletter

## April – May – June 2023



2024 United Nations Public Service Awards

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### 2024 United Nations Public Service Awards – Call for Nominations

Applications are now open for the 2024 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA), which recognizes excellence in public service at the national, sub-national and local level.

UNPSA rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions that lead to a more effective and responsive public administration worldwide. It promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of public service.

Nominations for the 2024 UNPSA are invited in three categories: 1) Innovation in Public Institutions; 2) Gender-Responsive Public Services; and 3) Special category on Tackling Climate Change.

Applications must be submitted before 16 October 2023 through the UNPSA portal at:

<https://publicadministration.un.org/en/UNPSA>



### Celebrating 20 years of the United Nations Public Service Awards

In a significant milestone, the United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) program is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2023. The UNPSA, established in 2003, aims to recognize and promote innovation and excellence in public service for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Over the 20 years, the UNPSA has recognised nearly 200 innovative public service initiatives from around the world, highlighting their crucial role in promoting sustainable development and inclusivity. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1942>



### Online Training Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction, Risk-informed Governance, Finance Mechanisms and Innovative Solutions for Local Resilience

This training provided concepts, tools and approaches for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 at the local level, and an opportunity to learn about the global initiative on Making Cities Resilient (MCR2030) launched in 2020 to ensure cities become inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by 2030. This contributes directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG11) and other global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. For more information, click on: <https://unpan.un.org/node/1870>

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### **UN DESA/IASIA Review and Upgrade of the Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training and Survey**

UN DESA/DPIDG and its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), and the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) co-organized the First Meeting of the IASIA/UN DESA Task Force for the Review and/or Update of the Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training. The Standards of Excellence were finalized almost 15 years ago in 2008. While the Standards are still relevant today, they do not refer to recent inter-governmental agreements and to the insights from the work undertaken by UN DESA/DPIDG and IASIA in the area of education and training. Most notably, the Standards were issued before the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted by 193 Member States.

UN DESA and IASIA have set up a Task Force for the review of the Standards of Excellence and are calling for inputs and feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders. Please fill out the survey by providing your inputs on whether you would like to change the title of a standard, its description, abolish a standard or propose a new one. The survey will close on 30 August 2023.

For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1879>

Take the Survey at <https://unpan.un.org/node/1945>



### **Regional Symposium on Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals in the Curricula of Schools of Public Administration in Africa**

UN DESA/DPIDG, the African Management Development Institutes' Network (AMDIN), the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), the Kenya School of Government (KSG), and the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa)/African Local Government Academy (ALGA) co-organized an online Regional Symposium on Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals in the Curricula of Schools of Public Administration in Africa. The Symposium brought together experts from schools of public administration, and institutes of training in Africa to discuss the importance of mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their curricula. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/index.php/node/1867>



### **Capacity Development Workshop on Public Administration and New Technologies: Challenges and Opportunities**

DPIDG, together with the Astana Civil Service Hub (ACSH)/UNDP, held a capacity development workshop in the context of the 31st Annual Conference of the National Institutes and Schools of Public Administration of Central and Eastern Europe (NISPACee). The Conference was co-organized by NISPACee together with the National Academy of Public Administration of Serbia, under the theme The Future of public administration as enabled by emerging technologies. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1924>

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**SDG 16 as a compass for navigating intersecting crises**  
30 May – 1 June 2023  
Rome, Italy



### 2023 SDG 16 Conference – SDG 16 as a compass for navigating intersecting crises

At a time when intersecting global crises are posing unprecedented challenges to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN DESA, the International Development Law Organization and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy co-organized the fourth SDG 16 Conference which took place from 30 May to 1 June 2023 in Rome, Italy. The Conference reviewed progress and challenges related to SDG 16, focused on conflict and shrinking trust in public institutions. The event also explored SDG 16’s catalytic role in responding to food systems and climate change crises. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1882>



### Capacity Development Webinar on Advancing Digital Government Transformation for Accelerating the Implementation of the SDGs

UN DESA/DPIDG and its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), organized a capacity development webinar to launch the Training Toolkit on Capacities for Digital Government Transformation, which is part of the Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This Webinar featured presentations from experts including an overview introduction of the Toolkit. It provided an opportunity for participants to have a better understanding of the global and regional trends, challenges and opportunities and share country

practices for promoting digital government transformation. It included interactive elements including an open discussion. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1885>



### Capacity Development Online Training of Trainers Workshop on Changing Mindsets for Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Improved Public Service Delivery for Sustainable Development Goals Implementation in Guatemala

The objective of the online workshop was to equip the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) of Guatemala trainers on the use of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs toolkits to help them train Guatemala’s public servants with innovative mindsets and behaviors to better address current and future challenges related to SDGs implementation. The workshop aimed to evaluate and then customize the translated (Spanish) training materials contained in the Toolkits on Changing Mindsets in Public Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and on Innovation and Digital Government for Public Service Delivery and the Digital Transformation to the needs of Guatemala as identified by INAP/Guatemala. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1912>



### National Workshop on Effective Governance for Sustainable Development in Mongolia

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UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG, in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and UNDP Mongolia, organized a National Workshop on Effective Governance for Sustainable Development in Mongolia on 7-13 June 2023. The Workshop was organized in response to the expressed need for capacity development requests received from National Academy of Governance (NAOG) of the Government of Mongolia, and MONTSAME - Mongolian National News Agency. The Workshop is based on [UN DESA's Curriculum on Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals](#). The Workshop aimed to promote a critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity, and strengthen public servants' awareness of their active role in achieving the SDGs and Mongolia Vision-2050. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1900>



**Capacity Development Online Training of Trainers Workshop on Changing Mindsets for Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Improved Public Service Delivery for Sustainable Development Goals Implementation in Bolivia**

The objective of the online workshop was to equip the Association of Bolivian Municipalities (AMB) trainers on the use of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs toolkits to help them train Bolivia's local government public servants with innovative mindsets and behaviors to better address current and future challenges related to SDGs implementation. The main strategic objective was to evaluate and then customize the translated (Spanish) training materials contained in the Toolkits on Changing Mindsets in Public Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and on Innovation and Digital Government for Public Service Delivery and the Digital Transformation to the needs of Bolivia's local governments as identified by the Association of Bolivian Municipalities (AMB). For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1921>



**National Capacity Building Workshop on Accelerating Digital Government Transformation in Sri Lanka: Strengthening Digital Governance for Sustainable Development**

The Workshop featured presentations on the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development and trends in e-government development including the recent move in digital platform government and data policy. It conducted a situation analysis with reference to the [Handbook on Digital Government Capability Assessment](#) and identified priorities and new approaches to inclusive service delivery. This Workshop also conducted an exercise to develop an e-Competency profile of the public sector workforce in Sri Lanka with reference to the [European e-Competence Framework \(e-CF\)](#). The Workshop aimed to develop a road map and action planning for facilitating innovation and advancing digital government in Sri Lanka to realize the SDGs. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1915>



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**United Nations E-Government Survey Local Online Service Index (LOSI) Webinar Series - Episode 3 - the State of Palestine**

The third LOSI webinar series, organized by DPIDG, concentrated on the application of the LOSI methodology in the State of Palestine. This one-hour webinar hosted researchers who have conducted the study in the country. The webinar also offered an opportunity for city governments to engage in discussions and learn about the upcoming UN E-Government Survey 2024, with a special focus on the LOSI. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1918>



**Organizing the 18th Internet Governance Forum amid Surge of Interest**

The [Multistakeholder Advisory Group \(MAG\)](#), the main body responsible for planning and substantively guiding the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF), will [meet face-to-face for the second time](#) this year on 10-12 July at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Its priority will be to finalise programme elements of the 18th edition of the annual Forum, which is hosted by the Government of Japan and set to take place in Kyoto in October 2023.

The focus of the 2023 IGF is [The Internet We Want - Empowering All People](#), with a programme touching on critical digital issues, from Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies, to Digital Divides & Inclusion and Cybersecurity, Cybercrime & Online Safety. Notably, the MAG’s meeting comes against the backdrop of a surge of public interest in the IGF and digital policy. The

IGF programme is built in a bottom-up way, consisting of sessions proposed by stakeholders from across the world in response to a public call. Workshop proposals, in particular, are competitively evaluated and selected by the MAG.

The number of workshop submissions received by the IGF this year was double that of two years ago, at more than 430. The increases for all sessions were 72% from 2022 and 112% from 2021. All told, [nearly 800 sessions were submitted](#) for a programme that typically features no more than 300. The MAG will discuss which proposals ultimately feature in the programme, aiming for relevance as well as topical and stakeholder diversity.

The MAG’s work will be complemented by the [IGF Leadership Panel](#), a high-level panel established by the Secretary-General as a “strategic, empowered, and multistakeholder body” to address urgent Internet governance-related issues and support the IGF. The Panel will also convene in Geneva immediately following the MAG on 12-14 July.

**Activities from UNPAN Members**



**The New Neo-Weberian State**

The South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) held its second webinar for 2023 on The New Neo-Weberian State. It took place on 29 April 2023. Professor Wolfgang Drechsler from the Tallinn University of Technology, an adjunct with the UCL and Harvard University, presented the keynote on the New Neo-Weberian State. The webinar also featured SANPA Vice-President Professor Akhlaque Haque as the panelist; SANPA President Professor Habib Zafarullah as the moderator; and Professor

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Shiladitya Chakraborty from the University of Kalyani offered the vote of thanks. For more information, click on: <https://unpan.un.org/node/1873>



### Call for Papers - The Role of Public Governance in Socio-Economic Recovery and Development Towards the Sustainable Development Goals

The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), together with this year's host country, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, through the National Academy of Public Administration, has the honor to invite participants for its 29th General Assembly and 68th Conference on The Role of Public Governance in Socio-Economic Recovery and Development Towards the Sustainable Development Goals, which will be held on 16 - 20 October 2023 at Hanoi, Vietnam. Public Administration scholars and practitioners are invited to submit papers for presentation. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1861>

This issue contains news on the following matters: 1) Preparations for the 2023 EROPA Conference and General Assembly and final Call-for-Paper submissions; 2) Recent and upcoming events (including the 2023 IASIA Conference); 3) Publications, event invitations, and other announcements of EROPA's members and partner organizations; 4) Feature articles from contributing members. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1909>



### Call for Papers for the 42nd African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) Roundtable Conference

AAPAM welcomes papers from experienced practitioners, scholars and researchers on the conference that will ignite conversation on how to actualize continental and worldwide development goals. The theme is Building Resilient Societies in Africa through Effective Governance and Public Administration: An Imperative for the Realisation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 Aspirations. Submission of abstracts is by 30 June 2023 and submission of Draft papers is by 15 August 2023. Submission of completed paper after peer review is by 30 September 2023. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1948>



### EROPA BULLETIN Newsletter



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**Call for Papers International Conference on Rivers of South Asia: Connecting Ecology, People, and Governance**

The conference is the 2nd episode of the series of conferences on rivers. The first conference was held at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam on 27-28 February 2023. The conference aims to explore the 'life-world' of the rivers that have shaped the ecological, economic, cultural, and political processes affecting both human and more-than-human lives. Abstract submission deadline was 22 June 2023 and pre-conference draft paper submission deadline is 10 July 2023. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1930>



**Virtual Conference on Celebrating and Honoring Workers in the Household Waste Sector: Peer Learning between Mayors and Workers' Representatives - On the Occasion of the Celebration of the United Nations Public Service Day**

This event aimed to celebrate the United Nations Public Service Day and to honor the Human Capital of the Waste Management Sector in African Cities. It was held on 26 June 2023. The conference was organized by the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGA) through its African Local Government Academy, the Public Services International (PSI), the Local and Regional Governments (Cities/Communes/Municipalities) involved in the Pilot Program, and the Unions and Representatives of workers, in particular, those in the Waste Sector. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1939>



**Asia-Pacific Governance Watch, Issue 233**

This report covers various topics of governance in Asia and the Pacific such as 1) government policy and legislation; 2) government system and civil services; 3) management, capacity building and innovation; 4) economic and social development and ICT; 5) public finance; and 6) private sector.

For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1927>



**The 2023 IPAC annual conference - Save the Date**

The 2023 IPAC annual conference will be held in Ottawa from 13 to 15 September 2023. This year's Conference will focus on the key role of public administration in a time of instability and social change.

The conference will address key issues such as the housing crisis, AI & Chat GPT, digital government, mental health, municipal innovation, energy transition, diversity, and immigration. An Indigenous-led panel will discuss how public servants can navigate their relationship with Indigenous governments and offer practical solutions

The United States Ambassador to Canada, David L. Cohen, will address the conference, as will Montreal City Manager, Serge Lamontagne, winner of IPAC's top honour, the Vanier Medal. Employment engagement in the post-pandemic world is certain to be a popular topic.

Complimentary opening reception will take place on 13 September from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. EDT. at 101 Lyon St. N., Ottawa, ON K1R 5T9.

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We are pleased to note that this will be a fully in-person event. For more information, click on: [Annual Conference 2023 \(ipac.ca\)](https://www.ipac.ca/Annual-Conference-2023)

**IASIA2023**  
CONFERENCE 31 July - 4 August  
Manila, Philippines

Building Better Futures  
of Governance towards Achieving  
the SDGs in a VUCA World



**IASIA 2023 Conference: Building Better Futures of Governance towards Achieving the SDGs in a VUCA World**

The IASIA 2023 Conference will be held in Manila, The Philippines, from 31 July 31 to 4 August 2023. Register for this event and become part of the network of distinguished public governance scholars and practitioners. Explore the preliminary program and be inspired by renowned keynote speakers, including Arsenio Balisacan, Dalisay Brawner, Eko Prasajo, and Ronald Mendoza. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn, and contribute to building better futures of governance. For more information, click on <https://iasia-conference2023.org/> and <https://iasia-conference2023.org/news/iasia-2023-conference-announces-preliminary-program-and-distinguished-keynote-speakers/>



**EGPA 2023 Conference: Steering the European Union through Poly-Crisis Storms: The Role of Public Administration**

The 45th annual Conference of the European Group for Public Administration will be organized in Zagreb, Croatia from 5 to 8 September 2023, in cooperation with the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb. This is an

opportunity to connect with experts in public administration and participate in panels. Register now and engage in discussions on the role of public administration in navigating complex challenges. For more information, click on <https://egpa-conference2023.org/> <https://bit.ly/EGPA-2023-Concept-Note>



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International Review of Administrative Sciences (IRAS)

**Latest Issue Released**





**International Review of Administrative Sciences (IRAS): Latest Issue Released**

Discover the latest insights in public administration with the newly released issue of IRAS (Volume 89, Issue 2, June 2023). With an Impact Factor of 2.397 and a 5-Year Impact Factor of 3.564, the journal is a must-read for academics, researchers, and practitioners. For more information, click on <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/RAS/current>

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**Report of IASIA 2022 Conference: Insights, Takeaways, and Concluding Remarks**

The IASIA 2022 Conference, held in Rabat, Morocco, from 25 to 29 July 2022 provided a platform for fruitful discussions. Dive into the comprehensive report summarizing the key highlights, takeaways, and concluding remarks for each working group and panel. Whether you're a practitioner, academic, or young researcher, this report offers valuable insights for all. For more information, click on <https://iasia-conference2023.org/news/report-of-iasia-2022-conference-insights-takeaways-and-concluding-remarks/>



**Call for Papers: RAP-GLAP - Revista de Administración Pública del Grupo Latinoamericano por la Administración Pública**

Professors, researchers, and PhD students are invited to submit their unpublished manuscripts to RAP-GLAP. As an international platform for research in public administration and public policy, RAP-GLAP welcomes articles in Spanish, English, French, and Portuguese. Submit your work to [lagpareview@gmail.com](mailto:lagpareview@gmail.com) and be part of vibrant discussion on Latin American and Caribbean governance. Visit the website for previous editions and more information. For more information, click on <https://lagpa.ias-iisa.org/publications.php>

**On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



Caribbean Centre for Development Administration  
Transforming Public Services for the People of the Caribbean

will be hosting a

# Virtual Symposium

under the theme

## Innovation, Digital Government and Changing Mindsets for Public Sector Transformation

A team of presenters will explore experiences and approaches to the digital transformation of public services both globally and regionally.

Topics include:

- The role of changed mindsets
- Capacity building strategies to support transformation

For more information and to register visit [www.caricad.net](http://www.caricad.net)

**Upcoming Event - CARICAD Virtual Symposium**

Registration is now open for CARICAD's Virtual Symposium scheduled for 11 July 2023. The Caribbean's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the priorities under the new CARICOM Strategic Plan, as well as the national visions of CARICOM member states, all connote a shift in direction towards more innovative, responsive and transformed public services. For this virtual symposium, CARICAD will be collaborating with UN DESA and other global and regional partners, to bring together research findings, global and regional best practices, as well as thought leadership on the topics of innovation, digital government and changing mindsets for public sector transformation. Topics will include the UN and CARICAD's E-Government Research Findings, and Case studies in Digital Transformation from the OECS as well as Azerbaijan. To register please visit [www.caricad.net](http://www.caricad.net).

**Horizon Newsletter**

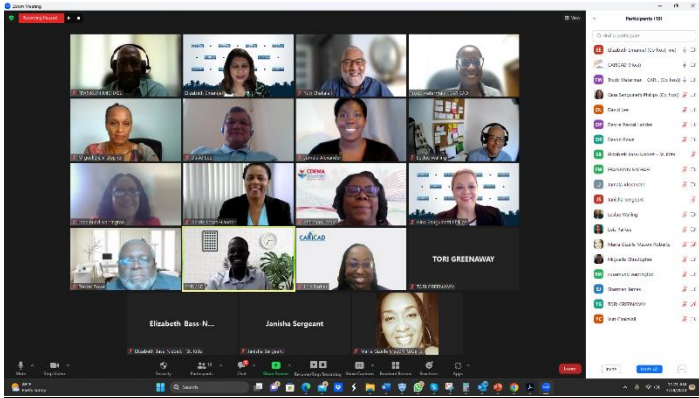
CARICAD is pleased to share its June 2023 edition of the Horizon Newsletter. The newsletter features a repeat of a series of articles on Strategic Human Resource Management and Succession Planning. Just before COVID-19 arrived, CARICAD completed a regional survey to gauge the number of organisations with succession plans in place; very few did. We therefore recognised that the need for succession planning is even

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greater than before in order to achieve a high-resilience public service. The public service must be at a place where it can thrive in an organic way so that the leadership and technical skills that should be in place, are in place. For more information on succession planning, email [info@caricad.net](mailto:info@caricad.net).

To read the June edition of the Horizon Newsletter please visit: <https://www.caricad.net/publications/>



**CARICAD delivers Understanding Disaster Risk Financing Workshop in collaboration with CCRIF-SPC**

In April, CARICAD successfully concluded a workshop on Understanding Disaster Risk Financing, CCRIF Parametric Policies and the Relationship with Fiscal and Economic Policy. This initiative, which was executed under CARICAD’s MoU with CCRIF SPC, was held from 19 to 26 April 2023. The workshop was attended by 16 participants, including CARICAD technical staff, strategic partners, and representatives from Member States.

Representatives from British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis were not only able to benefit from the material presented but were also able to add value to the rich discussions which emerged throughout the 1.5 days. The feedback indicated that the workshop was “*insightful on many levels.*”

Some of the topics covered during the sessions included:

- 1) The importance of Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management;
- 2) Linkages between disasters and fiscal and debt sustainability;
- 3) Introduction to CCRIF Products and Models How CCRIF policies work – this included an explanation

on how CCRIF payments are made after a disaster based on pre-agreed models.

Participants appreciated the opportunity to receive explanations on key concepts and are looking forward to the continued strengthening of not only their own skills, but of their in-country capacity to enable key decision makers to develop the appropriate mechanisms to ensure the resilience of their territories given the region’s vulnerability to natural hazards. From the discussions, there was consensus that key personnel from the Ministries of Finance, Ministries of Planning and Ministries responsible for Social Development needed to be present in these conversations for optimal results.

**CARICAD continued to build leadership capacity through its monthly webinars**

**Productivity and Innovation – Considerations for Caribbean Economic Development (18 April 2023)**

Issues of productivity and innovation and presenting options and considerations for policy makers as they enhance economic development in the region were discussed in this webinar. For more information, click on <https://youtu.be/z0Ehb8visnI>

**Climate Governance - An Essential Imperative (9 May 2023)**

This webinar answered questions on why climate governance and climate justice important to the resilience of Caribbean societies and people and explained why the region's approach to Climate Governance must integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. For more information, click on <https://youtu.be/tpx84T7gd>

**The Blue Green Economy Island Scorecard (16 May 2023)**

This webinar Showcased the Resilience Scorecard – Championing Island Blue & Green Economic Development and Resilience. For more information, click on <https://youtu.be/h9B0cN LMIE>

**Alignment of Public Sector Organisations to Climate Governance Imperatives (30 May 2023)**

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This webinar focused on the topic – Redesigning Government for Effective Climate Governance, highlighting lessons learned from the organisational review and restructuring project for the Public Sector of the Commonwealth of Dominica. For more information, click on <https://youtu.be/IKoLLCbE0xA>

**Transformation of Social Protection in the Caribbean (13 June 2023)**

This webinar focused on Transformation of Social Protection in the Caribbean. For more information, click on <https://youtu.be/YGRw9nDmTsQ>

CARICAD also continued delivering training to fifteen senior leaders under its Transformational Leadership Development Programme. This programme is designed to help leaders develop their self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and develop greater effectiveness in leading their teams in complexity, across organisational boundaries and transformation. Participants execute a leadership stretch project supported through Action Learning, as well as a personal development plan supported through Executive Coaching. CARICAD also started delivery of its customised Executive Leadership Programme to two cohorts of the Central Bank of Barbados.

**Arab Public Administration Report: Digital Transformation**



Amid the unprecedented technological changes around the world, digital transformation occupies a fundamental position in modernizing the government sector.

In its second edition, the State of Arab Public Administration Report focuses on government digital transformation and highlights current practices and perceptions

of government employees about technology adoption in Arab governments. It also provides an overview of government digital readiness in terms of awareness and skills. It aims to expand understanding of current practices in technology adoption and future

opportunities that governments need to take advantage of to build a better tomorrow.

Date: February 2023

For more information, click on <https://www.worldgovernmentsummit.org/observer/reports/2023/detail/arab-public-administration-report-digital-transformation>



**Launch Event: Artificial Intelligence Impact in Dubai**

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) launched a report in partnership with Digital Dubai and Microsoft on Advancing Artificial Intelligence Impact in Dubai: Future Directions Towards Strengthening the Digital Economy. The report represents major fieldwork and a policy study by the MBRSG, exploring questions on advancing Artificial Intelligence (AI) utilisation to support the digital economy in Dubai. The comprehensive study identifies key trends, challenges and policy directions related to several key pillars of Dubai’s digital economy agenda, focusing on the role of AI as a key component and driver.

Date: March 2023

For more information, click on <https://www.zawya.com/en/business/technology-and-telecom/mbrsg-launches-major-report-on-advancing-ai-impact-on-the-digital-economy-in-dubai-io06en51>

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**Policy Council: Generative AI in Government**

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government held a Policy Council on the topic of utilizing generative AI technologies in the Government of Dubai, in collaboration with Dubai Digital Authority and Microsoft.

The closed roundtable followed an open public event, launching a report on AI utilization in the private and public sector in Dubai and its contribution to Dubai's Digital Economy. The launch included a senior panel discussion by key leaders in Dubai, including Dubai Digital Authority, as well as key leaders from global cooperation and other government entities.

Date: March 2023



**Panel: Agile Government - Emerging Perspectives in Public Management**

The Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) launched a book titled Agile Government: Emerging Perspectives in Public Management at the World Government Summit 2023 in Dubai.

Date: February 2023

For more information, click on:

<https://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/12354#t=aboutBook>



**SDGs in Action: SDGs Global Council on SDG 16**

The World Government Summit's Sustainable Development Goals Global Council held its annual meeting on 12 February 2023. The MBRSG was represented by its Director of Policy Research Department, who is a Council Member on SDG 16.

Date: February 2023



**Roundtable -Defining Regulatory Innovation: A RegHive on Starting Regulatory Sandbox**

The MBRSG moderated the session Defining Regulatory Innovation: A RegHive on Starting Regulatory Sandbox.

Date: February 2023

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**The 4th Arab Competition Forum - 23-24 May 2023 - Riyadh, KSA**

Competition plays a crucial role in boosting economic activities by reducing market barriers to entry, supporting SMEs, and safeguarding consumer welfare, ultimately achieving the SDGs. Within its mandate to strengthen the Arab Region’s competition regime, ESCWA, in collaboration with the General Authority for Competition (GAC), KSA, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), organized the 4th Arab Competition Forum on 23/24 May 2023 in Riyadh, KSA. The Forum serves as a regional platform to enhance the competition regime in the Arab region through peer learning, exchanging experiences and best practices in competition law and policy. The forum witnessed a total of 122 physical attendees, with an additional 664 virtual attendees of which were representatives from ESCWA’s Member States competition authorities, international organizations, as well as over 20 experts from academia and the public and private sectors.

The Forum focused on discussing mergers and acquisitions, along with other topics as enhancing the effectiveness of competition authorities in developing and least developed countries, abuse of dominance in digital markets, and best practices in planning and conducting market studies. It also featured the second edition of the Arab Student Challenge in Competition, where students wrote papers on the impact of mergers and acquisitions on competition and the actions taken by competition authorities. The winning students were recognized and presented their papers during a special session.

The forum concluded with three key messages.

- Enhance cooperation among Arab competition authorities, and with the Arab Competition Network, ESCWA, and international organizations to better

support and strengthen the capacities of Arab competition authorities, particularly in least-developed countries.

- Promote and facilitate the participation of Arab women in the field of competition.
- Build partnerships with youth to increase their knowledge and understanding of competition policy and law.

The 5th Arab Competition Forum will take place in Tunisia in 2024. For more information, click on <https://acf-2023.unescwa.org/index.html>



**The Arab Forum to promote transparency and good governance to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**

ESCWA, in collaboration with ARADO, Transparency International and the Arab Parliament, held the Arab Forum to promote transparency and good governance to achieve the SDGs under the theme All Partners in Fighting Corruption. in Cairo (12 - 14 June 2023).

In a general context on good governance and anti-corruption, the Forum discussed how to establish mechanisms for cooperation between governments and civil society to achieve the SDGs that deal with reforming public administration and institutions, accountability, transparency, combating organized crime, access to information, and combating corruption. It stressed the leading role of SDG 16, as the enabler for the attainment of all other SDGs. It also touched on several discussions related to the challenges in terms of the attainment of SDG 16, namely the development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels; ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making; ensuring public access to information and protecting fundamental freedoms and whistleblowers, in accordance with national legislation and international conventions; recovering stolen assets, combating all forms of organized crime, and significantly reducing illicit financial flows. Draft

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general recommendations were presented at the end of the forum.

The discussions generated the following three key messages:

- The importance of administrative reforms in the public sectors, as a fundamental condition, for achieving sustainable development in the Arab Region.
- The importance of encouraging participatory approaches in the planning and implementation of developmental projects, as this is crucial for combatting corruption.
- The importance of launching a regional process for peer learning and experience exchange on public administration modernization and reform, and of holding this forum on a regular basis.

The forum was attended by representatives of Arab governments, international and regional organizations, national anti-corruption bodies/institutions, CSOs, public servants, members of parliamentary and legislative councils, academics and public administration experts. For more information, click on <https://www.unescwa.org/events/all-partners-fighting-corruption>



**Peacebuilding in a changing risk landscape**

ESCWA organized a virtual expert group meeting on 30 May 2023 to advance the debate on conflict prevention in the Arab region. The meeting examined how diverse and interconnected risks, related to conflict, climate change and development, exacerbate vulnerabilities, erode resilience, and threaten pathways to peace.

The meeting reflected on the continued relevance of the 2018 United Nations-World Bank publication Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict. The publication calls for a pivot to prevention and highlights the importance of averting the fraying of the social fabric to avoid an eruption into crisis.

Below are three key messages based on the discussions:

- The multidimensional nature of risk requires new modes of long-term, cross-pillar thinking. There is a growing need for prevention approaches that take account of complex risks: that are, in other words, risk-informed;
- Risk-informed policy making allows policymakers to understand these specific risks and design prevention that are tailored to the region's needs, enabling a proactive approach to anticipate and mitigate potential threats before they materialize;
- By understanding the risks they face, policymakers can develop policies that increase the resilience of their communities to withstand shocks, minimizing the impact and facilitating a faster recovery.

For more information, click on [unescwa.org/events/peacebuilding-changing-risk-landscape](https://unescwa.org/events/peacebuilding-changing-risk-landscape)



**EGM on Climate-related security risks**

ESCWA convened a virtual expert group meeting on 23 May 2023 on Climate-related security risks in the Arab region. The virtual meeting aimed to assess the advancement in climate security in the region and examine ways to capitalize on it. It also explores the findings of the next edition of the ESCWA "Trends and Impacts" series, which

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covers climate change, security and peace in the Arab region. Participants included key experts from academia, think tanks and the multilateral system working on climate-related peace and security risks.

The recommendations/key messages were as follows:

- Climate concerns can contribute to security concerns, and potentially conflict, in scenarios defined by compound risks. Transboundary cooperation is critical to address climate security, especially as climate challenges such as water scarcity, floods, sand and dust storms etc. know no borders.
- The local and community level is essential for identifying and addressing climate security challenges.
- Access to finance is a challenge, especially for countries in conflict where institutional capacity may be weakened.

For more information, click on

<https://www.unescwa.org/events/climate-related-security-risks>

**Workshop to build capacity on how to measure the development progress**

In collaboration with Egypt’s Institute of National Planning (INP), ESCWA organized a workshop from **21 to 22 June 2023 in Cairo, Egypt**, on how to build the capacity of INP’s national staff in areas relevant to the measurement of development progress and discuss how ESCWA indices can be tailored to the Egyptian context to produce Egypt’s National Development Challenges Report.

**Third meeting of the Multistakeholder Sub-Committee to Support the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Conflict-Affected Countries in the Arab region**

The third meeting of the multi-stakeholder sub-committee was held on **12 June 2023, Cairo – Egypt** to support the achievement of the SDGs in countries affected by conflicts in the Arab region on in attendance at the headquarters of the Arab Academy for Science and Technology.

ESCWA led a session and delivered a presentation on risk informed policy making, based on a request from LAS as a follow up to the recommendations made by the sub-committee in the meeting on 28 December 2022. Mr. Youssef Chaitani, the chief of the Conflict and

Development section at ESCWA, delivered a presentation on the Arab Risk Monitor: Assessing Vulnerability and Resilience to Conflict in the Arab Region, a report developed by ESCWA. The presentation covered four main points that revolved around risk-informed policy making and addressing vulnerability and building resilience together with the next steps following the production of the report.

Key recommendations were as follows:

- Welcoming the dialogue with government institutions, international and national financing and development institutions to hold the High-Level Sustainability Forum in the last quarter of 2023.
- Requesting from the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to intensify its efforts to support countries and build their capacity in assessing the vulnerability and resilience and enhancing its ability to develop policies based on risk assessment.



**European Public Sector Award (EPSA) 2023-24**

EPSA – the European Public Sector Award – recognises and celebrates outstanding achievements in the public sector across Europe. Organised biennially since 2009 by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), EPSA has received over 1500 projects from EU institutions, agencies, international organisations, and public sector entities at all levels of government.

EPSA has become a vital platform for sharing knowledge, fostering innovation, and delivering impactful results that benefit European public

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administrations. It offers valuable learning opportunities and innovative solutions that address high-priority challenges of today and the future.

**Call for applications EPSA 2023-24**

Does your public sector organisation have innovative solutions to high-priority challenges of the present or the future?

If so, submit your achievement and get the opportunity to showcase your solutions and gain the recognition of citizens and public sector partners.

This edition, taking place during the European Year of Skills, is themed Boosting Innovation Through Learning and welcomes the submission of projects in three award categories:

- Innovation in Public Administration
- Green Transition and Sustainability
- Digital Transformation

Present your achievements to EPSA 2023-24 and join the community of innovators and change agents in Europe. Be the change that Europe needs and help others learn from your success! For more information and to submit your project online click [here](#).



**EIPA Annual Report is available in English and French**

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)'s Annual Report – now available in [English](#) and [French](#) – showcases the achievements and activities undertaken by EIPA throughout the year. With a focus on advancing knowledge and expertise in public administration and EU affairs, the report highlights EIPA's contributions in providing high-quality training,

conducting research, and facilitating dialogue among policymakers, practitioners, and academics. It offers valuable insights into the institute's commitment to promoting effective governance, supporting European integration, and enhancing the capacity of public administrations across Europe. The Annual Report for 2022 serves as a testament to EIPA's dedication and expertise in shaping the future of public administration in the European context.



**European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) – Monthly newsletter**

In its Monthly newsletter, EIPA informs readers about recently held events, news, new publications and blogs and upcoming events. The newsletters of [April](#), [May](#) and [June](#) are now available.

To receive the EIPA Monthly newsletter as well as regular updates about upcoming courses, you can [subscribe here](#).

**EIPA EVENT:**  
**Unconscious Bias: Verständnis und Umgang mit unbewussten Vorurteilen am Arbeitsplatz**



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**Unconscious Bias: Verständnis und Umgang mit unbewussten Vorurteilen am Arbeitsplatz**

Participants of the Unconscious Bias: Verständnis und Umgang mit unbewussten Vorurteilen am Arbeitsplatz, organised by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), took a deep dive into the topic of unconscious biases and their impact on the workplace. During the event held on 26 April 2023, the participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the nature of unconscious biases, their origins, and their implications for decision-making and interactions within professional settings. Through presentations, workshops, and practical exercises, participants gained insights and strategies to recognise and mitigate unconscious biases, fostering a more inclusive and equitable work environment that promotes diversity and fairness. For more information, click on [Unconscious Bias: Verständnis und Umgang mit unbewussten Vorurteilen am Arbeitsplatz - Eipa](#)

**[A Culture of Trust with CAF: Employee satisfaction and well-being - Eipa](#)**

Watch the video [here](#).



**[Handbook on the national information authorities responsible for investigating the debtor's bank accounts under Article 14 of the EAPO Regulation \(No. 655/2014\), Carlos Santaló Goris, May 2023, European Institute of Public Administration \(EIPA\)](#)**

Regulation 655/2014 establishing a European Account Preservation Order ('EAPO Regulation') not only created a procedure to obtain the provisional attachment of the debtors' bank accounts; it also introduced a procedure to search for the debtor's bank accounts. The so-called information mechanism is structured in four steps: (1) application for the information; (2) examination of creditor's information request by the court and sending the request to the information authority of the Member State where the bank accounts are suspected to exist; (3) investigation by an information authority of the debtors' bank account; (4) reception of the outcome of the investigation by the court which submitted the request for information. For more information, click on [Handbook on the national information authorities responsible for investigating the debtor's bank accounts under Article 14 of the EAPO Regulation \(No. 655/2014\) - Eipa](#)

**[EIPA in Conversation with A Culture of Trust with CAF: Employee satisfaction and well-being](#)**

On 6 June 2023 the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) held an online event on the topic of employee satisfaction and well-being in the public sector. Participants gained a comprehensive exploration of fostering a positive work environment. The event delved into the concept of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and its role in enhancing employee satisfaction and well-being. Through insightful presentations and interactive discussions, participants gained valuable knowledge and tools to create a culture of trust within their organisations, leading to improved employee happiness, productivity, and overall organisational success. For more information, click on

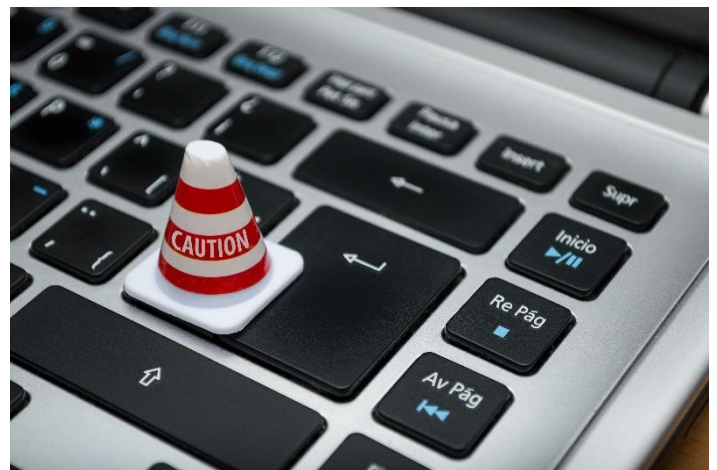
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**Campaigns and Consultations: The debate on EU policymaking transparency**

This blog explores the growing calls for greater transparency in EU policymaking. Advocates argue that increased openness can enhance democratic legitimacy and trust, while critics raise concerns about potential pitfalls. The article highlights initiatives like the European Citizens' Initiative and public consultations but emphasizes the need for stronger efforts to achieve meaningful transparency and public engagement. Overall, the debate aims to strike a balance between transparency and efficiency, fostering inclusive decision-making processes and producing more effective policy outcomes. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/campaigns-and-consultations-the-debate-on-eu-policymaking-transparency/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/campaigns-and-consultations-the-debate-on-eu-policymaking-transparency/)

In this blog the importance of diversity in public administrations is emphasised. It argues that diverse representation within government organisations is crucial for effective decision-making and policy implementation. It highlights how diversity brings different perspectives, experiences, and ideas to the table, leading to more innovative and inclusive outcomes. By fostering a diverse workforce, administrations can better understand and address the needs of diverse communities they serve. The blog emphasizes the need for proactive efforts to recruit, retain, and promote individuals from underrepresented groups in order to build inclusive and equitable public institutions that reflect the societies they represent. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/administrations-need-diversity-and-diversity-needs-administrations/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/administrations-need-diversity-and-diversity-needs-administrations/)



**Keeping Up with EU Digital Policy 2022: Cybersecurity Edition**

Readers of this blog can stay up-to-date on the latest cybersecurity policy developments in the EU and gain insights into the Cyber Resilience Act and NIS2 Directive. This blog is a must-read for anyone interested in the European Union's approach to cybersecurity and how it can impact your business or working environment. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/keeping-up-with-eu-digital-policy-2022-cybersecurity-edition/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/keeping-up-with-eu-digital-policy-2022-cybersecurity-edition/)



**Administrations need diversity, and diversity needs administrations!**

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**Op-Ed: The right to good administration remains in the shadow (C-412/21, Dual Prod)**

Shed light on the often overlooked right to good administration. This blog highlights a recent European Court of Justice ruling and its implications for citizens' access to effective and fair administrative procedures. The author argues that this fundamental right, enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, deserves more attention and should be upheld by Member States. The blog calls for increased awareness and protection of the right to good administration, emphasizing its importance in ensuring transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric governance across Europe. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/op-ed-the-right-to-good-administration-remains-in-the-shadow-c-412-21-dual-prod/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/op-ed-the-right-to-good-administration-remains-in-the-shadow-c-412-21-dual-prod/)



**The Data Governance Act: Breaking down the strategy for data**

Gain a comprehensive overview of the Data Governance Act (DGA) and its benefits. Gain an explanation for why the DGA is a key component of the European Union's strategy to enhance data sharing and governance across sectors. The blog highlights the advantages of the DGA,

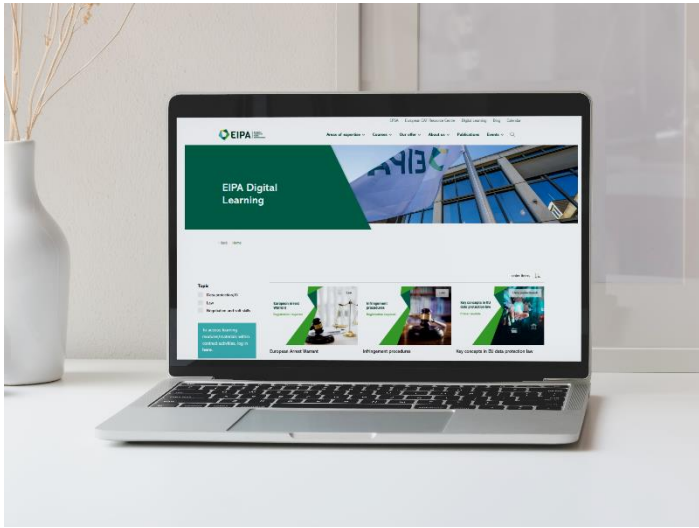
including improved access to data, increased transparency, and enhanced data protection. Find out how the DGA encourages the development of data sharing mechanisms, such as data intermediaries, which can facilitate collaboration while safeguarding privacy and security. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/the-data-governance-act-breaking-down-the-strategy-for-data/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/the-data-governance-act-breaking-down-the-strategy-for-data/)



**Sustainable Green Personnel Management in Administration**

Explore the concept of sustainable and environmentally friendly personnel management practices in public administrations. This blog discusses the importance of integrating green principles into HR policies and processes. Readers can expect to gain insights into strategies for promoting sustainability within administrative organisations, such as incorporating environmental considerations in recruitment, training, and employee engagement. The blog emphasizes the benefits of adopting green personnel management, including improved staff satisfaction, enhanced public image, and reduced ecological footprint. By reading this blog, readers can expect to discover practical approaches and innovative ideas for aligning HR practices with sustainable principles, ultimately contributing to a more environmentally conscious administration. For more information, click on [www.eipa.eu/blog/sustainable-green-personnel-management-in-administration/](http://www.eipa.eu/blog/sustainable-green-personnel-management-in-administration/)

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### European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) Digital Learning Hub

The EIPA Digital Learning Hub, developed by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), offers a range of online modules that can be accessed free of charge. The modules are designed to provide individuals with skills in various areas related to public administration and governance such as [the European Arrest Warrant](#); [Infringement procedures](#); [EU Data protection law](#) and [Strategy of Influence in Negotiation](#).

The modules offered are built upon real-life case studies, ensuring that learners gain insights into the challenges and best practices encountered in the field.

Register for free: [EIPA Digital Learning - Eipa](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS



### Training of Trainer (ToT) Programme

AAPAM in collaboration with Palestinian National School of Administration (PNSA) invite institutions to nominate four participants for a Training of Trainer (TOT) programme scheduled from 2 to 6 July 2023 at

the Palestine National School, Palestine. The ToT programme is designed to equip the participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to become effective trainers in their respective fields. The course will cover three key topics including; Human Resources Development, Design & Development of Training Program and Effective Teaching. After successful completion of the program the participants will be issued with a Certificates of Completion. For more information, click on <https://unpan.un.org/node/1891>

### Master of European Legal Studies (MELS)

In partnership with renowned universities and leading experts in the academic and professional world throughout Europe, the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) organises specialised Master programmes.

This Master is an international study programme offered in partnership with the Université de Lorraine in France. Participants who successfully conclude the programme are awarded a French Master degree: Master en études européennes – spécialité Droit de l’union européenne.

The programme spans two years and is fully online. For more information, click on [Master of European Legal Studies \(MELS\) - Eipa](#)

### EIPA EVENT:

### Shaping the New World of Work: Sustainable and green HRM



### Shaping the New World of Work: Sustainable and green HRM

Online, 12.45-14.00, 4 July 2023

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This free webinar offers an opportunity for participants to understand the significance of green human resources management (GHRM) within sustainable human resources management. It highlights the role of GHRM in helping organisations achieve their environmental goals and foster a green culture and mindset. By exploring topics such as the changing role of HR management and the tasks involved in environmental transformation, attendees will gain insights into how GHRM can support effective environmental strategies. The event also emphasises the importance of HR development, recruiting, and employer branding in the context of environmental management. Joining the webinar will enable participants to learn from experts and enhance their knowledge of green HR management, making it a valuable learning experience not to be missed. For more information, click on [Shaping the New World of Work: Sustainable and green HRM - Eipa](#)

### **Strategic Public Procurement: Achieving Innovation, Green and Social Dimensions**

Maastricht (NL), 6-7 July 2023

- How can we implement strategic procurement while complying with all the legal requirements?
- How to embed innovative, green and social aspects for buying goods, works and services?
- What types of procedures are best suited to promote innovation strategically?
- How strategic public procurement can help to tackle challenges public authorities are dealing with, such as sustainable economic recovery, green energy, transition to circular economy, create new jobs?
- What funds are available to support strategic public buying?

You will find answers to these and many other practical questions with this course, while enhancing your ability to plan, implement and evaluate your public procurement decisions.

Over two-days you will learn how to use procurement strategically, by going through different case examples with practitioners presenting their cases. The overview of real examples will shed light on the dos and don'ts of

buying strategically while complying with the rules, and making the best use of public money.

This course is part of the programme for obtaining EIPA's European Certification for public procurement professionals. See more information [here](#). [Strategic Public Procurement - EIPA Course](#)

### **The EAPO Regulation: Freezing Bank Accounts Across the EU - A Practical Approach**

Luxembourg (LU), 6 September 2023

On 17 January 2017, Regulation No 655/2014, establishing a European Account Preservation Order ('EAPO Regulation'), entered into force. This instrument introduced the first cross-border civil interim measure, which allows the provisional attachment of bank accounts. This course provides a comprehensive analysis of the EAPO Regulation from both a theoretical and practical perspective. The course will identify first-hand difficulties and challenges that courts and practitioners might encounter while using the EAPO Regulation.

The course will scrutinise each of the phases of the procedure, from the EAPO application to the stage when debtors can challenge the EAPO. Besides explaining the EAPO Regulation, the seminar will also have two case studies tackling different aspects of this procedure that participants will have to solve.

Overall, this course will give participants a practical understanding of the EAPO procedure and how to approach some of its essential aspects in an effective manner. For more information, click on [EAPO Regulation: Freezing Bank Accounts Across the EU \(eipa.eu\)](#)

### **A Practical Guide to the Infringement Procedure: How to Respond to Commission Investigations and Avoid Court Cases**

Luxembourg (LU), 11-12 September 2023

This course will provide a sophisticated understanding of the infringement procedure (Articles 258 to 260 of

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the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union) – the main enforcement mechanism enacted by the European Commission against a Member State in case of a presumed breach of its obligations under EU law.

This course will offer you a professional insight into the infringement procedure, analysing in detail the role of the Commission and the position of the Member States. [Infringement Procedure: A Practical Guide \(eipa.eu\)](https://eipa.eu)

**Performance Auditing of ESIF and RRF Co-Funded Investments by the European Court of Auditors: How to Assess Results in the 2021-2027 Period**

St Julian (MT), 18-20 September 2023

This course is about the ambition of the EU to be more results-oriented in the current programming period 2021-2027 using a framework where performance and results are the keywords.

To do so, this course informs about the main funding sources in the 2021-2027 period (ESIFs and RRF in particular), their rules, differences, challenges and functioning, and presents as well all key aspects of each stage of the performance audit process.

It includes the unique feature of providing an insight into how the European Court of Auditors plan, prepare and implement their audit assignments, covering real-life audit case studies and sharing experiences of the Court’s teams. For more information, click on [Performance Auditing of ESIF and RRF Co-Funded Investments \(eipa.eu\)](https://eipa.eu)

**Financial Management and Audit of EU Structural and Cohesion Funds: Key issues for 2021-2027**

Online, 19-21 September 2023

How have programme finance, financial management and audit rules changed for the new 2021-2027 period? What are the key live issues for finance, control and audit at present and how are these likely to evolve in the future? What do new Programmes look like and have they taken advantage of the new, extraordinary financial

flexibilities?

This course will compare the financial management and audit rules between the 2014-2020 and the 2021-2027 programming periods. There will be a special focus on financial planning, increasing the use of simplified costs options, anti-fraud measures and protecting the audit trail.

We will also ask what financial management and audit lessons the new Structural Funds programmes and the new national RRF plans can learn from the 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy programming period. For more information, click on [Financial Management and Audit EU Structural & Cohesion Funds \(eipa.eu\)](https://eipa.eu)

**EIPA EVENT:  
Neue Entwicklungen  
in der Arbeitswelt –  
New Work in Kürze -  
Treffen mit  
Expertinnen und  
Experten**



**Neue Entwicklungen in der Arbeitswelt – New Work in Kürze - Treffen mit Expertinnen und Experten (Event Series)**

Online, 13.00-14.00, Weekly from 21 September to 30 November 2023

EIPA will be hosting a weekly, free webinar. These events (held in German) will give participants the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of experts in business, administration, and science, gaining valuable insights and solutions.

The event aims to help attendees overcome challenges arising from demographic and societal changes, internationalisation, digitalisation, and AI by taking proactive measures. It focuses on enhancing efficiency

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and employee retention through improvements in organisational structures and processes. Participants will learn strategic and practical approaches to foster a new understanding of health in administration and effectively manage occupational health. Each week hosts a different topic and variety of speakers to ensure there is an edition to cater to the individual needs and interests of every participant. For more information, click on [Neue Entwicklungen in der Arbeitswelt – New Work in Kürze - Treffen mit Expertinnen und Experten \(Reihe\)](#) - [Eipa](#)

**Practical EU Presidency Skills**

Maastricht (NL), 20-22 September 2023

The success of a Presidency of the Council of the European Union relies heavily on its ability to ensure momentum and achieve results. The Presidency has to deliver results within complex formal and informal processes of negotiation and elaborate cross-cultural and interpersonal communication.

This two-and-a-half day course covers the strategic, practical and interpersonal aspects of the complex formal and informal dynamics of the negotiation processes under the leadership of Council Presidencies. It advises members of ‘presidency teams’ on how to get results collectively and survive individually. It focuses on communication and negotiation performance. For more information, click on [Practical EU Presidency Skills \(eipa.eu\)](#)

**Introduction to EU Asylum and Migration Law**

Luxembourg (LU), 26-27 September 2023

The course addresses two complementary areas of EU law. Firstly, it explains the policy considerations and legal concepts related to asylum law as developed in the EU’s Common European Asylum System (CEAS). Secondly, the course addresses other aspects of the European Union’s Area of Freedom, Security and Justice relevant for understanding EU migration law in the broader sense (Schengen, human smuggling, regular migration of third country nationals).

The training will explain the challenges of policy formulation and regulation of asylum matters, and it is within this context that the course will address the EU’s difficulties in responding to the large-scale movements of 2015-2016, as well as the EU’s approach to tackling the recent Ukrainian refugee crisis. A look at the New Pact on Migration and Asylum will reveal if it can serve as a new start. The much broader questions about the EU’s future, identity and responsibility will also be addressed. For more information, click on [Introduction to EU Asylum and Migration Law – EIPA](#)

**Artificial Intelligence Ethics in the Age of Generative AI (Certified AI Ethics Assessor Course) - October 2023**



The IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) and the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) are organizing this first of its kind in-person training at the MBRSG premises in Dubai, with contributions from Dubai Digital Authority (DDA). In this Executive Education program, participants will learn how to systematically address Artificial

Intelligence Ethics and social responsibility in Autonomous Intelligent Systems (AIS) while improving your current business models for government and private sector entities. Participants will also join a community of AI Ethics experts in mastering the IEEE CertifAIEd approach.

**Program Objectives:**

1. Become proficient in the key principles of AI Ethics and the IEEE CertifAIEd criteria and certification process
2. Gain practical skills in assessing AI products, services and systems from an ethical perspective
3. Obtain practical knowledge of the fundamental concepts of AI ethics evaluation such as ethics profiling, assessment, and certification
4. Explore how to assess ethical considerations of applications using Generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT, Bard and chatbots)

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5. Take an integral first step towards becoming recognized as an IEEE CertifAIED Authorized Assessor by completing this course.

Date: October 2023

Registration: <https://www.mbrsg.ae/home/executive-education/open-enrolment-programs/ieee-certifaied-assessor-training-batch-2>

More information: <https://www.zawya.com/en/press-release/companies-news/mbrsg-and-the-ieee-sign-mou-to-advance-artificial-intelligence-ethics-in-the-uae-and-the-region-mtax9osk>

### **The 17th Annual Conference of the Arab Society of Economic Research**

4-5 November 2023

The Arab Society for Economic Research, in collaboration with the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government in Dubai, is organizing its seventeenth scientific conference in Dubai. The conference titled Climate Change and its Implications on Arab Economic Development, will discuss the main themes of climate change impacts, sustainable development, energy transition, and climate finance. The conference will provide a platform for policymakers and researchers to exchange ideas and develop effective solutions to address the challenges of climate change in the Arab region. The conference will discuss the following themes:

- The Impact of Climate Change on Sustainable Development in the Arab Region and developing economies: A Forward-looking Approach
- The Future of Water, Food, and Energy in the Arab region and developing economies
- Green Economy and Sustainable Development in the Arab region and developing economies
- Global technological transformations and their role in adapting to and mitigating the expected implications of climate change
- Climate Change and its impact on the population in the Arab region and developing economies

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