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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

Call for Nominations for the 2007 UN Public Service Awards

The Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs invites nominations for the 2007 United Nations Public Service Awards. **The application deadline is 30 November 2006.** Awards will be given in the following three categories:

- Improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in the public service;
- Improving the delivery of services; and
- Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms (e.g., utilizing ICT, participatory budgeting, participatory/social auditing and monitoring, and others).

URL: http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_PSaward.asp

Governance World Watch

The *UNPAN Governance World Watch*, which used to be issued online on a monthly basis, is now offering news on a daily basis.

URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/worldNews/gww/gww_daily.htm

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NEWS FROM ASPA

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

<http://www.aspanet.org>

ASPA Announces Launch of PublicServiceCareers.org

ASPA is pleased to announce the launching of PublicServiceCareers.org in partnership with the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The site has been created to strengthen the visibility and identity of the public service career sector, the public policy and management field, and professionalism within public affairs and administration among students, employers, and universities. This new site provides a resource on the web for ASPA members, which will aid career development at all levels, and offer the most comprehensive and useful information about careers in the field.

Recent Publications

- [*Profiles of Outstanding Women in Public Administration*](#)

Conference Information

68th Annual ASPA National Conference

Theme: "Monumental Possibilities: Capitalising on Collaboration"

Dates: 23-27 March 2007

Location: Washington, DC, USA

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URL: <http://www.aspanet.org>

NEWS FROM CIIAP

International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIAP)

<http://www.flem.org.br/ciiap>

CIIAP Hosts Fairtrade Seminar

CIIAP held an international seminar about fairtrade on 28 July. During the meeting "Fairtrade: Another Market is Possible," concepts related to the matter were presented, as well as experiences and perspectives for the artisan and small scale agriculture production in the globalised market. More than 200 people attended the meeting, including associations and cooperatives of farmers. The program included presentations by the following speakers: **Afonso Henriques**, IDHS/ PNUD Consultant; **Emmanuel Bayle**, AVSF – Agronomes & Vétérinaires sans Frontières; **Beat Grueninger**, FLO - Fairtrade Labelling Organization; **Felipe Sampaio**, Consultant of IICA - Interamerican Institute of Cooperation for Agriculture; **Fabiola Zerbini**, Kairós Institute and FACES do Brasil; **Martin Van Gastel**, CEALNOR - Central of Associations of the North Shore; **Ismael Ferreira**, APAEB - Association of Sustainable and Solidarity Development of the Sisaleira Region; and also **Débora Rodrigues** and **André Santana**, Forum of Solidarity Economy of Bahia.

CIIAP Convenes Meetings on Communities of Practice

CIIAP held an international conference and a workshop on communities of practice on 5 June. **Etienne Wenger**, Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence from the California University and specialist in organisational learning, ministered the conference, which was attended by about 100 people. It focused on the advantages of constructing a strategy of

knowledge management based on organizational learning. It also gave the participants an opportunity to discuss the conceptual base and tools to implement Communities of Practice in their respective organisations. After the conference, Wenger led a workshop for 40 participants in which the audience was able to put into practice some of the main aspects related to communities of practice.

Conference Information

Economy of Culture and Sustainable Development – Cultural Kaleidoscope

Ana Carla Fonseca Reis, vice-president of Pensarte Institut and UN Special Consultant for Creative Economy, will minister the conference. At the occasion, it will be released a book named after the conference. The lecture proposes a global vision associated to culture, economy and sustainable development. The conference will be held in Portuguese.

Date: 23 November 2006

City: Salvador, Brazil

URL: <http://www.flem.org.br>

Information Society, Democracy, E-Government in Brazil: Limits, Possibilities and Advances

The meeting will focus on detecting and investigating advances in the field of electronic government and the movements in the issue of civil society and conducting an information society. The seminar will be held in Portuguese.

Dates: 4-5 December 2006

City: Salvador, Brazil

URL: <http://www.flem.org.br>

Globalisation and Regionalism: The construction of Regional Spaces in Today's World

Bertrand Badie, the speaker, is professor at the Political Studies Institute (Sciences Po) of Paris. The conference is promoted by the Labmundo/UFBA, the French Embassy in Brazil, the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) of Paris and the Luis Eduardo Magalhães Foundation.

Languages: French and Portuguese.

Date: 6 December 2006

City: Salvador, Brazil

Salvador - Brazil

URL: <http://www.flem.org.br>

NEWS FROM CLAD

Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)

<http://www.clad.org.ve>

XI International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

Dates: 7-10 November 2006

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

E-mail: clad@clad.org.ve

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congri.html>

The Congress will gather 384 panelists from 16 Latin American countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. In addition, 71 speakers from Canada, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States will present their experiences.

The panels will be referred to one of the following thematic areas:

1. Legal innovations for State and public administration reform

- Coordinator: Luciano Parejo Alfonso
2. Professionalisation of civil service
Coordinator: Caryl Orlando Alonso Jiménez
 3. Planning, budgeting and evaluation by results
Coordinator: Sonia Ospina
 4. Public policies and management models to face poverty and exclusion
Coordinator: María Castro Mazariegos
 5. Local development and territorial management
Coordinator: José Antonio Samperi
 6. State and democratic governance
Coordinator: Marcelo Cavarozzi
 7. Perspectives, challenges and innovations in public management
 8. Academic Networks
- URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/prog11hd.html>

During the Congress, recognized specialists will present plenary conferences, namely:

- **Robert Wade**, Professor of Political Economy, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
"How to make globalization work better"
- **Luiz Carlos Bresser-Pereira**, Professor da Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brasil
"Cómo reformar a gestão pública para contribuir ao desenvolvimento?"

The official languages of the Congress will be Spanish, Portuguese and English. During the entire Congress, one of the halls, gathering 14 panels, will have simultaneous translation into English.

Registration Form: http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/registro_e.php

Ibero American Forum on Political, Social and Institutional Strategies for E-Government Development

Dates: 5-6 October 2006

Location: Madrid, Spain

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/reunion/reunion.html>

Organised with the co-operation of the Ministry of Public Administrations (MAP), Spain; the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI); and the International and Ibero-American Foundation of Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP), the meeting gathered 25 participants from 20 Latin American countries, responsible for the formulation of strategies and policies for E-Government development initiatives. A final Report with conclusions and recommendations is being reviewed at CLAD's General Secretary prior to its mass distribution.

XIX Contest of CLAD 2006 "Contraloría y participación social en la gestión pública"

After reviewing 27 monographs, the International Jury consisting of **Marta Angélica Oyhanarte**, Subsecretaria de Reforma Institucional, Subsecretaría de Reforma Institucional y el Fortalecimiento de la Democracia (SRIFD), Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros, Buenos Aires, Argentina; **Alberto Olvera**, Instituto de Investigaciones

Histórico-Sociales, Universidad Veracruzana, (UV), Veracruz, México; and **Fabio Enrique Velásquez Carrillo**, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad del Valle (UNIVALLE), Cali, Colombia, awarded the following:

First Prize

“Democracia representativa e participativa: complementaridade ou combinação subordinada? Reflexões sobre instituições participativas e gestão pública na cidade de São Paulo (2000-2004)”

Luciana Tatagiba y Ana Cláudia Chaves Teixeira

Second Prize

“Por uma construção democrática das políticas públicas de saúde: os instrumentos de participação social e a experiência do Conselho Nacional de Saúde”

Mariana Siqueria de Carvalho Oliveira

Third Prize

“Contraloría Social en el Programa de Oportunidades: análisis desde la óptica de Interfaz socioestatal”

Felipe José Hevia De la Jara

Honorable Mention

“Participación ciudadana en las decisiones públicas: la Ley de Comunas de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires. Interrogantes y desafíos”

German Stalker

Winners will present their monographs during XI Congress of CLAD.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/concurso/xixconcu.html>

Recent Publications

CLAD's Journal *Reforma y Democracia*

The 36th edition contains the following articles:

- **Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira:** El modelo estructural de gobernanza pública
- **David Arellano Gault, Manuel Alamilla Ceballos y Alejandro Campos García:** ¿Reforma organizacional de gobierno por diseño genérico? El Nuevo Institucionalismo Económico en acción: el caso del Modelo Integral de Desempeño de los Organismos Internos de Control en México
- **J. Oriol Prats:** Teoría y práctica del desarrollo. Cambios en las variables de la “ecuación del desarrollo” en los últimos 50 años
- **Juan Arroyo:** La democracia municipal en la descentralización peruana 2001-2005: ¿exceso o insuficiencia de participación?
- **Jacques Merat y André-Noël Roth Deubel:** La efectividad de las instituciones en la lucha contra la corrupción: la estrategia de los Pactos de Transparencia en Colombia

- **Patria de Lancer Julnes:** Lo universal y lo particular en la reforma gubernamental en América Latina y el Caribe
- **Pedro Alfonso Hernández:** La provisión de empleos de carrera en Colombia: lineamientos de un nuevo modelo de gestión de personal en el sector público.

CLAD's Association Members for 2006 are entitled to receive free of charge editions 34, 35 and 36 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and guide for contributions are available on CLAD's web site.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/reforma.html>

Updated sections of SIARE (in Spanish)

- Evaluation as a Tool for a Result Oriented Public Management

Has been duly updated the information related to key experiences from, Uruguay and Argentina. In addition, the experiences from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Mexico are now available in this section. Instruments, methodologies and web sites are also published.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/evaluacion.html>

- Professional Development of the Civil Service in the Framework of the New Public Management

The advances from the experiences of Chile, Colombia and Mexico in this field have been updated. Official reports, civil service units, key documents, methodologies and web sites are also presented.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/profesion.html>

- Innovations and Tendencies on E-Government in Latin America

The section has been updated, presenting new experiences and best practices in E-Government as means to get the State nearer to its citizens.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/qobelec.html>

- Bibliographical Information on State, Administration and Society

This database contains 38,305 bibliographical references (including access to 4,220 full texts) pertaining to books, documents and articles that deal with State reform, public management modernisation and public policies topics. 8,344 of the references are in English.

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/biblo/en_biblo_a.html

- Research and Training Activities Related to Public Affairs

This database allows users to review 159 undergraduate and post-graduate study opportunities -69 doctorate, 377 masters and 251 specialisation- in public administration, public policy and similar disciplines. For each reviewed course, it provides information about objectives, regularity, duration, international accreditation, scholarships and requirements, among other aspects.

URL: http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/insti/insti_f.html

- Juridical Basis of Public Institutionalality

With a view to supporting legislative development processes, this section enumerates the titles of juridical norms -and in some cases the full text- underlying State Reform and

Modernisation processes underway in Public Administrations in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian Peninsula. The said norms are organised according to relevant categories.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/basesju/inicio.html>

NEWS FROM CPSI

Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)

<http://www.cpsi.co.za>

Fraser-Moleketi to Head Global Governance Body

South Africa's Public Service and Administration Minister **Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi** has been elected to lead an international organisation that promotes good governance and sound public management practices. She was voted the President of the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) at its 2006 Biennial conference in Sydney, Australia, held 19-25 October 2006. CAPAM was established in 1994 to facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge on public administration among Commonwealth countries and beyond. Its founding values include defining and promoting practical requirements of good and transparent governance. The organisation's programmes are widely seen as strengthening the quality and effectiveness of public administration while advancing good governance in Commonwealth countries. Its programmes and services are designed to respond to the needs and priorities of senior public officials - elected and appointed - in the 53 Commonwealth countries. Ms. Fraser-Moleketi is also the Vice President of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration. (*information courtesy of BuaNews*)

URL: <http://www.capam.org>

Dokoza Project: A Finalist in the (CAPAM) Innovation Awards for 2006

The CPSI project DOKOZA mobile technologies in government was a finalist in the Commonwealth Association for Public Service Administration and Management (CAPAM) awards. The theme of the 2005-2006 CAPAM awards is citizen engagement and service delivery. The CAPAM Awards are based on the same principles as the CPSI Innovation Awards: to recognise, encourage and profile public sector innovation. The DOKOZA Health Project pilot was implemented in partnership with the Department of Health (National and Gauteng Province), CPSI, SITA, CSIR and the Open Society Foundation of South Africa. The system offers citizens a cost effective advanced system for fast tracking critical services in hospitals and clinics through the use of mobile technologies; in this case Cellular phones. The major strength of DOKOZA is that it is based on SMS text, with no templates; any user can register via any level of handset and SIM card. In addition, DOKOZA is easily interfaced with other existing hospital systems and can be accessed via PC web, laptop, palmtop and it interact with e-mail and fax. During the pilot, the medical data exchanged on patients was done in an accessible and confidential manner and was extremely helpful in the treatment of HIV and AIDS as well as Tuberculosis. DOKOZA was piloted at Helen Joseph Hospital and Johannesburg General Hospital in the Gauteng province. DOKOZA was an element of four Mobile Technology Pilot projects conducted by CPSI, SITA and its partners. There is a need for government to leverage such modern

developments and innovations and use them to radically improve service delivery and access to services by citizens.

Recent Publications

Service Delivery Review, Vol 5 No 1

(A learning Journal for Public Service Managers)

http://www.dpsa.gov.za/sdr_vol5_ed1.asp

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Conference Information

CPSI Public Sector Innovation Awards Ceremony

Date: 2 November 2006

City: Pretoria, South Africa

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Public Service Week (PSW)

Theme: "Shona phansi msebenz " for a seamless and efficient public service echoing a new age of hope" Public Service Week (PSW) is one of the Batho Pele flagship projects that are intended to give impetus to the theme "Taking Public Services to the People". It has become a platform whereby departments join hands to push any identified backlogs in any area of the public service in the interest of serving the citizens. It focuses at establishing a platform that can be used to review imperatives and challenges related to Public service delivery and enhance the quality and efficiency of those services and finally assess the efficacy and implementation of Batho Pele Revitalisation Programme. Middle and senior managers are kindly requested to avail themselves for deployments to the coalface (frontline offices) during the PSW, anywhere in the country.

Dates: 6-10 November 2006

Location: South Africa

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Indaba on the Public Service as a Learning Organisation

Theme: "Creating Time, Space and Culture of Learning and Sharing in Government"

Dates: 21-22 November 2006

City: Boksburg, South Africa

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NEWS FROM DPADM

**Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA)**

<http://www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp>

Recent Publications

UN Global E-government Readiness Report 2005

The *UN Global E-Government Readiness Report 2005* is comprised of two parts. Part I presents a comparative ranking of the countries of the world according to the state of e-

government readiness and the e-participation. Part II expands the Access-for-Opportunity framework to assess what constitutes a socially inclusive government. Tracking the relative progress of Member States in implementing their ICT and e-government programmes, the report aims to contribute to a better understanding of the various facets of the digital divide and the lack of real access.

The publication is available online at:

<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN021888.pdf>

Compendium on E-government Innovative Practices (Edition II)

In light of the importance of e-government as a tool to meet the Millennium Development Goals, DPADM, through its online network for Public Administration (UNPAN), has created a compendium of innovative practices in the area of e-government. In accordance with UNPAN's mission to promote the sharing of knowledge experiences and best practices among United Nations Member States, the Compendium provides an opportunity to the Governments to share with the world their activities in e-government by highlighting their valuable experiences. The second version of the *Compendium on E-government Innovative Practices* was published in September 2006. It includes 200 cases from 57 different countries, and can be accessed

at: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN023997.pdf>

Innovations in Governance and Public Administration: Replicating What Works

This publication sheds light on the many challenges and opportunities of innovations in governance as a development tool. What is innovation in governance? Why should governments innovate? What helps and hampers innovation? What makes an innovation in governance transferable? What capacities are needed at the national and local levels to adapt and use innovations? What steps would governments need to take to adapt innovations and successful practices? The publication aims to answer these questions. It provides key ideas and useful tools to transfer and adapt successful practices and innovations in governance and public administration. The publication is available on-line at:

<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN021963.pdf>

Conference Information

Expert Group Meeting on Engaged Governance: Citizen Participation in the Implementation of the Developmental Goals, Including the Millennium Development Goals

Organised by DPADM, the EGM will be held from 1-2 November in the DC2 23rd floor Conference Room, and aims to provide a platform for discussion among recognised experts on the concept and related aspects of participation and engaged governance and their impact on the implementation of development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Dates: 1-2 November 2006

City: New York, NY, USA

Contact: Mr. Jacinto De Vera

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2003

Panel on "E-Government as a Tool for Participation and Inclusion"

A panel on "E-Government as a Tool for Participation and Inclusion", a Special Event of the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly, will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 3 November, in Conference Room No. 2. The panel aims to discuss, among other things, the opportunities

and challenges of e-government, including its potential for citizen engagement and inclusive governance. In addition, the meeting will highlight major trends in e-government readiness and e-participation by reviewing existing approaches worldwide and analysing the structural and process changes associated with the concept, including its technological aspects.

Date: 3 November 2006

City: New York, NY, USA

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2006

Dialogue on Civil Society Engagement in Public Accountability

Co-organised by DPADM, the International Budget Project (IBP) of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington D.C., and the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), the meeting will provide training and advocacy for effective partnerships and collaboration between audit institutions and civil society organisations to foster better understanding and improved collegiality in public accountability systems.

Dates: 7-8 November 2006

City: Manila, The Philippines

URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1999

Enhancing Knowledge and Skills in Reforming Public Administration to an Engaging and Performing Civil Service in a Challenging World

This workshop is being organised in partnership with EROPA and in conjunction with EROPA's Seminar on "Modernising the Civil Service in Alignment with National Development Goals." Experts and practitioners in the areas of civil service reform and public enterprise management have been invited to share their expertise and experiences on innovative policies and civil service reforms that lead to the engagement of citizens in the implementation of development goals.

Dates: 14-16 November 2006

Location: Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2000

Inauguration of the Global Centre for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Parliament

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and **Mr. Pier Ferdinando Casini**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, will inaugurate the office of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament in Rome on 17 November 2006. The Global Centre was launched by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Tunis in November 2005. The overall objective of the initiative is to promote the use of ICT to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of parliamentary work at both the institutional and organisational levels and thus strengthen the role of parliaments as institutions that promote democracy and good governance. The Global Centre acts as a clearinghouse for disseminating information and sharing experiences, and provides a global platform for promoting collaboration and linking the broadest possible number of initiatives in this area.

Date: 17 November 2006

City: Rome, Italy

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28TH AAPAM Roundtable Conference

DPADM is assisting the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) in organizing the 28th Roundtable Conference of AAPAM, which will take place in Arusha, Tanzania, 4-8 December 2006. The Roundtable will focus on the theme "Enhancing the Service Delivery Capacity of the African Public Service". The conclusions and recommendations of the Roundtable are also scheduled to be presented at the Africa Regional Forum taking place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11-13 December 2006.

Dates: 4-8 December 2006

City: Arusha, Tanzania

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Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in Africa: "Building Trust in Government"

DPADM is organising, in collaboration with UNDP, the Africa Governance Institute and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, a Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in Africa on the theme of "Building Trust in Government". The Forum will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11-13 December 2006. Besides providing a regional perspective on the theme of the 7th Global Forum (scheduled to take place in Vienna, Austria in June 2007), the Regional Forum aims at soliciting the views of participants on measures for renewing and strengthening citizen faith in public authority. The Forum will be attended primarily by Ministers and high-level government officials, particularly from ministries and departments responsible for public service and local government; by officials from national assemblies in Africa; and by representatives from international organizations, including the UN system, the academia and African regional institutes.

Dates: 11-13 December 2006

City: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2011

NEWS FROM ECE

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

<http://www.unece.org>

UNECE-EurAsEC-UNESCAP International Conference on Trade Facilitation

The UNECE, the Eurasian Economic Community, and the UNESCAP organised a Capacity-Building Workshop on Trade Facilitation with the following objectives: (1) review the integrated approach to trade facilitation (encompassing the whole supply chain); (2) explore the possibility to establish and/or strengthen the institutional basis for trade facilitation implementation through public-private partnership in the EurAsEC Member States and their neighbours; (3) define concrete projects, for example, the creation of "Single Window" for submission of trade information, or aligning trade and transport documents and electronic data exchange with international standards; and review the possibility to harmonize trade data requirements among various agencies and trade operators. The workshop took place 16-18 October in Moscow, Russia.

URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/moscow_oct06/programme_eng.doc

UneDocs Workshop

The goal of the one day workshop, which took place on 3 October in New Delhi, was to present important international standards for document and information harmonisation and exchange in international trade, to discuss the national and regional adaptation and implementation of these standards and to exchange know how and best practice on pilot projects. The workshop was targeted for decision makers in governments,

administrations and private sector enterprises.

URL: http://www.unece.org/trade/workshop/unedocs_india06/welcome.htm

Recent Publications

- "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels" (Resolution No. 61)

Conference Information

Joint UNCTAD/UNECE Workshop "Strengthening National and Regional Trade Facilitation Organisations"

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and UNECE's Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) are organising a two-day workshop to strengthen the work of national and regional trade facilitation bodies.

Dates: 31 October-1 November 2006

City: Geneva, Switzerland

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URL: <http://www.unece.org/cefact/>

Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards will examine 17 standards for revision and adoption. It will also discuss policy matters such as the revision of the working procedures and the standard layout for Dry and Dried Produce as well as cooperation with other organizations.

Dates: 6-9 November 2006

City: Geneva, Switzerland

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Workshop on the Implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development for the sub-region of Eastern Europe, Caucasus And Central Asia (EECCA)

The workshop's objective is to identify (1) the specificity of the EECCA sub-region in relation to ESD (success stories, challenges, needs and opportunities); and (2) the key priority areas and effective mechanisms for the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD. The workshop will also allow for sharing of information on recent developments in implementing the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

Dates: 8-9 November 2006

City: Moscow, Russia

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NEWS FROM ESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

<http://www.unescap.org>

Many Asian Countries Falling Short of MDG Targets, Report Says

The Asian and Pacific region as a whole is on track to achieve most of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), but progress in many individual countries is slow and performance on some vital targets is unsatisfactory, according to a new report released

last month. The report – *Millennium Development Goals: Progress in Asia and the Pacific 2006* – says that regional targets such as halving poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, and eliminating gender disparity in education are on track or have already been achieved. And progress on these is impressive compared to sub-Saharan Africa and even Latin America.

URL: <http://www.unescap.org/unis/press/2006/oct/q45.asp>

NEWS FROM ICCE

Park University International Centre for Civic Engagement (ICCE)

<http://www.park.edu/icce>

ASPAs Selects ICCE for Strengthening Ties with Spain

ASPAs National Council recently approved Park University's application to serve as the Secretariat for ASPAs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ESADE Institute of Public Management in Spain. The principal purpose of the MOU is to develop lines of communication that will allow for a range of activities, professional programs and professional interactions between ASPAs and ESADE. ICCE Director **Erik Bergrud** will serve as principal representative of the ASPAs-ESADE Secretariat.

Recent Publications

- ["Social Capital: Lessons from a Service-Learning Program"](#)

Conference Information

Conference on Global Solutions

Date: April 2007

City: Kansas City, MO, USA

Contact: Erik Bergrud, Director, International Centre for Civic Engagement, Park University

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NEWS FROM IDEP

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)

<http://www.unidep.org>

IDEP Offers Short Courses on Regional Integration in Africa

IDEP held a [short-term course](#) on regional integration in Africa from 2 October to 3 November (English-Speaking Session). IDEP's short-term courses are aimed at enhancing skills and capacity of participants for promoting Regional Integration and managing regionalism in Africa as a key element of African development. The course deals with conceptual and empirical issues on African regionalism, problems and challenges for transformation and growth of African economies. Twenty participants from Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have been sponsored by IDEP and its partners to attend the course. IDEP's courses provide senior and middle level policy makers, managers, advisors, economists and entrepreneurs with the requisite technical and analytical skills to effectively plan, implement, monitor and evaluate development policies, strategies, programmes and projects. These courses are intended for the English-speaking and French-speaking participants from the various African sub-regions.

Dates: English-Speaking Session (2 October-3 November 2006), French-Speaking Session (13 November-15 December 2006)

City: Dakar, Senegal

Contact: IDEP

E-mail: idep@unidep.org

URL: <http://www.unidep.org>

IDEP Organizes its 46th Meeting of the Governing Council

A meeting of IDEP's 46th Governing Council is scheduled to take place from 30 October to 1 November 2006. The meeting is attended by members of the Executive Committee and Governing Council upon invitation. Council members represent their Governments and include participants from Angola, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Dates: 30 October-1 November 2006.

City: Dakar, Senegal

Contact: IDEP

E-mail: idep@unidep.org

URL: <http://www.unidep.org>

Program Information

Course on Gender-Responsive Economic Policy-Making in Africa

A well-conceived programme tailored to the needs of African development planners and practitioners and based on modern training requirements. Skillfully selected modules encompassing new theoretical and practice tools for integrating gender into economic policy in Africa. Highly qualified and experienced resource persons, innovative teaching and evaluation methods. Real opportunity for the acquisition and improvement of methods and tools for integrating gender into economic policy-making and implementation in Africa. A definite added value, which will make it possible to understand and address gender in economic policy in Africa. Participants are Staff Members of the African Union Commission including NEPAD, Staff Members of Secretariats of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), National Civil Servants responsible for economic policy and budget formulation and for integration of gender in development policies.

Dates: 6-25 November 2006

City: Dakar, Senegal

Contact: IDEP

E-mail: idep@unidep.org

URL: <http://www.unidep.org>

Master of Arts (M.A.) Course in Economic Policy and Management

IDEP offers an innovative, 18-month, professional Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree Programme in Economic Policy and Management. The programme is designed to expose mid-career professionals and policy makers to a highly structured post-graduate course in economic policy and management that is particularly relevant to Africa's economic, social and political environment. The programme aims at preparing candidates for senior-level policy-making positions in government, public and private

corporations, financial institutions and inter-governmental sub-regional, regional and international organizations. It fills a rapidly-growing demand for managers and policy-makers with expertise in economic policy analysis and management.

Dates: November 2006 - April 2008

City: Dakar, Senegal

Contact: IDEP

E-mail: idep@unidep.org

URL: <http://www.unidep.org>

NEWS FROM IPMA-HR

International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR)

<http://www.ipma-hr.org>

Recent Publications

- The October issue of *IPMA-HR News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only).
- The weekly *IPMA-HR HR Bulletin* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only).
- The October-November 2006 issue of the bimonthly electronic *IPMA-HR International News* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org.
- The Fall 2006 issue of *Public Personnel Management* is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only).
- The Federal Section News is available online at www.ipma-hr.org (for IPMA-HR members only).
- The October 2006 issue of the *Assessment Council News* is available online at www.ipmaac.org.
- Various press releases can be found online at www.ipma-hr.org.

Conference Information

Managing Employee Performance as a Human Resources Business Partner

Dates: 2-3 November 2006

City: Denver, CO, USA

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=372>

PS303

Theme: "Managing Classification/Compensation in a Broadbanding Environment"

Date: 14 November 2006

City: Coconut Creek, FL, USA

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/pdf/conference/CoconutCreekRegForm.pdf>

IPMA-HR Competency Model Online Training

Date: 10 January 2007

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/index.cfm?id=4017&navid=240&tcode=nws3>

2007 IPMA-HR International Training Conference

Theme: "The Future of HR: Mapping the Course"
Dates: 29 September-3 October 2007
Location: The Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, IL, USA
Contact: Carrie Hoover
E-mail: choover@ipma-hr.org

NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)

<http://www.apcity.org>

6th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR VI)

The 6th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region was successfully held in Shanghai China during 18-19 October 2006. With a theme of "ICT for a Better Life: The Role of Local Government", the Forum attracted more than 400 participants the world over including UN officials, government leaders as well as NGO organizers at various levels, business managers, and renowned scholars. **Mr. Yang Xiong**, the Vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government, **H.E. Ali Hachani**, the President of ECOSOC, **Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, United Nations' USG, made important addresses on the opening ceremony. Thirteen VIPs gave keynote speeches in four Plenary Panels. During the occasion, The *2006 Assessment Report on the E-government Development in China* was released, and the UN Public Serve Award (the e-government category) was awarded to the Department of Industrial & Tourist Resources of Australia, while **Mr. Fan Xiping**, the Deputy Secretary General of Shanghai Municipal Government, won the "Special Award for Outstanding Contribution" for the promotion of the cooperation in the Asia-Pacific regional informatization. There were also ten Parallel Sessions during this forum, namely:

- Parallel Session 1: "E-governance" - Digital Local Agenda Awareness Raising Workshop
- Parallel Session 2: Global South Development Forum and Parallel Forums
- Parallel Session 3: Specialised Workshop on "The Construction and Application of the Public Information Service Platform for Modern Logistics"
- Parallel Session 4: Round Table Conference, Shanghai Municipal Informatization Commission - IDA, Singapore
- Parallel Session 5: 2006 Global Digital Energy Forum
- Parallel Session 6: GAID on E-governance Asian-Pacific Regional Meeting
- Parallel Session 7: Worldwide Informatisation Seminar
- Parallel Session 8: Access to Global Supply Chain
- Parallel Session 9: Interaction – "The New Vision of Cable TV"
- Parallel Session 10: South-South Cooperation Workshop on Enhancing National Execution and Aid Coordination in Asian Developing Countries

URL: <http://www.apcity.org>; and http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/quest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1966 (forthcoming)

RCOCI Releases a Series of Documents Focusing on Anti-corruption

Recently, RCOCI's Editorial Department released a [series of documents](#) focusing on anti-corruption, hoping to provide useful reference for officials, researchers and policy and decision makers.

Recent Publications

- [Asia and Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Issue 15 Autumn 2006](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, September 2006](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, August 2006](#)

NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

<http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

Recent Activities

35th International Training Course in Regional Development (17 May - 27 June 2007, Nagoya, Japan)

The courses are designed for mid-level professional staff from central and local governments (provincial, district, state, and municipal authorities) and public autonomous bodies (local and regional development boards and authorities) in developing countries who wish to explore alternative approaches to sustainable regional development. The deadline for application is 21 December 2006. For the further information and application forms, please visit http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index_itc.html.

Multi-stakeholder Workshop of the Project on Human Security Assessments as Inputs into Regional and Local Development Policies and Planning in Bogota-Cundinamarca

The workshop was organised jointly with the City Government of Bogota, the State of Cundinamarca, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), from 5-6 October 2006, in Bogota, Colombia. Sixty participants from the government, NGOs, the academia, the private sector, and bilateral and multilateral organizations presented and discussed human security issues in the region.

Training Workshop on Regional Plan Preparation and Matrix Formulation in Kwale District and Mombasa Mainland South

The workshop was organised jointly with the Department of Physical Planning, Ministry of Lands and Settlement, Government of Kenya, from 4-6 September 2006, in Mombasa, Kenya. Seventy planners and development managers were trained in regional development strategies and programmes and formulation of a regional plan matrix.

Three Workshops on Urbanization and CBDM (Community-Based Disaster Management)

The three workshops were held to incorporate disaster management into development planning through community empowerment and good governance.

1. Participatory Workshop on Urbanization and CBDM in Bangladesh (12-13 July 2006, Dhaka, Bangladesh)
 - Co-organisers: UNDP, BDPC, WFP, CDMP, UNOPS, and UNICEF
 - Participants: 40
2. Community Assessments and Participatory Workshop on Urbanization and CBDM in Nepal (19-21 July 2006, Yalamaya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur, Nepal)
 - Co-organisers: Bungmati CLC, Ichangu Narayan CLC, Khokana CLC, Khwopa Adarsha CLC, and UNESCO Nepal
 - Participants: 80
3. Joint Workshop on Urbanization and CBDM in Sri Lanka (28-29 July 2006, Mount Lavinia, Moratuwa Municipality, Sri Lanka)
 - Co-organisers: Moratuwa Municipal Council, JOCV
 - Participants: 80

Recent Publications

- *UNCRD Newsletter*, No. 60/61 (July 2005 - June 2006)
- *UNCRD Highlights*, No. 37/38 (July 2005 - June 2006) (Japanese)

Conference Information

Third JICA/UNCRD Group Training Course on Urban Environment and Transportation

Dates: 10 October-17 November 2006

Cities: Nagoya, Kamakura, and Tokyo, Japan

Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD

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Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general)

E-mail: environment@uncrd.or.jp

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

Second JICA/UNCRD Training Course on Project Formulation for Regional Development Focusing on Human Security

Dates: 23 October-2 December 2006

City: Nagoya, Japan

Contact: Human Security Unit, UNCRD

Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)

Fax: 81-52-561-9458 (general)

E-mail: hs_group@uncrd.or.jp

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

International Expert Workshop on Training for Integrated Regional Development Management

Date: November 2006

Location: Colombia

Contact: Latin America and the Caribbean Office, UNCRD

Tel.: 57-1-629-2808/2819 (general)

Fax: 57-1-629-2785 (general)

E-mail: uncrdla@uncrdlac.org

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

National 3R Workshop in Bangladesh

Dates: 27-28 November 2006

City: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD
Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)
Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general)
E-mail: environment@uncrd.or.jp
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

Second Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum

Dates: 11-12 December 2006
City: Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD
Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)
Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general)
E-mail: environment@uncrd.or.jp
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

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