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## **UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES**

### **7th Interregional Consultative Meeting of UNPAN - UN Headquarters, Vienna, Austria, 25 June 2007**

The 7th Interregional Consultative Meeting of UNPAN will take place at the UN Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 25 June 2007, at the same time of the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government. During the meeting, the new member institutions will be officially introduced, various progress reports will be presented, and a discussion will take place of the UNPAN activities to be taken from 2007 onwards. For further information, please visit:

[http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference\\_id=2026](http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2026).

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## **NEWS FROM AAPAM**

**African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM)**

<http://www.aapam.org>

### **AAPAM Joins UNPAN**

AAPAM officially became a member of UNPAN in May 2006. The purpose of this membership is to create an electronic virtual network to exchange expertise and share

experiences and lessons learned in the area of public economic administration and finance, with a view to facilitating capacity-building through the utilisation of modern technology in the countries of Africa.

#### **Recent Publications**

- [AAPAM Newsletter No. 66 January – April 2007](#)
- [AAPAM Testimonial Lecture – “To Serve and to Preserve – Motto for the Effective Permanent Secretary in a Changing World of Public Service” by Joseph Rugumyamheto](#)

#### **Conference Information**

##### ***29th AAPAM Roundtable Conference***

Theme: "Political and Managerial Leadership for Change in Africa"

Dates: 3-7 September 2007

Location: Mbabane, Swaziland

Contact: AAPAM at [aapam@aapam.org](mailto:aapam@aapam.org)

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/aapam/unpan025680.pdf>

## **NEWS FROM ASPA**

### **American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)**

<http://www.aspanet.org>

#### **ASPA's National Conference Advances Public Administration Internationally**

ASPA's commitment to voicing concerns and viewpoints from outside the United States was reflected at their recent National Conference held in Washington, DC, 23-27 March 2007. Representatives from nineteen countries participated in more than twenty international-themed sessions, panels, workshops, and special events. In addition, ASPA hosted a well-attended meeting of the Consortium for International Public Administration at the conference.

#### **International Public Administration Award**

ASPA is also pleased to announce that their International Public Administration Award has been awarded to **Turkia Ould Daddah**, former Director General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences. Mrs. Ould Daddah is highly respected for her efforts to improve public administration in countries worldwide, especially in developing countries.

#### **ASPA-Canada Partnership Gains Momentum**

ASPA's National Council recently selected the University of Akron to serve as the Secretariat for ASPA's Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC). IPAC and ASPA are working together to elevate the practice and study of public administration and improve performance by sharing best practices.

#### **Recent Publications**

- [The Bridge - 16 April 2007 issue](#)
- [PA TIMES - March 2007 issue](#)
- [PA TIMES Annual International Supplement \(March 2007\)](#)

#### **Conference Information**

##### ***The Third Transatlantic Dialogue International Conference***

Theme: "Leading the Future of the Public Sector"

Dates: 31 May - 2 June 2007

Location: University of Delaware, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, USA

Contact: Dr. Maria Aristigueta

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URL: <http://www.ipa.udel.edu/3tad/>

***Southeast (U.S.) Conference on Public Administration***

Theme: "Sound Innovations in Public Administration: Setting the Tone for the Future"

Dates: 26-29 September 2007

Location: Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Contact: Rodney Stanley

E-mail: [rstanley1@tnstate.edu](mailto:rstanley1@tnstate.edu)

URL: <http://www.aspaonline.org/nashville/secopa2007.htm>

***2007 International Conference on Public Administration (3rd ICPA)***

Theme: "Theory, Practice and Methods for Public Administration in the 21st Century"

Dates: 21-22 October 2007

Location: Jiu Zhai Gou, Chengdu, P.R. China

Contact: Dr. Don Menzel

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URL: <http://www.icpa-uestc.cn/>

**NEWS FROM CLAD**

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

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

**XX Concurso del CLAD sobre Reforma del Estado y Modernización de la Administración Pública (2007)**

Theme: "¿Cómo enfrentar los desafíos de la transversalidad y de la intersectorialidad en la gestión pública?"

For additional information, please

visit <http://www.clad.org.ve/concurso/concuxx.html>. Essays will be received until 29 June 2007.

**Updated sections of SIARE (in Spanish)**

- Web Sites Commented Directory on Public Management

This section includes 430 sites, approximately, related to State and Public Administration Reform, which have been organized by CLAD according to the type of information contained in each one. This will allow for faster and more direct connection to the portals. A summary description of the contents of each portal is included in this section. Recently CLAD has added to this section several web sites related to the Fight against Corruption.

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

- Structure and Institutional Profiles of the State

This section provides systematised information about the institutional profiles which characterize the States and Public Administrations in countries in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. Bearing in mind recent changes in State powers, the information is grouped according to a selective number of categories, as follows: State Structure; Public Administration Control Organisms; Regulatory Agencies, particularly privatized public services; and Political and Administrative State Structure.

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

- Juridical Basis of Public Institutionality

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>

- Innovations and Tendencies on E-Government in Latin America

The section presents experiences and best practices in E-Government as a means to get the State nearer to its citizens. In particular, now are available sites related to the information society.

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

- Research and Training Activities related to Public Affairs

This database allows users to review 163 undergraduate and 763 post-graduate study opportunities -76 doctorate, 411 masters and 276 specialisations - in public administration, public policies 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](http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/insti/insti_f.html)

#### **Conference Information**

##### ***XII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform***

Dates: 30 October - 2 November 2007

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

E-mail: [clad@clad.org.ve](mailto:clad@clad.org.ve)

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

More than 160 panel proposals were received, an indicator of the international relevance of this Congress. Panels provisionally accepted will be communicated by the Committee beginning on 5 June. This year, panels will be organised into the following thematic areas:

- Information society and e-government
- Ethics and transparency in public management
- Academic networks: formation and training for the professionalisation of civil service
- Professionalisation of senior officers of the public administration
- State and democracy
- Local development
- Innovations in the management of public policies
- Construction of a management for results

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

- **Fernando Fernández-Savater**, Professor of Philosophy, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
- **Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Director, Centro de Estudos Sociais (CES), Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal

- **Luis F. Aguilar Villanueva**, Professor, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

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

## **NEWS FROM CPSI**

### **Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)**

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

#### **CPSI Forges Partnerships**

CPSI has established partnerships with the following institutions: University of Limpopo; University of Stellenbosch; University of Pretoria; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; Tshwane University of Technology and Central University of Technology. The partnership with these institutions will ensure that there is a constant supply of content to the UNPAN Portal.

#### **CAPAM Conversation**

The annual Public Management Conversation occupied a central space in fostering debate and discussions at the Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) conversation attended by 100 eminent academics, practitioners and ministers from South Africa and various Commonwealth nations. Interactive sessions were held on the theme, "Building the Academic/Practitioner Interface in South African Public Administration", with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the South African public administration and the academic and consulting community, through the medium of a commonwealth dialogue. The different panel discussions enabled members to share vital knowledge, develop and expand leadership and governance, and maintain a current, creative and innovative approach to public administration and management. The CAPAM Conversation served as a platform to enhance collaborative effort, so as to move away from silo-type operations. The gathering tapped into sources of expertise in both the public service and academia, expertise that should be harnessed to benefit ultimately South African society as a whole.

#### **Conference Information**

##### ***6th Pan African ICT in Government Summit***

Theme: "2010 and beyond"

Dates: 7-9 May 2007

Location: Mbabane, Swaziland

URL: <http://www.forgeahead.co.za/Gov/PanAfrican-eflashnew2.htm>

##### ***SADC Heads of State Meeting***

Theme: "Elevation of the Declaration on Gender and Development to a Protocol"

Date: August 2007

Location: Lusaka, Zambia

##### ***Public Service Trainers Forum (PSTF)***

Date: September 2007

Location: Limpopo Province in 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>

### **Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in Latin America Brasilia, Brazil, 2 - 4 May 2007**

DPADM is organising, in cooperation with UNDP and the Government of Brazil, the Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in Latin America, to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 2 - 4 May. The Forum is a key regional preparatory platform for the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, organized by DPADM, to be held in Vienna, Austria from 26 – 29 June on the theme “Building Trust in Government”.

The Latin American Forum will be opened by President **Lula** of Brazil, and it has had the support of the Government of Brazil's Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management, the Ministry of External Relations and the Ministry of the Presidency.

It is common knowledge that most people do not trust their governments. As societies become more democratic, the level of expectations increases. In the past few years, for example, more than twelve Latin American Heads of State did not fulfil their mandates, not because of right-wing military coups, but due to social pressures.

The Latin American region as a whole has been undergoing remarkable and profound political changes in the past few years, characterized by widespread political democratization, the emergence of civil society actors, the development of tools for citizens' engagement in public policy, the ascending of newly elected governments committed to a new social pact, and the forging of new partnerships between government, civil society and the private sector. Most Governments were democratically elected based on social platforms and claim to be committed to social equity among citizens.

However, in practice, the challenge to balance participatory governance with sustainable economic growth is not always being followed by actual results, and there are unrelenting contrasts between affluence and destitution. This context calls for a review of themes, policy options and tools designed to promote effective top-down and bottom-up cooperation leading to a harmonized balance of social, economic and environmental goals as a contribution towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The objective of the Regional Forum is to assist governments to strengthen their public sector and governance capacities, take greater advantage of the potential of globalization, and contribute to the achievement of development objectives, such as the MDGs. The Latin America Regional Forum will focus on:

- Citizen Expectations and Trust in the State;
- Building Trust through Transparent Governance, Civic Participation and Access to Information; and
- Building Trust for Service Delivery and Access.

The deliberations of the Regional Forum will be presented at the 7th Global Forum in Vienna and will be outlined in a Regional Civic Network on Reinvention to be launched by the participating countries.

For more information please  
visit: <http://www.planejamento.gov.br/forumregional/index.htm> or <http://www.7thglobalforum.org>.

### **Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in the Caribbean Bridgetown, Barbados, 7 - 8 May**

DPADM is organising, in partnership with UNDP, CARICAD (the Caribbean Centre for Development

Administration), and the Government of Barbados, a Regional Forum on the theme "Building Trust in Government: Improving Public Management through Civic Engagement" to be held in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 7 - 8 May. This Caribbean Regional Forum is one of the preparatory meetings leading up to the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 26 - 29 June 2007.

The Forum aims to highlight the introduction and application of innovations in public management through civic engagement in the Caribbean experience as they contribute to policy development, service delivery and public accountability.

The Forum is to be attended by approximately 70 participants, mostly from within the Caribbean Region. The participants include government ministers and other officials, representatives of civil society organizations from the Caribbean, UNDP and CARICAD officials.

For further information, please visit:

[http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference\\_id=2068](http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2068).

### **Regional Forum on Reinventing Government in Western Europe Rome, Italy, 21 May**

DPADM, in collaboration with the Government of Italy, Minister for Public Administration Reform and Innovation, is organising a Regional Forum on Reinventing Government to be held on 21 May in Rome, Italy. The Forum is a regional preparatory meeting for the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, which will take place in Vienna, Austria from 26 to 29 June, 2007 on the theme of "Building Trust in Government".

The theme of the Western Europe Forum is "Transformational Government: Creating the Public Administration of the Future", and it will provide a platform to discuss the major challenges and trends related to the development and transformation of public administration, with a particular focus on the use of information and communication technologies.

Participants will include Ministers in charge of public administration reform, high-level officials, and representatives of international organizations.

The Forum aims to achieve the following goals:

- To gain a better understanding of the challenges affecting the transformation of public administration in the 21st century;
- To enhance the knowledge of the innovation process in Europe;
- To foster deeper understanding of how trust in government can be built through innovations in the public sector;
- To strengthen collaboration amongst countries of the region in sharing ideas and best practices; and
- To facilitate the design of country-level innovation strategies in Europe.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.transforminggovernment.it/home/overview.html> or [http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference\\_id=2078](http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2078).

### **E-Governance Training for Senior Managers from Developing Countries UN Headquarters, New York, 14 May**

At the invitation of the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), DPADM will offer a training session on E-governance for Senior Managers from Developing Countries, to be held at UN Headquarters in New York on 14 May. The focus of the training will include the "do's and don'ts" of e-governance strategy development, the improvement of government online service delivery, and knowledge management and networking. For further information on EPFL, please see: <http://www.epfl.ch/index.en.html>.

## **WSIS Implementation Follow-up Events UN Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 23 – 24 May 2007**

During the cluster of WSIS-related events that will take place at UN Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 14 - 25 May as part of the yearly Information Society celebration, DPADM and OESC will organise the following events:

1) The Ambassadors' Briefing on Success, Failure, and Management of e-Governance Initiatives, which will be held on 23 May. The purpose of the Briefing is to inform high-level Delegates about the "do's and don'ts" for successful e-governance in developing countries, including the special case of the least developed countries (DPADM).

2) The Second Consultation Meetings on Action Lines C1, C7 and C11, to be held on 24 May.

C1: The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development (DPADM);

C7.a: ICT Applications: E-government (DPADM); and

C11: International and regional cooperation (OESC).

The purpose of the consultation meetings is to assess the progress made by the stakeholders in relation to the WSIS implementation process, particularly as it refers to Action Lines C1, C7.a and C11. In addition, a consultation meeting on "Parliaments in the Information Age: mobilising stakeholders around concrete initiatives" will be held on 24 May. The meeting will bring together high-level representatives from legislatures, the private sector, civil society, international organisations and academia to exchange ideas and experiences on current initiatives relating to the role of parliaments in the development of the Information Society and the use of ICT to modernise parliamentary practices. Special attention will be paid to recent experiences on the use of Open Source in Parliament and ongoing efforts to develop a continental open source parliamentary information system in Africa. For further information please visit: <http://www.unpan.org/post-WSIS-C1-C7home.asp> or <http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>.

### **Forthcoming Publications**

*Compendium of Innovative E-government Practices*

DPADM is publishing the *Compendium of Innovative E-government Practices*, due by the end of May 2007. As information and communication technologies are dramatically changing the lives of people around the world, governments must come to grips with finding solutions that will increase public value to their citizens.

Governments' use of the Internet has revolutionised the speed and effectiveness of government service delivery and public administration. The benefits of online service delivery manifest themselves in a faster, cheaper, more personalized and efficient service delivery that citizens and businesses can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The *Compendium of Innovative E-government Practices* is a compilation of recent case studies of innovative e-government solutions, services and applications. The *Compendium* does not promote one solution over another, but rather highlights e-government practices that place the citizen in the forefront. In this edition are 107 case studies from 48 countries, which have been organized by all the world regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and North America and the Caribbean. The case studies cover a wide range of innovative practices, including e-democracy, gender equality, e-education, e-commerce, information access, and citizen service delivery.

In developing this *Compendium*, DPADM/DESA aims to provide not only a tool for knowledge management, but also a venue for the promotion and sharing of these cost-effective, innovative solutions for the benefit of all. The *Compendium* is also available online at: <http://www.unpan.org/dpepa-kmb-eg-egovapps.asp>.

### **Conference Information**

**7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government**

**UN Headquarters, Vienna, Austria, 26 – 29 June 2007**

DPADM is organising, in cooperation with the Government of Austria, the 7th Global Forum on

Reinventing Government on the theme of "Building Trust in Government" to be held at the UN Headquarters in Vienna, Austria from 26 - 29 June 2007. The conference will explore strategies and innovations that generate improvements in governance and earn the trust of citizens.

Hosted for the first time by the United Nations, the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government will offer plenary sessions, workshops and meetings designed to contribute directly to the Millennium Development Goals by strengthening state capacity and improving the quality of governance. Over the course of four days, the Forum will examine best practices and alternative strategies for "Building Trust in Government." Senior officials will have the chance to exchange innovations in government reinvention, share perspectives with international colleagues and discuss different methods of strengthening public confidence. The conference also aims to promote better international and regional cooperation, while giving government officials an opportunity to exchange good practices and experiences.

In addition, on 26 June, during a high-level ceremony as part of the plenary session of the Global Forum, the winners of the 2007 United Nations Public Service Awards will be awarded with the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service.

Participating in the Forum will be heads of state, prime ministers, ministers, parliamentarians, government officials, experts, CEOs, representatives of international organisations and civil society organisations.

For further information, please

visit: <http://www.unpan.org/globalforum7.asp> or <http://www.7thglobalforum.org>.

## **NEWS FROM ECA**

**United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)**

<http://www.uneca.org>

### **Recent Publications**

- [Economic Report on Africa 2007](#)

## **NEWS FROM ECE**

**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**

<http://www.unece.org>

### **Highlights from Recent UNECE Events 60th Anniversary Session of the UNECE**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held its Sixtieth Anniversary Session 25 - 27 April in Geneva, Switzerland. The Commission session afforded the 56 member States of the UNECE the occasion to look at the technical and sectoral work of the ECE in a wider context, thus providing them with the opportunity to set the strategic directions of the Commission's work for the coming biennium.

**URL:** [http://www.unece.org/commission/2007/62nd\\_index.htm](http://www.unece.org/commission/2007/62nd_index.htm)

### **10th UN/CEFACT Forum**

The Forum took place 26 - 30 March in Dublin, Ireland. It was organised to promote development and simplification of professional electronic data interchange, e-business and administrative processes in the public and private sectors.

**URL:** [http://www.cp3group.com/UNCEFACT\\_Forum/index.html](http://www.cp3group.com/UNCEFACT_Forum/index.html)

### **Recent Publications**

- *Competing in a Changing Europe - Opportunities and Challenges for Trade and Enterprise Development in a Changing Europe* ECE/TRADE/342 – Sales # E.06.II.E.10 – ISBN 978-92-1-116944-7
- *Statistical Data Editing – Volume No. 3: Impact on Data Quality* ECE/CES/STAT/NONE/2006/3 – Sales # E.06.II.E.16 - ISBN 92-1-116952-2
- *Welfare Policies in the UNECE Region: Why so Different?* - Myrdal Lecture Occasional Paper # 7 Sales # E.06.II.E.13 – ISBN 92-1-116948-8
- *Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network "Blue Book"* – First Revised Edition Sales # E.06.II.E.12 – ISBN 92-1-116946-1 - E,F

#### Conference Information

##### **13th Session of the UN/CEFACT**

The secretariat will report on matters arising from the sixty-second session of the UNECE held 25 - 27 April 2007. The Bureau will review the main outcomes and follow up developments relating to the Stakeholder Sessions held during the 12th Plenary session in May 2006.

Dates: 14 – 16 May 2007

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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#### **NEWS FROM ESCAP**

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

<http://www.unescap.org>

##### **In a First, ESCAP to Hold Annual Meeting in Central Asia**

For the first time, ESCAP will hold its annual high-level meeting – which will be attended by over 400 delegates, including heads of Government and ministers from the organisation's 62 members – in Central Asia. The meeting, which is set to take place from 17 to 23 May in Kazakhstan's capital, Almaty, will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Commission's creation. Kazakhstan's President **Nursultan Nazarbayev** will deliver the opening address at the Ministerial Meeting on 21 May, which will be preceded by two days of meetings among senior officials. Following established practice, the Foreign Minister of the host Government, **Marat Tazhin**, is expected to be elected as the session's Chairperson. The Commission, meeting in its 63rd session, will include a panel discussion on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Asian and Pacific Region." Participants will confer on a regional road map for achieving the goals to slash social ills, including extreme poverty and hunger, by 2015. UNESCAP's Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries will gather just ahead of the high-level meeting from 15 to 16 May, while the Asia-Pacific Business Forum, which brings together the area's business leaders, will take place from 18 to 19 May.

#### **NEWS FROM ICCE**

##### **Park University International Centre for Civic Engagement (ICCE)**

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

### **ICCE Will Inaugurate Civic Engagement Lecture Series on 4 May**

Michael McCloskey, author of *In the Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club*, will be the inaugural speaker in Park University's new Civic Engagement Lecture Series. McCloskey will address Park students, faculty, staff and members of the community on 4 May. He recently retired as chairman of the Sierra Club, but remains active on behalf of national environmental issues.

URL: <http://www.park.edu/icce/news.aspx>

### **ICCE Hosts 2007 Great Decisions Series**

The ICCE is hosting a series of eight free public forums related to the eight topics from the [Great Decisions](#) briefing book, published annually by the Foreign Policy Association. Each forum is moderated by a Park University faculty member and features a panel of local and, on occasion, international participants.

#### ***Remaining 2007 Schedule***

- 12 September 2007 (Topic: Climate Change)
- 26 September 2007 (Topic: War Crimes)
- 10 October 2007 (Topic: Central Asia)
- 24 October 2007 (Topic: South Africa)

URL: <http://www.park.edu/icce/news.aspx>

## **NEWS FROM IDEP**

### **African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)**

<http://www.unidep.org>

#### **IDEP Holds Course on Governance and Political Economy in Africa**

A two-week course was held 16-27 April at IDEP Dakar for twenty five (25) senior policy makers from African countries. The course aimed at upgrading the skills of the participants in broad and specific areas such as: management economics, institutional governance and economic performance, governance in the management of HIV/AIDS and its impact to national economies, monetary policy, fiscal policy and foreign direct investment, macroeconomic stabilisation and structural adjustment, and social accountability. Participants were drawn from public management ministries in: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia (The), Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Sao Tome, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zambia.

#### **IDEP Hosts Course on Agricultural Policy Analysis in Africa**

The four-week Lusophone session of the Course on Agricultural Policy Analysis in Africa runs from 23 April to 18 May 2007. The general objective of the course is to develop skills necessary to meet the challenges of promoting sustainable rural and agricultural development in the context of globalisation and a radically changing policy environment. The twenty (20) participants include ten (10) females and ten (10) males. They came from five countries, namely: Angola, Cape-Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and Sao Tome & Principe.

#### **IDEP to Award Ten Scholarships**

IDEP is pleased to announce the offer of ten scholarships for candidates admitted to its 18 month M.A. Degree Programme in Economic Policy and Management, for the period of November 2007 - April 2009. The scholarships, which are meant to support capacity building in African countries, will cover the following: full tuition, a monthly living stipend and provision for medical expenses, allowance for books, documentation and thesis preparation. The nominating country or institution will be responsible for the cost of travel of the candidates to and from Dakar, Senegal. The selection will be based on merit of the candidate and needs of the country or institution concerned. Applicants must apply and be admitted into IDEP's M.A. Programme and also be nominated by their governments. The application form is available

on IDEP's web site. The deadline for submission of applications is end of July 2007.

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

## **NEWS FROM IIAS**

**International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)**

<http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiacc.htm>

### **Conference Information**

***Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) and of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA)***

Theme: "Global Competitiveness and Public Administration: Implications for Education and Training"

Dates: 9-14 July 2007

Location: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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***Annual Conference of the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA)***

Theme: "Public Administration and the Management of Diversity"

Dates: 19-22 September 2007

Location: Madrid, Spain

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## **NEWS FROM IPMA-HR**

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

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

### **Conference Information**

***31st Annual IPMAAC Conference***

Theme: "The Gateway to Excellence in Assessment"

Dates: 10-13 June 2007

Location: The Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Contact: Carrie Hoover

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URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=19>

***IPMA-HR Federal Section Annual Conference***

Date: 11 September 2007

Location: The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C., USA

Contact: Jessica Allen

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URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=21>

### **2007 IPMA-HR International Training Conference**

Theme: The Future of HR: Mapping the Course

Dates: 29 September - 3 October April 2007

Location: The Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, Illinois, USA

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URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=30>

## **NEWS FROM NASPAA**

**National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)**

<http://www.naspaa.org>

### **Conference Information**

#### **2007 NASPAA Annual Conference**

Dates: 11-13 October 2007

Location: Seattle, Washington, USA

Contact: Ms. Jackie Lewis or Ms. Laurel McFarland

Tel.: +1-202-628-8965

URL: <http://www.naspaa.org/principals/conference/conference.asp>

## **NEWS FROM RCOCI**

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

<http://www.apcity.org>

### **e-Governance - Digital Local Agenda Awareness Raising Workshop**

CIFAL Shanghai and UNITAR co-organized a workshop on "e-Governance - Digital Local Agenda Awareness Raising Workshop" 28-30 March, in cooperation with CITYNET and CIFAL Bilbao, with kind support of the Basque Public Institutions. Sixteen participants from ten cities of five countries (China, Nepal, the Philippines, Malaysia and Sri Lanka), and the national associations of municipalities (Nepal and Indonesia) attended the workshop. The representative from the EU-China project, who presented the case of Chengdu in China, and representatives from CITYNET and CIFAL Bilbao also participated. The workshop was opened by **Ms. Chen Ping**, director of the International Cooperation Section of Shanghai Municipal Informatization Commission. Through an ice-breaking session led by UNITAR, participants got to know each other better and a friendly atmosphere prevailed. At the end of the workshop, all participants were able to develop their own action plan and presented to the plenary. At the closing ceremony, **Mr. Shi Xingde**, deputy director of the Shanghai Municipal Informatization Commission made a speech, and an official certificate was handed out to all participants.

### **New Edition of Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin Released**

UNPAN-AP Editing Department is happy to announce the successful publication of *Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin (APCIB)*, Spring Volume, 2007. To access

the publication online, please

visit: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/APCITY/UNPAN025586.htm> or <http://www.unpan.org/serials-asia.asp#rcoci>. A widely-read scholarly publication, *APCIB* is the only e-journal tracing the trend and exploring the process of "informatization" all over the world. The new edition, with its enlarged volume and coverage, will provide better service to readers. Any comment on this new edition will be greatly appreciated. Please contact [unpan-ap@sass.org.cn](mailto:unpan-ap@sass.org.cn).

## Recent Publications

- [Asia and Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Issue 17 Spring 2007](#) (New Edition)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, February 2007](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, March 2007](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, April 2007](#)

## NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

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

### Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in Cities

The Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue (23-24 April 2007) served as a pre-event to the Annual Meeting of the ADB on 6-7 May 2007 in Kyoto, Japan. In this meeting, Asian city mayors presented their initiatives in promoting EST at the city level, shared best practices and lessons learned, and discussed future steps. This event was also held in conjunction with the First UN Global Road Safety Week (23-29 April 2007).

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

### Twelfth Africa Training Course on Local and Regional Development Planning and Management

UNCRD held this training course, co-organised with AICAD, JICA and UNDP Kenya, from 19 February to 23 March 2007, in Juja, Kenya. The principal objective of the course is to provide mid-career planners with requisite knowledge and skills in formulating and implementing effective local/regional development policies and plans.

## Recent Publications

- Please visit <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/pub/index.html>.

### Conference Information

#### **35th International Training Course in Regional Development**

Dates: 17 May - 27 June 2007

Location: Nagoya, Japan

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URL: [http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index\\_itc.html](http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index_itc.html)

## **NEWS FROM UNGC**

### **United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNGC)**

<http://www.ungc.org>

#### **UNGC to Hold Symposium on Governance Performance and Trust in Government**

The Symposium on Governance Performance and Trust in Government will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 7 May 2007. This event is the first in a series of the annual Symposiums that UNGC plans to hold in partnership with UNDESA.

URL: <http://www.ungc.org/symposium>

#### **UNGC Announces Its New Director**

**Mr. Myungsoo Cho** took office as the 2nd UNGC Director as of 23 April 2007, following **Mr. Ho-young Kim**, who currently works as Vice Minister of MOFAT (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade). For more information, please refer to 'Recent News' on the [UNGC web site](#).

#### **UNGC Updates Web Site**

UNGC's web site has been renewed with more user-friendly structure and informative contents.

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

#### **Conference Information**

##### ***Regional Forum in Asia***

Date: September 2007

Location: TBA

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##### ***E-government Training Programme***

Date: September 2007

Location: Seoul, Republic of Korea

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