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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

2009 World e-Parliament Conference

The World e-Parliament Conference is the annual forum of parliaments from around the world addressing, from both the policy and technical perspectives, how the use of information and communication technology (ICT) can help improve representation, transparency, accountability, openness and effectiveness in the parliamentary environment. The Conference, which will be held in Washington, DC, from 3 to 5 November, is co-organized by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) through the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). It will be hosted by the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives H.E. Ms. Nancy Pelosi. More than 400 participants, representing parliamentary assemblies from around the world, are expected to attend. The official opening and closing sessions will be co-chaired by Under-Secretary-General of UNDESA Mr. Sha Zukang and Speaker Pelosi.

The Conference is structured around three policy-oriented plenary sessions and ten parallel sessions of a more technical nature. The three plenary sessions will touch upon the following topics:

- Connecting parliaments and citizens: new technologies to foster openness, transparency, and accountability
- How ICT can strengthen parliaments in emerging democracies
- Promoting democracy and inter-parliamentary cooperation: a collaborative approach to institution building through a shared framework for e-Parliament

Presenters will include Speakers and senior members and officials of parliament, high-level representatives of Governments and international organizations as well as world renowned experts. In each session, time will be set aside for open discussion from participants.

During the 2009 World e-Parliament Conference, the preliminary results of the Global Survey on ICT in Parliament will be presented, along with guidelines and tools developed to help parliaments assess and improve their technological level. The Conference will also serve as a platform to identify and build consensus around future goals and targets and provide inputs for the World e-Parliament Report 2010.

Electronic/Mobile Government in Latin America and the Caribbean: Building Capacity in Knowledge Management Through Partnerships

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) through the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) is co-organizing a workshop with the Central American Institute for Public Administration (ICAP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Costa Rica from 17 to 20 November 2009. The objective of the workshop is to enhance the capacity of officials in Latin America, particularly Central America, for addressing the current issues and challenges of developing electronic/mobile government in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. The workshop will also encourage e-Government dialogue between three sub-regions: South America, Central America and the Caribbean; further consolidate the UN Global e/m Knowledge Repository; develop partnerships for capacity building in the region; and identify the capacity-building needs for e/m-government in the region. As a by-product of the workshop, modules for online training courses on e-Government for knowledge management and public administration will be adapted or developed for upload into the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN). This initiative provides the first tailor-made online courses through UNDESA and partners that will address the needs of the region.

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NEWS FROM AMDIN

African Management Development Institutes Network

<http://www.amdin.net>

Conference Information

2009 Head of Institutions Forum

Theme: Nurturing African Management Development Institutions (MDIs) to achieve Excellence

Date: 9-10 November 2009

Location: The Graduate School for Public and Development Management, (P&DM;), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Contact: secretariat@amdin.net

URL: www.amdin.net

Second Biennial Knowledge Exchange Conference

Theme: Evaluating performance gaps in African Public Administration Institutions

Dates: 11-12 November 2009

Location: The Graduate School for Public and Development Management, (P&DM;) University of the

Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Contact: secretariat@amdin.net

URL: www.amdin.net

NEWS FROM ASPA

The American Society for Public Administration

<http://www.aspanet.org>

Conference Information

2nd Annual ASPA/The Public Manager Conference

Theme: Strengthening Trust in Government: Opening Dialogues, Building Collaborations

Dates: 2-3 November 2009

Location: Washington, DC

Contact: Carrie Blustin

E-mail: cblustin@astd.org

URL: <http://www.thepublicmanager.org/2009conference>

Conference of Minority Public Administrators 39th Annual National Conference

Theme: Embracing Change - Resolving Challenges

Dates: 10-12 February 2010

Location: Jackson, MS

Contact: Dr. L. Frances P. Liddell

E-mail: lewisandfrances@msn.com

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

2010 ASPA Annual Conference

Theme: Invigorating Public Service for Change

Dates: 9-13 April 2010

Location: San Jose, CA

Contact: Judy Miller

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URL: <http://www.aspanet.org/2010conference>

Recent Publications

[The Bridge Newsletter](#)

[PA TIMES Newspaper](#)

[Public Administration Review Journal](#)

NEWS FROM CGG

Centre for Good Governance

<http://www.cgg.gov.in>

CGG Signs

CGG signed a tripartite agreement with Institute of Governance, Ottawa, Canada and Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh to launch the Institutions of Democratic Governance Network in November 2008.

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

2 Day Programme at CGG

Honourable members of Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan were at CGG for a 2 day

programme on Governance, Land, Housing and Municipal Reforms in May 2009.

URL: <http://www.cgg.gov.in/afganindia.jsp>

Workshop on Social Accountability

CGG organized a workshop on Social Accountability for a delegation from Egypt in June 2009.

URL: <http://www.cgg.gov.in/egypt.jsp>

Workshop on Urban Reform and e-Government Incentives

CGG organized a workshop on Urban Reforms and e-Governance Initiatives for a delegation of senior officials from the Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in September 2009.

URL: <http://www.cgg.gov.in>

Conference Information

Institutions of Democratic Governance Network (IDG-NET)

Theme: Leadership and Governance Programme for City Managers from Medium and Large Indian Cities **Dates:** November 16-19, 2009

Location: Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad, India

Contact: Mr. S.P. Shorey

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

Recent Publications

State Financial Accountability Assessment of Government of Andhra Pradesh, India - A Post Implementation Impact Study, March 2008

Abstract: The State Financial Accountability Assessment (SFAA) study conducted in 2003 is a milestone in the fiscal reform process undertaken by the State. The study was conducted on 12 PFM parameters, and recommendations for the revamping of the processes were given to the Government. The present paper discusses the impact of SFAA.

To order copies of this publication, email Ms.Shanti, Manager, Knowledge Resources, CGG at shanti@cgg.gov.in

Internal Audit Manual - Government of Andhra Pradesh, March 2009

Abstract: The present manual, in a user friendly manner, provides guidelines for various stakeholders involved, including the departments and auditors, for carrying out the internal audit in Government of Andhra Pradesh.

To order copies of this publication, email Ms.Shanti, Manager, Knowledge Resources, CGG at shanti@cgg.gov.in

Asset Register Framework for Government of A.P., March 2009

Abstract: Though Governments invest huge amounts in procuring fixed assets for effective service delivery to their citizens, it has been observed that in most cases, the Governments do not have any record of the actual assets they hold. Therefore, asset management is one area that governments are now concentrating on for better financial management. The present paper, developed in the context of Government of Andhra Pradesh, India, discusses a framework to create an asset register enumerating the assets that the Government holds.

To order copies of this publication, email Ms.Shanti, Manager, Knowledge Resources, CGG at shanti@cgg.gov.in

Hydraulic Gates and Hoists - Compendium and Study, May 2009

Abstract: The book, drawing resources from various sources, is a compendium of articles, pictures, data and drawings on hydraulic gates which are the key components in irrigation and hydro power infrastructure. The compilation has been contextualized in an Indian setting and serves as an excellent fundamental reference for all stakeholders in irrigation and hydro power engineering.

To order copies of this publication, email Ms.Shanti, Manager, Knowledge Resources, CGG at shanti@cgg.gov.in

Management of Risk of Fraud in Government: A Good Practices Guide, June 2009

Abstract: Fraud in departments has not been recognized as a serious problem by Governments, neither has corruption. While in developed nations there are mechanisms to distinguish fraud from corruption and treat fraud as a separate legal issue, in India, fraud has not been defined in the Penal Code. This paper, based on a study conducted in the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India, discusses the existing legal and institutional framework to tackle fraud.

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NEWS FROM CLAD

Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)

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

XIV International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

The Congress will gather 570 panelists from Latin American and other countries. Panelists will be assigned to one of these thematic areas:

1. Capacities to govern the future through the process of public policy formation
2. Interdisciplinary approaches and inter-sectoral coordination in the management of complex public administration
3. In search of excellence in public administration by means of the management of quality and development results
4. Towards professional merit and flexibility of management in systems of public function and civil service
5. A manager formation and the public servant whom the success of a government action persecutes
6. Values, norms and instruments of public ethics to guarantee good government in Ibero-America
7. Electronic government for the popular participation and management of development
8. Perspective, challenges and innovations in public management

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

Rebeca Grynspan Mayufis, Director, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will present "Los nuevos roles del Estado frente a los impactos de la crisis económica internacional en América Latina"

Jocelyne Bourgon, Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and President Emeritus, Canada School of Public Service (CSPS), will present "Public purpose, government authority and collective power"

Fernando Luiz Abrucio, Professor, Researcher and Coordinator, Master's degree and Doctorate in Public Administration and Government, Getulio Vargas' Foundation (FGV-SP), will present "Nova gestão pública e democracia: avanços e desafios"

The plenary conferences, as well as several panels, will count on simultaneous translation in to Spanish, Portuguese, English. The panels in Portuguese will have translation into Spanish.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso-clad/programa>

XXII Contest of CLAD about State Reform and Public Administration Modernization 2009

Location: Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

E-mail: clad@clad.org.ve

<http://www.clad.org.ve/investigaciones/concurso-del-clad/convocatoria-xxii-concurso-del-clad-2009>

After a rigorous analysis and evaluation of 56 received works, the Jury of the XXII International Contest of CLAD announced the winners and honorary mentions for this year's contest. The jury was comprised of Nuria Cunill Grau, Special Adviser of the Latin American Center of Administrative Development (CLAD); Alicia Ziccardi Contigiani, Investigator-Coordinator of the Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); and Adrián Gurza Lavalle, Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP).

First Prize: "Tercer sector y prestación de servicios sociales públicos: la 'caja negra' de la participación ciudadana en la gestión pública y su impacto en los regímenes de bienestar corporativos" Author: María Cecilia Rossel Odriozola Country: Uruguay

Second Prize: "Rumbo a Ítaca: La participación ciudadana municipal en los albores del siglo XXI" Author: Pedro Prieto Martín Country: Guatemala Title: "Participação, accountability e desempenho institucional: o caso dos Conselhos de Controle Social do Programa Bolsa Família nos pequenos municípios brasileiros" Author: Mário Vinícius Claussen Spinelli y Bruno Lazzarotti Diniz Costa Country: Brasil

Third Prize: "Desafíos de la política latinoamericana contemporánea: los movimientos sociales en la gestión estatal. El caso del Movimiento Barrios de Pie en Argentina" Author: Martín Cortés Country: Argentina

Honorary mentions:

"Problemas institucionales de la participación ciudadana: análisis conceptual y aplicación al caso colombiano" Author: José Andrés Hernández Bonivento Country: Spain

"O jogo de interesses na democracia participativa: o Conselho de Desenvolvimento Urbano do Recife" Author: Sandra Marília Maia Nunes Country: Brazil

"Los consejos ciudadanos y la gestión pública en Nuevo León" Author: María Teresa Villarreal Martínez Country: México

The winners will receive a monetary prize, in addition to airfare and accommodation to attend the XIV International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform, which will be in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, from 27 to 30 October, 2009. In the context of the programme of the Congress, there will be a special session where the prizes will be given, including the honorary mentions. In addition, authors will make presentations of their work.

[Escuela Iberoamericana de Administración y Políticas Públicas \(EIAPP\)](#)

[Curso Internacional de Alta Dirección en Administración Pública \(CADAP\)](#)

Lisboa, Portugal, 8 de febrero al 14 de junio de 2010

[Curso-Taller Internacional sobre Evaluación de Políticas Públicas: Un Desafío para la Democracia y el Desarrollo](#)

Montevideo, Uruguay, 23 al 27 de noviembre de 2009

[Taller de los Países del Cono Sur y México sobre Seguimiento y Evaluación de la Gestión Pública como Instrumento de Desarrollo](#)

Asunción, Paraguay, 6 y 7 de agosto de 2009

[Curso Internacional sobre Planificación Estratégica en el Contexto Iberoamericano](#)
Brasília D.F., Brasil, del 20 al 24 de julio de 2009

[Curso Internacional sobre Evaluación de Programas Sociales](#)
Brasília D.F., Brasil, 20 al 24 de julio de 2009

[Curso Iberoamericano sobre Toma de Decisiones a Nivel Estratégico](#)
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, del 13 al 17 de julio de 2009

[Seminario Iberoamericano sobre Gestión de la Calidad en la Administración Pública](#)
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, del 13 al 17 de julio de 2009

[Taller Iberoamericano sobre Software Libre para el Desarrollo e Implementación del Gobierno Electrónico](#)
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, del 13 al 17 de julio de 2009

Conference Information

XIV International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

Dates: 27 - 30 October 2009

Location: Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

Email: clad@clad.org.ve

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

Recent Publications

CLAD's Journal Reforma y Democracia

45th edition (October 2009) contains the following articles:

- **Nathaniel Heller:** Definiendo y midiendo la corrupción. ¿De dónde venimos, dónde estamos ahora y qué importa para el futuro?
- **Guillermo M. Cejudo y Dionisio Zabaleta Solís:** La calidad del gobierno: una definición basada en atributos del ejercicio del poder
- **Carlos Mascareño:** Descentralización y democracia en América Latina: ¿una relación directa? Revisión conceptual del estado del arte
- **Arnoldo José Gabaldón:** La descentralización de la gestión ambiental en América Latina
- **Patricia Bachiller:** Hacia una mayor calidad de la regulación. La reforma reguladora
- **Cristian Plissock:** Explorando el tipo de razonamiento moral de los funcionarios públicos chilenos
- **André-Noël Roth Deubel:** La evaluación de políticas públicas en Colombia: una mirada crítica a partir de las prácticas evaluativas oficiales de los programas de la "Red de Apoyo Social"
- **Esther Bemerguy de Albuquerque, Rosa Maria Nader y Ângela Cotta Ferreira Gomes:** El Estado y la sociedad civil brasileña en el diálogo sobre el desarrollo nacional

CLAD's Association Members for 2009 are entitled to receive free of charge editions 43, 44 and 45 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and guide for contributions are available on [CLAD's website](#).

Recent Publications

[La educación virtual como instrumento de la profesionalización de la función pública en América Latina y el Caribe](#)
[Proyecto CLAD - IDRC](#)

Bulletin Information

- [Reforme's Bulletin](#)
- [Ricorep's Bulletin Red de Instituciones de Combate a la Corrupción y Rescate de la Ética Pública \(RICOREP\)](#)

NEWS FROM CPSI

Centre for Public Service Innovation

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

2009 CPSI Innovation Conference

CPSI successfully hosted its 3rd Public Sector Innovation Conference in Cape Town, South Africa, from the 27 to 28 August 2009. The conference was attended by over 300 delegates, including presenters and delegates from Mauritius, Germany, Italy and Botswana. The theme of the conference was "Innovation for a Responsive Public Service".

For more information contact CPSI at info@cpsi.co.za

Launch of the Permaculture Project

Pulamadibogo Primary School, a 2008 finalist in the CPSI Innovation Awards, launched its Permaculture Project on the 11 September 2009 in Limpopo province, South Africa. The school has become a symbol of hope within its community, running several projects besides the permaculture project. The school also runs a mini-herbal pharmacy where children can exploring various herbal remedies. The school has won a number of accolades, under capable leadership of Principal Phuthi Ragophala.

For more information contact Ms. Phuthi Ragophala at pulasno1@webmail.co.za

Recent Publications

[Service Delivery Review Volume 7 Issue 2 2009](#)
[Public Sector Innovation Journal Volume 1 Issue 1](#)

Conference Information

Batho Pele Learning Network

Theme: Driving Service Delivery through Collaborative and Interactive Government

Dates: 4-6 November 2009

Location: Durban, South Africa

Contact: Sebenzile Zibani

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URL: http://www.dpsa.gov.za/add_bp2009.asp

NEWS FROM DPADM

Division for Public Administration and Development Management

<http://www.unpan.org/DPADM>

United Nations Opens Nominations for 2010 Public Service Awards

In continuing efforts to promote and support innovations in public service delivery worldwide, the United Nations is calling for nominations for its 2010 Public Service Awards.

The seventh annual United Nations Public Service Awards are open to local or national public organizations, as well as public-private partnerships involved in essential service delivery to citizens. Nominations can be made online at <http://www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2010> until 31 December 2009.

Institutions interested in competing must be nominated Governments or civil society organizations for

their achievements and performance in one of the following categories:

- Improving transparency
- Accountability and responsiveness in the public service
- Improving the delivery of services
- Fostering participation in policymaking decisions through innovative mechanisms
- Advancing knowledge management in Government

“The United Nations has long recognized that effective governance and efficient public administration are central to the global development agenda, and particularly in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,” United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said while addressing the 2009 Public Service Awards winners and finalists earlier this year, reminding them that the ingredients for efficient and equitable public service delivery are “commitment, hard work, innovation, talent and technological know-how”.

Established by the Economic and Social Council in 2003 to promote better service delivery by Governments, the United Nations Public Service Awards promote exemplary public service and recognize that democracy and successful governance are built on a competent civil service. The most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service, they reward the creative achievements and the contributions of public service institutions to a more effective and responsive public administration in countries around the world. Award recipients will be selected by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Winners and finalists for 2010 will receive a trophy and a certificate of recognition during the United Nations Public Service Awards Ceremony and Day on 23 June.

For background information about the United Nations Public Service Awards and past winners, please visit <http://www.unpan.org/unpsa>.

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Conference Information

2009 World e-Parliament Conference

Theme: How ICT Can Help Improve Representation, Transparency, Accountability, Openness, and Effectiveness in a Parliamentary Environment

Dates: 3-5 November 2009

Location: Washington, DC

Contact: Serge Kapto

E-mail: kapto@un.org

URL: <http://www.ictparliament.org/wepc2009/>

Seminar on Women in Local Authorities' Leadership Positions

Theme: Approaches to Democracy, Participation, Local Development and Peace

Dates: 5 November 2009

Location: Florence, Italy

Contact: Adriana Alberti

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

II Conference of European and African Regional and Local Authorities

Theme: The Impact of the Economic and Financial Crisis on Decentralized Governance in Africa: the Response of Local Authorities to the New Development Challenges

Dates: 6-7 November 2009

Location: Florence, Italy

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

Internet Governance Forum

Date: 15-18 November 2009
Location: Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
Contact: Patrick Spearing
Email: spearing@un.org
URL: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/index.php/the-meeting>

Electronic/Mobile Government in Latin America and the Caribbean: Building Capacity in Knowledge Management Through Partnerships

Date: 17-20 November 2009
Location: San José, Costa Rica
Contact: Jonas Rabinovitch
Email: rabinovitch@un.org
URL: <http://www.unpan.org/DPADM/Home/tabid/420/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Regional Roundtable for Enhancing Governance with Applications of ICT for Achieving the MDGs in Asia and the Pacific

Theme: Governance and Uses of ICT for Development in Asia-Pacific Countries
Dates: 9-10 December 2009
Location: Bangkok, Thailand
Contact: Yoshinobu Yonekawa
E-mail: yonekawa@un.org

Roundtable on Governance with Applications of ICT for Achieving the MDGs in Africa

Theme: Governance and Uses of ICT for Development in Africa
Dates: 14-15 December 2009
Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Contact: Enrica Murmura
E-mail: murmura@un.org
URL: <http://www.un-gaid.org>

GCC 1st e-Gulf Conference

Theme: "e-Government - Engaging the Citizen"
Dates: 21-23 December 2009
Location: Muscat, Oman
Contact: Richard Kerby
E-mail: kerby@un.org
URL: www.ita.gov.om

NEWS FROM ICAP

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

Conference Information

Strategic Planning Course
Theme: Strategic Planning

Date: 2-6 November 2009

Location: Costa Rica

Contact: Gerencia Social

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URL: <http://www.icap.ac.cr/ProgramasdeCapacitación/Nacional/ICAPCentroamérica/tabid/183/Default.aspx>

Course on International Negotiations on Central America-Asia: Challenges and Prospects

Theme: Course on International Negotiations on Central America-Asia: Challenges and Prospects

Date: 9-13 November 2009

Location: El Salvador

Contact: Gestión de Políticas y Negociaciones Internacionales

Email: fmejia@icap.ac.cr

URL: <http://www.icap.ac.cr/ProgramasdeCapacitación/Nacional/ICAPCentroamérica/tabid/183/Default.aspx>

Workshop for the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean: Building Capacity in Knowledge Management through Partnership

Theme: Knowledge Management, Partnership

Date: 16-20 November 2009

Location: Heredia, Costa Rica

Contact: Coordinación Técnica ICAP

Email: coord.tecnica@icap.ac.cr

URL: <http://www.icap.ac.cr>

Course on the Association Agreement between Central America and the European Union: Challenges Opportunities beyond the Free Trade

Theme: Challenges and Opportunities beyond the Free Trade between Central America and the EU

Date: 23-27 November 2009

Location: Guatemala

Contact: Gestión de Políticas y Negociaciones Internacionales

Email: fmejia@icap.ac.cr

URL: <http://www.icap.ac.cr/ProgramasdeCapacitación/Nacional/ICAPCentroamérica/tabid/183/Default.aspx>

NEWS FROM IIAS

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)

<http://www.iias-iisa.org>

IIAS Specialised International Conference

"The History and Future of Nation-building: the role of public administrations, civil servants and public finances", Helsinki, Finland, 7-11 July 2009

The conference was well attended, with 241 participants from 45 countries worldwide. Further to the call for papers, 80 papers were selected for discussion in workshops on the following sub-topics:

- The changing nation: citizens, visitors, neighbours
- Exemplifying good governance: the future of the public service and democracy
- Public money: 'whole of government' budgeting, accounting and audit

We wish to thank the local Organising Committee, directed by Katju Holkeri, whose devoted work insured that the participants were received under excellent conditions.

We would also like to thank the International Francophonie Organisation for its financial support, ensuring the French translation of documents and simultaneous interpretation during the Conference.

Braibant Conference

The 7th Braibant Lecture was given in Helsinki by Mr. Derry Ormond on the theme "First Things First: sustaining political will for public governance change". [Click here](#) for further information.

IASIA Annual Conference

"Governance for Sustainable Development: implications for public administration education and practice", Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-8 August 2009

Thanks to the considerable work of the Organising Committee, headed by Professor Bianor Cavalcanti of the Fundação Getulio Vargas, and to the General Rapporteur, Professor Valeria Termini of the Italian National School of Public Administration, as well as to Chairpersons and Project Directors of Working/Project Groups, the Conference a success with approximately 280 participants from 49 countries. The 2009 Conference had two formats. Firstly, plenary meetings, which representatives from ministerial cabinets of various countries attended, along with directors of reputed institutions of public administration (for example the Directors of the National Schools of Public Administration of Brazil, Canada, China, France, Italy and Poland). Secondly, there were meetings of the eight Working Groups, during which about 200 papers were presented by academics from around the world.

Two awards were presented during the Conference. The Pierre de Celles Award for best paper presented during the 2008 Kampala Conference was attributed to Terrell G. Manyak and Belay Seyoum for their paper "The Impact of Public and Private Sector Transparency on Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries". The O.P. Dwivedi Public Service Award was given to the President of Brazil, Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. We would like to thank those among you who attended the Rio Conference and contributed to its success.

May all of those who were unable to join us know that we hope they will be able to be with us next year at the 28th International Congress of Administrative Sciences, in Bali (Indonesia) from 12 to 17 July 2010.

EGPA Annual Conference

"Public Service: Service Delivery in the Information Age ", St. Julian's, Malta, 2-5 September 2009

EGPA's 31st Annual Conference took place at the Hilton St. Julian's, Malta, from 2 to 5 September 2009. More than 400 participants took part in the conference including 90 young researchers. During the Pre-Conference Seminar, 9 PhD students presented their papers under the supervision of Professor Reichard (University of Potsdam) and Professor Warrington (University of Malta). The keynote speeches of Professors De Bono and Margetts set out the general theme by providing the participants with their vision on issues covered by the Conference theme. The Permanent Study Groups convened, and 200 papers were presented and discussed during the various sessions. The "Good Practices" Permanent Group also convened and was integrated into the Conference. Various themes were broached jointly with the Study Groups: management of competencies, Citizen/user management, strategic management, performance management, ethics and rendering of accounts. The Host Country Panel was organised by the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) and underlined the experiences of Malta in its successful attempts to transform the public service by introducing e-Government. On Friday, 4 September 2009, during the Mediterranean Panel, Ms. Helga Mizzi drew attention to Malta's role in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean. The Panel participants debated the importance of the "Euro-Mediterranean Public Management Dialogue" organised in Portoroz-Piran, Slovenia, in October 2009.

For more information visit <http://www.egpa2009.com>

Recent Publications

International News, Autumn 2009

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NEWS FROM IPAC

Institute of Public Administration of Canada
<http://www.ipac.ca>

Conference Information

150!Canada Conference

Theme: "Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial Year"

Dates: 11-12 March 2010

Location: National Arts Centre Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Contact: Jennifer Aubé

E-mail: jaube@ipac.ca

URL: <http://150canada.masslbp.com/index.php>

IPAC National Leadership Conference and Awards Gala

Theme: "Stepping-Up to the Plate: Your A-Team in Action!"

Dates: 5-6 November 2009

Location: Pantages Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Contact: Jennifer Aubé

E-mail: jaube@ipac.ca

URL: <http://www.ipac.ca/leadership2009/home>

Strategic Procurement and Sourcing

Theme: "What Does the Future Hold?"

Dates: 26-27 November 2009

Location: Metropolitan Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)

<http://www.apcity.org>

RCOCI Kicks Off Training Course on Information Technology and Its Application for Developing Countries

The Training Course on Information Technology and its Application for Developing Countries, which lasted for 7 weeks, was held by RCOCI in Shanghai, China, from 20 July to 6 September 2009, with 46 participants from all over the world. As a foreign-aid projects of China, this training course was supported by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Through an integration of theoretical and practical training, the participants were exposed to China and Shanghai's practices and achievements in ICT in different fields. The training course promotes the economic and technical cooperation in ICT between China and the trainees' countries, as well as the deepening of partnerships with developing countries.

UNIDO Visits Shanghai to Discuss Hi-Tech Development

Representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) visited China to

discuss issues concerning the UN Pavilion in Shanghai EXPO 2010 with the Shanghai EXPO Coordination Bureau on 11-14 September 2009. At the Shanghai International Seminar on Hi-Tech Innovation Development on 14 September, a tripartite letter of intent on the Cooperation of Promoting the Construction of Shanghai High-Tech Innovation Development Base was signed by UNIDO, the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges and the Shanghai Economy and Informatization Commission.

Representatives from World Cities and UNESCO Attend “Roundtable: Creative Cities Network and World EXPO” in Shanghai, China

“Roundtable: Creative Cities Network and World EXPO”, co-organized by RCOCI and Shanghai Economy and Informatization Commission, was held on 16 October 2009. Representatives from several cities, including Berlin, Germany; Nagoya and Kobe, Japan; and Shenzhen, China; and UNESCO were invited to exchange views on the development of "creative cities" and to discuss how this would be explored in Shanghai EXPO 2010.

UNPAN-AP Editorial Office Moves to New Office

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UNPAN-RCOCI Attends “World Cities CIO Forum” in Seoul, Korea

A delegation from RCOCI, Shanghai Economy and Informatization Commission and UNPAN-AP Editorial Office attended “World Cities CIO Forum”, organized by the Seoul Metropolitan Government during 26-30 September 2009, to discuss preliminary issues on the promotion of e-Government and “World e-Government Organizations,” and to exchange views with CIOs from cities all over the world. Mr. Wang Jianhua, Professor and Chief Editor of UNPAN-RCOCI -- one of the three winners of “2009 Special Award for UNPAN Member Excellence for Knowledge Sharing” -- delivered a speech entitled “RCOCI’s e-Government Initiatives and Collaboration with the United Nations” at the UNPOG Session “e-Government for Development – Partnering with the United Nations”, whose purpose is to promote the development of emGKR (electronic/mobile Government Knowledge Repository). Please [click here](#) for details.

Recent Publications

- [Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Issue 27, Autumn 2009](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, Issue 93, August 2009](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, Issue 94, September 2009](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, Issue 95, October 2009 \(forthcoming\)](#)

NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

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

Training Workshop on District and Regional Development Planning and Management in Botswana: Phase II

The UNCRD Africa Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government of Botswana and UNDP Botswana, organized a training workshop from 7 to 23 September in order to enhance the skills and capacity of planners working for the Ministry of Local Government of Botswana, in the field of district and regional development planning. With the participation of approximately 30 mid-level planners, development managers and district officials, the programme aimed at capacity-building on the implementation of development plans and projects, as well as monitoring and evaluating them. The programme also focuses on practical skills for facilitating effective community participation in project planning, implementation, and management.

National Workshop on "Disseminating the Outcome of the School Earthquake Safety Initiative (SESI) in Society: Disaster Education and Retrofitting for Creating Sustainable Communities"

Under the SESI project, a national workshop was organized by the UNCRD Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office, Gadjah Mada University and the Ministry of Public Works (PU) of Yogyakarta Special Region from 5 to 7 October in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The outcome from the former project site, Bandung, and the experience and knowledge gained on building safe schools, regional facilities, and housing were shared with 125 participants, including PU officials from various regions, universities, civil society organizations, and local teachers and construction workers in Indonesia. Participants also explored strategies for further planning of sustainable communities against earthquake disasters, specifically in terms of building safety and disaster awareness/education.

Forum and Workshop on Integrated Regional Development Management

The forum and workshop were organized by the UNCRD Latin America Office and the Ministry of Housing, Environment and Territorial Development, Colombia, in order to design a region-specific training programme, training materials, methodologies, and regional policy guidelines for territorial organization and development. There were approximately 250 participants in the forum, and a group of 60 participants attended the workshop. Participants comprising public officials at the national, regional, and local levels; professionals; and representatives of academia exchanged knowledge on regional integration processes undertaken in Colombia and other parts of the world, by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of these processes, as well as building capacity needs, particularly to achieve sustainable development.

Recent Publications

- [Regional Development Dialogue \(RDD\), Vol. 30, No. 1 \(Spring 2009\)](#) - Theme: "Gender and Disaster Management"
- [RDD, Vol. 29, No. 2 \(Autumn 2008\)](#) - Theme: "Decentralization in Africa"
- [Regional Development Studies \(RDS\), Vol. 11 \(2007\) UNCRD Highlights, No. 42, Autumn 2008](#)

Conference Information

Workshop Series (5 workshops) for the Articulation of the Territorial Organization Plans of the Municipalities comprising the Bogotá-Sabana Region, under a Human Security approach

Theme: Regional Development and Human Security

Dates: 11-12 November and 10 December 2009

Location: Municipalities of Mosquera, Chia and the City of Bogotá, Colombia

Contact: UNCRD Latin America and the Caribbean Office

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Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia

Theme: Regional Development

Dates: 11-12 November 2009

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Contact: Environment Unit

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DSD-UNCRD Africa Office Experts' Group Meeting on Strengthening National Capacity for the Integration of Sustainable Development Principles into Development Strategies in Countries Emerging from Conflict

Theme: Regional Development and Conflict

Dates: 18-19 November 2009

Location: UNON, Nairobi, Kenya

Contact: UNCRD Africa Office

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International Symposium on Disaster Management for Sustainable Regional Development

Theme: Disaster Management and Regional Development
Dates: 27-29 November 2009
Location: (To be determined)
Contact: UNCRD Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office
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Forum on Human Security and Regional Development in Bogotá-Cundinamarca

Theme: Regional Development and Human Security
Dates: November 2009 **Location:** Bogotá, Colombia
Contact: UNCRD Latin America and the Caribbean Office
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Human Security and Conflict in Northern Kenya: Problem and Project Validation Workshop

Theme: Human Security, Conflict, and Regional Development
Dates: 2-4 December 2009
Location: Thompson's Fall Hotel, Nyahururu, Kenya
Contact: UNCRD Africa Office
E-mail: admin.uncrd@undp.org
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/africa/>

Community Risk Assessment for Cyclone Shelter

Theme: Disaster Management and Regional Development
Dates: 10-12 December 2009
Location: Morelganj, Bangladesh
Contact: UNCRD Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office
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Workshop on Stakeholders Participation for Review and Validation of the Regional Plan for ENNDA

Theme: Regional Development
Dates: 14-16 December 2009
Location: Sportsman's Arms Hotel, Nyanuki, Kenya
Contact: UNCRD Africa Office
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Capacity Building on Disaster Management(DM) for DM Focal Persons

Theme: Disaster Management and Regional Development
Dates: 15-17 December 2009 **Location:** Nagarkot, Nepal
Contact: UNCRD Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office
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URL: <http://www.hyogo.uncrd.or.jp/>

Workshop on Sustainable Tourism, Human Security, and Integrated Territorial Organization for the Municipalities of the Department of Sololá, Guatemala

Theme: Tourism, Human Security, and Regional Development
Dates: December 2009
Location: Sololá, Guatemala
Contact: UNCRD Latin America and the Caribbean Office

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