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The United Nations has begun accepting nominations for the 2017 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA). The UNPSA promotes and rewards innovation and excellence in public service delivery in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the core principle of the 2030 Agenda of leaving no one behind.

The UNPSA 2017 marks the first time the Awards are given after the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs were adopted by the UN Member States in September 2015. The Awards have been aligned with the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and will reward the achievements and contributions of public service institutions in three categories:

- 1) Reaching the poorest and most vulnerable through inclusive services and participation;
- 2) Promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in public service; and
- 3) Innovation and excellence in delivering health services.

The UNPSA aims at showcasing that sustainable development and effective governance are built on a competent public service. The Awards submissions are open to all public organizations, including governments and public institutions engaged in public-private partnerships for delivering services.

The Awards will be handed out on 23 June 2017, the UN Public Service Day, during the UN Public Service Forum in the Hague, Netherlands.

All UNPAN partners are encouraged to promote the Awards and stimulate applications

For more information, [click here](#).

Expert Group Meeting on Readying Institutions and Policies for Integrated Approaches to Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Preparation for HLPF 2017



DESA's DPADM along with DESA's DSD and UNIDO organized an expert meeting on "Readying institutions for integrated approaches to the 2030 Agenda". The event took place from 14 to 16 December 2016 at UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna. It reflected on the

interlinkages among the seven SDGs to be reviewed by the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2017 (poverty, hunger, health, gender, infrastructure, oceans and means of implementation) and how public institutions and policies can best deal with these interlinkages.

A key message was that taking full account of the interlinkages among the SDGs will help accelerate implementation. Participants noted that this is complex and that there is need for simple tools and frameworks to transform the analysis of interrelations into actual operational guidance to policy makers.

Participants considered that institutions need to undertake a number of actions to promote integrated implementation such as ensuring continued leadership at the highest level but also promoting joint policy development at the working level and clarifying institutional mandates and opportunities for collaboration.

The outcome of the meeting will contribute to the thematic review of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2017, and inform the work of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration.

The meeting was organized by UNDESA (Division for Public Administration and Development Management and Division for Sustainable Development) and UNIDO.

For more information, [click here](#).

The XXII International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI)



UNDESA's Division for Public Administration and Development Management participated at the XXII International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 7-11 December 2016. Mr. **Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General of UNDESA delivered the opening remarks on behalf of the Secretary-General at the inauguration ceremony. The Secretary-General commended INCOSAI for focusing on how supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) can contribute to the 2030 Agenda, including by helping to promote the implementation of the SDGs, strengthening the fight against corruption and promoting the accountability of all stakeholders in translating the new agenda into positive change.

Approximately 600 delegates from over 150 SAIs participated at the Congress.

The 3rd WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards



The WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards was established in 2011 to recognize and promote outstanding ICT and e-Government practices of cities and local governments around the world. The Awards recognize excellence in ICT, e-Governance, and Smart City solutions in the following categories: Open City, Digital Inclusion, Innovative Smart City, Sustainable City, e-Government Service, and Cooperative City. The 3rd WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards started receiving applications in December 2016 and will culminate during the 4th WeGO General Assembly.

For more information, click [here](#).

9th ReSPA Annual Conference on Optimization of Public Administration in Western Balkans



The 2016 ReSPA Annual Conference provided an opportunity for practitioners and experts from the Western Balkans and the EU countries to share experiences, methodologies, lessons learned and innovative practices in the optimization of public administration. The basis for discussions were the findings of the ReSPA comparative study The Optimization of public administration in the Western Balkan Region.

For more information, [click here](#).

Other ReSPA activities:

[Workshop on Legal Alignment with the Acquis in the Pre-Accession Phase](#), 8- 10 November 2016, Danilovgrad, Montenegro

[Workshop on Budget Support for the civil servants from Albania](#), 13 – 15 December 2016, Danilovgrad, Montenegro

[Regional Conference on Quality Management Benefits of Quality in Public Administration](#), 17-18 November 2016, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Regional Conference on Administrative Justice in Western Balkans](#), 22 – 23 November 2016, Podgorica, Montenegro

2017 IIAS Congress: Call-for-papers



The 2017 IIAS Congress will be held in Aix-en-Provence, France, from 30 May to 2 June 2017. It focuses on the theme of Managing Migrations, Integration and Poverty: A Global Challenge for Governance and Public Administration. The call-for-papers is open until 22 January 2017.

For more information, [click here](#).

13th Transatlantic Dialogue: Call-for-papers



The 13th Transatlantic Dialogue between the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA/IIAS) and the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) will be held on 5-8 April 2017 in Miami, USA. It focuses on the theme of Sustaining a Democratic Public Sector in an Era of Multiple Challenges and Constraints. The deadline for submitting an abstract is 20 January 2017.

For more information, [click here](#).

Call for Mzia Mikeladze PhD Thesis Award



The Mzia Mikeladze PhD Thesis Award aims to promote research by young scholars on public administration and public policy in the NISPAcee region and to acknowledge outstanding work and a significant contribution in the field. The award was created in recognition of Mzia Mikeladze's contributions to the discipline, professionalism, and organisation of NISPAcee. The deadline is 15 January 2017.

For more information, [click here](#).

Capacity Building Workshop on Supporting the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Palestine



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Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) organized a Capacity Building Workshop on Supporting the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Palestine from 26 to 29 November 2016. The meeting discussed:

- Developing an understanding of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implications on Palestine national development plans and institutional reform in response to the new transformative agenda;

-Enhancing understanding of the procedures and modalities to follow an integrated and human rights based approach in aligning the national plans with the SDGs;-Reviewing sectorial plans for the period 2017-2020 in Palestine and

-Exploring tools for the implementation and follow-up and review of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development in Palestine.

Workshop on Decentralization and Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals in Iraq

The UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) will organize a workshop in Iraq in January 2017.

The workshop will address the following five themes:

- 1) Implications of SDG's for local governments both normatively and in Iraq's context (overview with special attention to goals 16 on institutions/ peace/ participation, goal 4 on quality of education, as well as goals 8 and 10 on decent work and inequality);
- 2) Conditions for good local service delivery in line with the SDGs (normative principles applied to the two sectors: Social Affairs and Labor as well as Education);
- 3) Successes, grey areas and bottlenecks in each ministry's ongoing decentralized planning and implementation;
- 4) Effective decentralized governance based on best practices of other federal countries (differentiation of functions, powers and allocation of resources across government tiers in federal systems);
- 5) Enhancing participation through increasing collaboration with local civil society.

Protracted Conflict and Development in the Arab Region: Trends and Impacts in Conflict Settings, Issue No. 4

This study by ESCWA examines the mounting evidence from conflict-affected countries, which suggests that conflicts seriously undermine citizens' health and welfare, economic growth, political systems, and respect for human rights. For more information, [click here](#).

Political Transformation and Conflict: Post-War Risks in the Arab Region

This paper by ESCWA conducts statistical analyses on a dataset of all post-civil war episodes since 1970 to identify risk factors for civil war relapse, with particular attention to factors thought to be relevant in the Arab region. For more information, [click here](#).

Impact of the Fragile States on Stability and Development of the Arab Region: The Channels of Conflict Contagion

This paper by ESCWA studies the channels of conflict contagion and the channels through which it can move from one territory to another. It does so by using a flexible framework based on the notions of the gravity model to determine spatial weights, and which can be extended to study diverse instances of the neighbourhood effect. [Click here](#) to download.

A People in Danger: Effects on Health of the 2014 Israeli Offensive on the Gaza Strip.

Produced in partnership with Birzeit University, the study by ESCWA analyses primary data to examine the effects of the 2014 Israeli offensive on the Gaza Strip on the health and well-being of adult Gazans. For more information, [click here](#).

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan.

This note of the Secretary-General covers persistent Israeli practices and policies, particularly those that are in violation of international humanitarian law and international human rights law and that affect the social and economic conditions of the people living under its military occupation. For more information, [click here](#).

WeGO's Autumn e-Newsletter

<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=d7ab483de85cb386427de5e9a&id=5e666f3e9a>

NISPAcee Newsletter November 2016

http://www.nispa.org/newsletter.php?newsletter_id=20

NISPAcee Jean Monnet News No. 5 / November 2016

<http://www.nispa.org/files//JeanMonnetNewsNo5November2016.pdf>

NISPAcee Jean Monnet e-News / November 2016

<http://www.nispa.org/files//JeanMonnetENewsNovember2016.pdf>

ReSPA Newsletter, December 2016 (link missing, Mimi please add)

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year 2017 to all UNPAN Partners and Newsletter readers!

