



2017 United Nations Public Service Forum



The Future is Now:
Accelerating
Public Service Innovation
for Agenda 2030



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The 2017 UN Public Service Forum on the theme “The Future is Now – Accelerating Public Service Innovation for Agenda 2030” was held in The Hague, Netherlands from 22 to 23 June.

For two days, participants debated how innovative policies can be fostered to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development even when resources are scarce, objectives are highly ambitious and interests are disparate. They focused on ways to channel the efforts and creativity of Governments into effective SDG implementation in areas as diverse as children and youth, health, sustainable cities, leave no one behind, circular economy, and sustainable energy, among many others. A wealth of lessons learned were exchanged based on existing initiatives.

There was a key message that, at a time of great change, government needs to work differently, harness the enormous potential of public administration and mobilize all actors towards a more effective, inclusive and accountable governance, as envisioned by

SDG 16. Synergies with the other Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda and actionable strategies on how to translate them into integrated and effective policies took centre stage in the discussions.

The discussions showed that many public institutions have been experimenting with innovative approaches in areas related to the SDGs. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a clear roadmap with measurable and adaptable targets to realize an ambitious vision.

[Click here](#) for information on the UNPS Forum.

2017 United Nations Public Service Awards

On UN Public Service Day on 23 June, 12 institutions from 11 countries were awarded for their public services innovation and excellence in delivering public services for the SDGs.

“Reaching the SDGs and transforming our world requires the action of Governments, the mobilization of civil society and the private sector, and an unprecedented engagement of civil servants. Civil servants are privileged. They have a unique power to improve the lives of the people they work for – within their constituencies no matter how small – or for society at large. To transform institutions and put people at the centre of public service, we need to mobilize the best expertise of public servants. We need to mobilize their creativity, and empower them to take risks and try new ways of doing things. In brief, we need innovation so that no one is left behind”, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy

Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs Mr. Thomas Gass said in his opening statement.

The 2017 Public Service Awards winners were announced during the 2017 UN Public Service Forum. The 2017 Public Service Awards winners are from Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Botswana, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Mongolia, United Kingdom (1st place winners); 2nd place winners: Colombia, France, Thailand (2nd place winners). Winning initiatives related to for example elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, telemedicine to support maternal and newborn health in remote areas, generating jobs in waste management in poor communities and ensuring transparent public water system through participatory governance.

The winners factsheet can be found [here](#).

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

16th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration



The Committee of Experts on Public Administration held its sixteenth session at the United Nations in New York from 24 to 28 April. Its theme was “Ensuring effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: leadership, action and means”. A key message of the session was that government and public institutions have the leading role to implement the SDGs and pursue policies to leave no one behind.

The Committee stressed that leadership is critical for driving SDG implementation and should be encouraged at all levels of

government and among public servants. The Committee also underscored that local governments have a critical role in reaching the SDGs and achieving equity and that decentralization may be necessary to accelerate progress on some of the SDG targets. Another message of the Committee was that poverty eradication policies should be developed in close consultation with all stakeholders, including the poorest and that poverty eradication should be an overarching objective of all parts of government and pursued through a whole-of-government approach.

[Click here](#) for information on the 16th Session of CEPA.

Audit of Preparedness for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals



From 20 to 21 July, a meeting of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) took place on “Auditing preparedness for the implementation of the SDGs”. It was jointly organised by DESA/DPADM and the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI). Discussions highlighted the willingness of many SAIs to engage in auditing countries’ preparedness for implementing the SDGs, bearing in mind the vast diversity of SAIs’ contexts, mandates, capacities and resources. Discussions showed that several initiatives are on-going in various regions within the INTOSAI community to audit preparedness for SDG implementation. They highlighted the challenges related to focusing on issues of performance and inclusiveness.

Participants stressed the need for a whole of government approach, which considers the inter-linkages between SDGs and issues of policy coherence and integration, and wide multi-stakeholder engagement. Participants also reflected on the value-added of SDG audits and SAIs' contribution to processes on the follow-up and review of the SDGs.

Click [here](#) for more information.

2018 IIAS Congress - Call for Panels



The 2018 Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) will take place at the National School of Administration in Tunis, Tunisia, on 25-29 June 2018. The event will focus on the theme of administrative resilience and will address the question of how governance systems can address contemporary societal challenges.

All interested parties are invited to submit a panel proposal for the Congress by 15 September.

Click [here](#) for more information.

OECD: Call for Innovations and Innovation Award

The OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation (OPSI) has announced a new Call for Innovations and Innovation Award to crowdsource innovative projects and initiatives from governments and government partners around the world. The OECD plans to highlight several of the

submissions as in-depth case studies in an upcoming report. In addition, all submissions will be considered for the award. Award semi-finalists will be invited to present their work at OPSI's November conference "Innovation in Government: The New Normal" in Paris. Winners will be recognised at the World Government Summit in Dubai

For more information on Call for Innovations, click [here](#).

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

Swaziland hosts Regional Adjudication Committee meeting



The 22nd meeting of the Regional Adjudication Committee (RAC) on the SADC Media Awards competitions for 2017 was held in Ezulwini, Swaziland from 19th to 24th June.

In his opening remarks the Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology for the Kingdom of Swaziland, Mr. Bhekithemba Gama noted that it is important to recognize the role of media in promoting the SADC agenda and that rewarding best stories goes a long way in encouraging good journalism in the SADC region which leads to promotion of regional integration.

The Chairperson of SADC, His Majesty King Mswati III, will present the SADC Media Awards to the winners during the 37th Summit of SADC Heads of State and

Government to be held in South Africa in August.

Refresher Workshop for Training Managers of Ministries / Departments of Government of India



The Organisation Development Research Group (ODRG) team of the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) has prepared a Functional Manual for Training Managers of Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. The CGG team conducted a Refresher Workshop in 07 June, organised by the Department of Personnel and Training of the Government of India.

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

Partnership with the G20 initiative aims internationalize Brazilian PPP projects



A partnership between the Intergovernmental Network for the Development of Public-Private Partnerships or PPPs (RedePPP) and the [Global Infrastructure Hub](#), a G20 initiative, aims for the international dissemination of Brazilian infrastructure projects and the sharing of global best practices in hiring

and developing projects and the exchange of experiences in Brazil.

The Global Infrastructure Hub aims to increase the quality of infrastructure projects by facilitating knowledge sharing and connecting the public and private sectors. In order to disseminate information and connect its partners, it has created the [InfraCompass portal](#) designed as an online guide where analysis of the infrastructure sector is gathered in 49 countries.

RedePPP is an organization under the coordination of the Secretariat of Finance of Bahia (Sefaz-Ba) of Brazil. It brings together more than 50 Brazilian organizations, including states, municipalities, federal agencies and development agencies. Created in 2014, RedePPP aims to promote the elaboration of policies, guidelines and standards related to Public-private partnerships, as well as mutual collaboration between companies and PPP public managers in the country.

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

The 25th NISPAcee Annual Conference Innovation Governance in the Public Sector

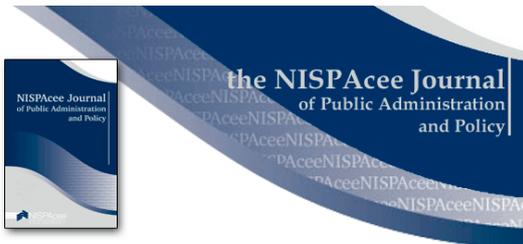


The 25th NISPAcee Annual Conference, organised in May in co-operation with the Kazan Federal University, was attended by almost 180 participants from 34 countries. This included 23 Central and Eastern European countries covered by the NISPAcee institutional membership. There was also a Pre-Conference Programme for

Young Researcher on "How to Improve Your Research and Paper".

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

NISPAcee Journal of Public Administration and Policy - Call for Submissions



The NISPAcee Journal of Public Administration is devoted to public administration and public policy issues in Central and Eastern Europe. The Journal aims to publish top quality papers based on empirical research carried out in Central and Eastern Europe and theoretical papers developing general public administration and public policy theory, or their specific dimensions in the region.

NISPAcee Journal invites all interested contributors to submit their papers for consideration.

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

Africa Symposium on Governance for Implementing the SDGs in Africa



DESA/DPADM will organize together with the Government of Togo, UNITAR and Organization Internationale de la Francophonie, working with UNDP, a Symposium on “Governance for Implementing the Sustainable Development Commitments in Africa”. The Symposium will bring together participants from all African countries and will reflect on how to implement the 2030 Agenda and the African Union Agenda 2063 in an integrated fashion. The two agendas share many commonalities and would benefit from an integrated implementation at the national level. The Symposium will discuss ways to elaborate, fund and implement integrated policies, as well as how to mobilize local authorities and societies as a whole behind the SDGs. The Symposium will be held from 11 to 13 October in Lome, Togo.

2017 EROPA Conference



The 2017 EROPA Conference will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 11 to 15 September. The theme is “The Role of Public Governance in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Transforming, Empowering and Network-Building.”

[Click here](#) for more information.

2017 EGPA Annual Conference



The European Group for Public Administration (EGPA) of IAS in collaboration with Politecnico di Milano is organizing the 2017 EGPA Annual Conference to be held from 30 August to 1st September in Milan, Italy. The event will be preceded by the PhD Symposium on 28 and 29 August.

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

2017 LAGPA Annual Conference



The Latin American Group for Public Administration (LAGPA), Fundação Getulio Vargas (Brazil) and Universidad del Valle (Colombia), in collaboration with Universidad ESAN (Peru) are organizing the LAGPA 2017 Conference to be held from 11 to 13 September in Lima, Peru.

The Conference aims to bring together practitioners, academics, students and young researchers in public administration to discuss the following topics:

- Private Corruption in the Public Sector: Facts and Impacts
- Emergency of Neoprotectionism in a Market Liberalization Environment
- New Rights and Implications for Governance and Public Policies

Contact [Cesar Rojas Alfonso](#) for more information.

2017 AGPA Annual Conference



The 2017 Annual Conference of Asian Group for Public Administration (AGPA) will be jointly organized by AGPA and Xiamen University from 20 to 22 October on the theme of “Internationalization of Human Resources and Management of Skilled Migrants”. AGPA-EGPA Special Session on Asia-Europe Dialogue will be also organized on the topic of Public Policy on Active Aging. Contact [AGPA Executive Office](#) for more information.

CPSI:

[ProductivitySA Leader Vol1 2017](#)

[National Health Insurance Policy](#)

[SALGA Inspiring service delivery Report 2016](#)

CGG:

[Manual of Collection of Taxes and Non-taxes in Municipalities and Municipal Corporations of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh](#)

[Municipal Administration in Telangana](#)

IIAS:

[The e-Journal of the IIAS, Developments in Administration \(Vol 2 \(2017\) n 1\) COST Action on "Local Public Sector Reforms: An International Comparison \('LocRef'\)"](#)

[The Future of Local Government in Europe. Lessons from Research and Practice in 31 Countries](#)

NISPAcee:

[The NISPAcee Journal of Public Administration and Policy | Volume X, Number 1, Summer 2017](#)

[European Administrative Space: Spreading Standards, Building Capacities](#)

NISPAcee Awards Programme Winners:

Alena Brunovska Award for Teaching Excellence in Public Administration 2017: Ljupco Todorovski, Full Professor of Informatics in Public Administration at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

<http://www.nispa.org/conference2017.php?sid=90&cid=25>

Mzia Mikeladze PhD Thesis Award 2017: Piret Tõnurist, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

<http://www.nispa.org/conference2017.php?sid=898&cid=25>

Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2017: Evgeniia Kutergina, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

<http://www.nispa.org/conference2017.php?sid=483&cid=25>

Award for the Best Comparative Paper 2017:

Morten Meyerhoff Nielsen, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

and

Michal Plaček, Milan Půček, František Ochrana, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

<http://www.nispa.org/conference2017.php?sid=672&cid=25>

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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

[Capacity Building for Open Local Governance](#) (SlovakAid / NISPAcee / National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine)

[Effective Project Management in the Water Sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) (SlovakAid / NISPAcee / Civil Service Agency of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

NISPAcee News 3 / 2017

http://www.nispa.org/newsletter.php?newsletter_id=23

NISPAcee Jean Monnet e-News June 2017

<http://www.nispa.org/files//JeanMonnetENewsJune2017.pdf>