
EXPERT GROUP MEETING OF THE UN DESA/IASIA GLOBAL TASK FORCE: TOWARDS NEW STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING

14 - 15 October 2024

United Nations Headquarters
DC-2 Building – Conference Room 23-30
Conference Room E, UNHQ, New York, NY 10017

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Day 1: Monday, 14 October 2024

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA
- Dr. Najat Zarrouk, President, International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), UN-CEPA member, and Director of Development, Knowledge Management and African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) of UCLG Africa, Morocco.
- Dr. Joao Salis Gomes, Chairperson of ICAPA Steering Committee/IASIA.
- Video in honour of Prof. Allan Rosembaum, Chair of the Global Task Force on the Standards of Excellence in Public Administration Education and Training.

10:15 – 10:25 **Overview of the objectives and expected outcomes of the EGM**

- Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit (PMCDU), DPIDG, UN DESA

10:25 – 10:30 **Group photo**

10:30 – 11:20 Expert Dialogue 1: Overview of the consolidated proposals by region

Objective of the session:

During this session, each Regional Task Force Chair or Co-Chair will have 10 minutes to provide a summary of the key issues that were discussed during the regional workshops and online surveys, including new ideas not captured in the old Standards, points of divergence, concerns, major updates proposed and any new Standard. They would then deliver a power-point presentation highlighting only the proposed changes for each Standard.

10:30 - 10:40 **Africa:**

- Dr. John-Mary Kauzya, Professor, Stellenbosch University, School of Public Leadership, South Africa

10:40 - 10:50 **Americas:**

- Dr. Rachel Emas, Associate Teaching Professor and Director of the Master of Arts in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (MA-ENRP) at the Trachtenberg School at George Washington University, USA
- Dr. Leonardo Secchi, Professor, Santa Catarina State University; former IASIA Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean; Past-President, Brazilian Society for Public Administration, Brazil.

10:50 - 11:00 **Asia and Pacific:**

- Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, Philippines.

11:00 - 11:10 **Europe:**

- Dr. Rolf Alter, Senior Fellow, HERTIE School of Governance, CEPA Member, Germany.
- Dr. Frank Naert, Professor, Department of Public Governance & Management, Ghent University, Belgium.

11:10 - 11:20 **Middle East:**

- H.E. Minister Mousa Abu Zaid, Palestine, Regional Vice-President of IASIA for Middle East

11:20 - 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 - 12:00

Expert Dialogue 2: Overview of the Commonalities and Points of Divergence across Regions

Objective of the session:

This session will highlight the main commonalities and points of divergence across regions (and surveys).

- Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit (PMCDU), DPIDG, UN DESA
- Ms. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta, Interregional Advisor, DPIDG, UN DESA

12:00 – 13:00

Expert Dialogue 3: Harmonizing Regional Perspectives on the Standards of Excellence

Objective of the session

During the Expert Dialogue sessions on harmonizing regional perspectives on the Standards of Excellence, the Task Force members will have the opportunity to discuss and offer specific suggestions aiming at proposing new and/or revised global Standards considering the comments from all the regions.

Role of the Chairs

The role of the Chair will be as follows:

- Read out loud the original Standard and then the Standard with the various modifications and suggested changes made by the participants of the regional workshops.
- Before opening the discussion to review the text, the Chair asks the Task Force members to reflect on the spirit and focus of the Standard. The Chair may wish to take 3 to 4 comments.
- The Chair then invites Task Force members to provide detailed comments/suggestions on how to move towards a new Standard.
- A note-taker captures in real time the changes proposed as the members provide their suggestions.
- The Chair ensures that all participants have an opportunity to be engaged and that each intervention does not exceed 3 minutes. The Chair seeks the suggestions of Task Force members that did not have an opportunity to do so. This will allow for an inclusive and participatory approach.
- The Chair ensures time management.

Role of Discussants

- The Discussants will summarize in 10 minutes the views and positions of the various interventions.

Note-takers: Gregory McGann, DPIDG, and Cesar Alfonzo, IASIA

12:00 – 13:00

Standard One: Public Service Commitment

- **Chair:** Dr. Najat Zarrouk, President, International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), UN-CEPA member, and Director of Development, Knowledge Management and African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) of UCLG Africa, Morocco
 - **Discussant:** Dr. Rolf Alter, Senior Fellow, HERTIE School of Governance, Germany, UN CEPA Member, Germany
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13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

Standard Two: Advocacy of Public Interest Values

- **Chair:** Dr. Calin Hintea, Dean, College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes Bolyai University, Romania. Chair EAPAA Accreditation Committee
 - **Discussant:** Dr. Angel Wright-Lanier, former Executive Director of NASPAA, University of North Carolina, USA
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15:00 – 16:00

Expert Dialogue 4: Harmonizing Regional Perspectives on the Standards of Excellence

15:00 – 16:00

Standard Three: Combining Scholarship, Practice and Community Service

- **Chair:** Dr. Liza van Jaarsveldt, Associate Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.
 - **Discussant:** Dr. Pan Suk Kim, International Director, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and Member of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission, Republic Korea
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16:00 - 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Standard Four: The Faculty are Central

- **Chair:** Dr. Sofiane Sahraoui, Director General, International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS).
- **Discussant:** Dr. Rachel Emas, Associate Teaching Professor and Director of the Master of Arts in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (MA-ENRP), Trachtenberg School at George Washington University, USA.

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9:00 – 11:00

Expert Dialogue 5: Harmonizing Regional Perspectives on the Standards of Excellence

9:00 – 10:00

Standard Five: Inclusiveness is at the Heart of the Program

- **Chair:** Ms. Hyeyoung Kim, Head of Office, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG/DPIDG/UNDESA)
- **Discussant:** Dr. Leonardo Secchi, Professor, Santa Catarina State University; former IASIA Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean; Past-President, Brazilian Society for Public Administration, Brazil

10:00 - 11:00

Standard Six: A Curriculum that is Purposeful and Responsive

- **Chair:** Ms. Ludmilla Gajdosova, Executive Director, Network of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration of Central and Eastern Europe (NISPACEe), Slovakia
- **Discussant:** Mr. Devon Rowe, Executive Director, Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) and UN CEPA Member, Jamaica

11:00 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:15

Expert Dialogue 6: Harmonizing Regional Perspectives on the Standards of Excellence

11:15 - 12:15

Standard Seven: Adequate Resources are Critical

- **Chair:** Mr. Prabin Maharjan, Program Management Expert, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG/DPIDG/UNDESA)
- **Discussant:** Dr. Conrado Ramos, Secretary General, Latin American Center for Public Administration Development (CLAD)

12:15 – 13:15

Standard Eight: Balancing Collaboration and Competition

- **Chair:** Dr. Frank Naert, Professor, Department of Public Governance & Management, Ghent University, Belgium
- **Discussant:** Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, Philippines

13:15 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 -16:15

Expert Dialogue 7: Harmonizing New Proposals

- **Chair:** Dr. Wang Manchuan, Executive Vice President and Secretary-General, China Society of Administrative Reform (CSAR), China; IASIA Regional Vice-President for Asia, China ; Dr. Liezel Lues, title is Professor, Department of Public Administration and Management, University of the Free State, South Africa
- **Discussant:** Dr. John-Mary Kauzya, Professor, Stellenbosch University, School of Public Leadership, South Africa

Open discussion amongst Task Force members on the consolidated proposed new Standards in addition to the eight Standards discussed.

16:15 -16:45

Expert Dialogue 8: Disseminating and Mainstreaming the New Standards of Excellence in the Curriculum of Schools and Institutes of Administration: Next Steps

Objective of the session

This session will pay particular attention to strategies and methodologies to mainstream and disseminate the updated SoE into the curriculum of schools and institutes of administration, ensuring that the SDGs as well as the Principles of Effective Governance are at the centre, review network and peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing opportunities, and the role of associations in promoting the adaptation and use of the new and revised SoE.

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 - Dr. Ra'ed BenShams, President, International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)
 - Dr. Joao Salis Gomes, Chairperson of ICAPA Steering Committee/IASIA
 - Dr. Hamid Eltgani Ali, Acting Chairperson of ICAPA Steering Committee
 - Dr. Tashi Pem, Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan
 - Dr. Conrado Ramos, Secretary General, Latin American Center for Public Administration Development (CLAD)
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Closing Remarks

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