

2024 UNPAN Members Annual Meeting

Strengthening the UNPAN as a Network to Accelerate the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

Informational Booklet



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Concept Note





Description of the Event

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) will hold the annual meeting of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) on **Thursday, 18 April 2024** at the margins of the 23rd Session Meeting of the Committee of Experts in Public Administration.

About UNPAN

In 1999 the UN General Assembly emphasized the importance of a global information network (A/RES/54/231, para 11) and in 2001 it welcomed the establishment of UNPAN as a powerful internet-based network for Member States for the exchange of information and experience in public administration (A/RES/56/213, para 1). UNPAN has over 30 Member institutions around the world and comprises of the physical network of practitioners and experts in public administration who collaborate with UN DESA/DPIDG on joint activities and unpan.un.org, the virtual home of the network for knowledge sharing.

The Network has been in existence for over 20 years and is one of the most visited platforms of UN DESA. UNPAN is a global network that connects relevant international, regional, subregional and national institutions and experts worldwide working on effective governance and public administration for sustainable development in line with Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UNPAN Members are from five geographical regions in line with the UN regional commissions, namely Africa, Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia and the Middle East. The Network is coordinated by DPIDG, which is a division of UN DESA. The division provides secretariat support to the United Nations Programme in Public Administration. DPIDG's mission is to assist the Member States of the United Nations in advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, including through fostering effective, efficient, transparent, accountable, inclusive, and innovative public governance, administration, and services for sustainable development.

UNPAN's mission is to promote the global sharing of knowledge, experiences and innovative practices on governance and public administration issues. UNPAN is designed to help countries, particularly developing countries, and countries in special situations, to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It facilitates capacity-development, including through training, and cooperation among UN Member States, with an emphasis on South-South cooperation.



The UNPAN focuses on governance and public administration issues in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Priority areas include governance and institutions; transformational leadership and public servants' capacities to realize the SDGs; transparency, integrity and preventing corruption; innovation and service delivery for the SDGs and digital government.

The UNPAN Network is composed of UNPAN Members and Associate Members from across the world. The UNPAN Members are global, regional, and national institutions. UNPAN Associate Members are individuals who serve in their personal capacity. UNPAN Members and Associate Members have demonstrated commitment to advancing knowledge and/or capacity development in the area of governance and public administration and sustainable development. Membership is for a period of five years with the possibility of extension.

UNPAN Members share information on the UNPAN website regarding upcoming events, news, reports, publications, innovative practices, trainings, and other activities; prepare with other UNPAN Members joint studies, design content for training courses, toolkits, and methodologies; and cooperate in the organization of relevant capacity development events.

Objective of the Annual Meeting

The overall objective of the meeting is to provide a platform for UNPAN Members to share information about their upcoming activities and innovative ways to strengthen governments' capacities to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on SDG16 on strong institutions, peace and justice and SDG 17 on partnerships for the Goals.

The 2030 Agenda highlights the need to build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels, in line with Goal 16. General Assembly resolution 60/34 of 17 March 2006 emphasized "the need to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public administration". Goal 17 is about revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development. Multi-stakeholder collaborations are essential mechanisms for gathering and exchanging knowledge, experience, technology, and funds to help meet the sustainable development objectives in all countries, particularly in developing countries.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss how the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development, developed by CEPA in its seventeenth session and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2018/12, can be promoted by the UNPAN Members throughout their activities. The principles highlight the need for pragmatic and ongoing improvements in national and local governance capabilities to achieve the SDGs. The discussion will also examine what can be done to further mainstream



the SDGs in the work of the UNPAN Members, including the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs.

Finally, the Meeting will also focus on the new features of the revamped UNPAN website and provide an overview of how UNPAN Members can contribute to the UNPAN website.

Structure

The meeting will be structured around a set of plenary presentations on the key activities by DPIDG's staff and UNPAN Members and plenary discussions on how to strengthen public institutions' capacities to achieve the SDGs. The meeting will be conducted in English and will last from **1:30 pm to 2:45 pm**.

Panel discussions and presentations at the meeting will be structured into four main topics as follows:

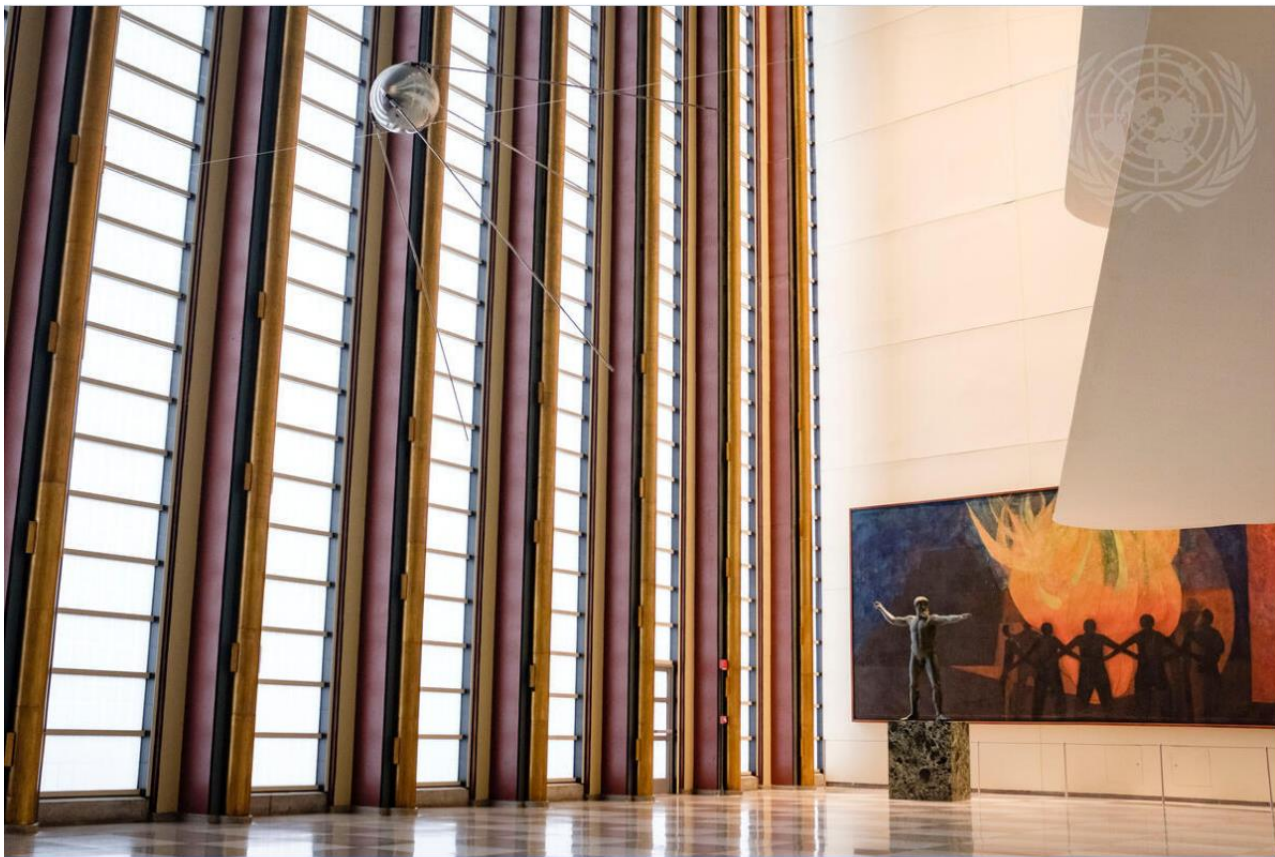
- Presentation of key activities by UNPAN Members on strengthening public institutions' capacities to achieve the SDGs.
- Discussion on how to strengthen synergies and new ways of working together and possible follow-up actions
- Discussion on how to leverage the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development and the Curriculum on Governance in the UNPAN Members' activities.
- Presentation on the UNPAN Website – Updates on the platform.

Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes include:

- i. Increased knowledge of new avenues of collaboration among UNPAN Members for 2024 and beyond
- ii. Enhanced capacities of the UNPAN Members to build synergies and raise awareness of the Principles of Effective Governance
- iii. Follow-up actions on how UNPAN Members can contribute to accelerating the implementation of the SDGs

Agenda





Chair: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management & Capacity Development Unit (PMCDU), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Secretariat Resource Persons: Anni Haataja-Beer, Huiwen Tan and Gregory McGann, PMCDU, DPIDG, UNDESA

1:30 – 1:35 p.m.	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA</p>
1:35 – 2:15 p.m. (1:35 – 1:40 pm)	<p>Session I - Introduction by UNPAN Members of Key Upcoming Activities</p> <p>Objective of the meeting and updates on the UNPAN <i>Adriana Alberti, Chief, PMCDU, UNDESA/DPIDG</i></p>
36 min Tour de Table	<p>What are UNPAN Members key upcoming activities in 2024?</p> <p><i>Tour de table</i></p> <p><i>UN DESA DPIDG</i></p>
(1:40 – 1:46 pm) (6 min)	<p>Overview of DPIDG’s activities</p> <p><i>Anni Haataja, Programme management officer (2 min)</i> <i>Cristina Alicia Rodriguez-Acosta, inter-regional adviser (2 min)</i> <i>Deniz Susar, Governance and public administration officer (2 min)</i></p>
(1:46 – 2:20 pm) (3 min each)	<p><i>ALGA UCLG Africa, AAPA, EROPA, IPAC, IIAS-IASIA, CLAD, MBRSG, INAP-Mexico, NISPAcee, SANPA, ESCWA</i></p>
2:20 – 2:35 p.m. (15 min)	<p>Session II – Strengthening Synergies and New Ways of Working Together: Follow-up Actions</p> <p>Facilitated by Adriana Alberti, Chief, PMCDU, UNDESA/DPIDG</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What concrete activities can UNPAN Members undertake jointly to further the implementation of the SDGs in public administration? 2. How could UN DESA and UNPAN network support your institutions in accelerating the SDGs including through education and trainings?
2:35 – 2:40 p.m.	<p>Session III - UNPAN Website Updates and Q&A</p>



	<p>Huiwen Tan and Gregory McGann, PMCDU, DPIDG, UNDESA</p> <p>Roadmap and Timeline for Members to Contribute to UNPAN</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UNPAN Members identify technical focal points and communicate it to the UNPAN Management Team, May 20242. UNPAN Management Team to produce a tutorial video on how to contribute to UNPAN, June 20243. Schedule UNPAN technical focal points group training for any questions on how to upload information on the upgraded UNPAN, July 20244. UNPAN Management Team will provide support to focal points as needed, ongoing.
2:40 – 2:45 p.m.	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Follow-Up Actions and the Way Forward</p> <p>Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA</p>

List of Participants





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6.	Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA)	Senior Researcher and Office Manager	Ms.	Ainna Shariz E.	Comia	Philippines
7.	Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA)	Senior Administrative Specialist	Ms.	Katherine B.	Edem	Philippines
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10.	Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD)	Secretary-General	Mr.	Conrado	Ramos Larraburu	Venezuela
11.	Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD)	Director of International Affairs	Dr.	Alexander	López Ramirez	Venezuela



12.	Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG)	Director of Policy Research Department	Dr.	Fadi	Salem	UAE
13.	National Institute of Public Administration (INAP-Mexico)	General Secretary	Ms.	Selene Lucía	Vázquez Alatorre	Mexico
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15.	South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) and University of Alabama at Birmingham (USA)	President and Professor of Public Administration	Dr.	Akhlique	Haque	USA
16.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	Chief, Governance and State Building Section, Governance and State-Building Division	Mr.	Younes	Abouyoub	Lebanon