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Capacity Development Workshop on

The Future of Governance and New Mindsets, Skills, and Competencies for the Implementation of the SDGs

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Proposed Programme

Moderator: Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, Inter-Regional Advisor, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Tuesday 11 November
Concorde Salon

TIME	Item discussed
10:30 – 10:35	Welcoming Remarks • Dr. Alex Lopez, Director International Cooperation, CLAD
10:35 – 11:05	The Future of Governance and New Mindsets: Emerging Trends and drivers of change in governance • Dr. Alexander Lopez, Director for International Cooperation, CLAD • Dr. Patricio Lloret, Projects and Innovation Director, CLAD • Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, PMCDU/DPIDG/DESA
11:05 – 11:20	The Quintet of Change and Governance: Innovation, digital government, data governance, mindsets (behavioural science), systems thinking and strategic foresight • Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, PMCDU/DPIDG/DESA

11:20 – 11:55	Transformational Change and Capacities needed for Excellence in Public Sector Delivery and the Future of Governance: • Promoting Digital Skills and Changing Mindsets • Enhancing Institutional Coordination for Effective Public Service Delivery • Systems Thinking and Policy Coherence • Participants discuss how these skills can be adapted in their country context using DESA Competency framework.
11:55 - 12:15 pm	How Can Schools of Public Administration and Academic Institutions support competency frameworks and competencies needed for sustainable development and excellence in public sector delivery Open Discussion • Dr. Alexander Lopez, Director for International Cooperation, CLAD • Dr. Patricio Lloret, Projects and Innovation Director, CLAD • Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, DESA