

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

23rd session, 15-19 April 2023

Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters (New York)

New governance insights to advance the SDGs and eradicate poverty

Programme of work

For full details and background documentation, [please visit CEPA online](#). The session will be streamed live in six languages on UN Web TV. Some participants may attend remotely.

Monday, 15 April	
Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Opening of the session</p> <p>Election of officers (Item 1)</p> <p>Remarks by H.E. Paula Narváez, President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (Item 2)</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2024/1</p>
	<p>Institutional aspects of the theme of the 2024 session of ECOSOC and the 2024 HLPF (Item 3)</p> <p>Expert panel on “New governance insights to advance the SDGs and eradicate poverty” with Louis Meuleman, Rolf Alter and Yamini Aiyar – moderated by the Chair</p> <p><i>Together with:</i></p> <p>Remarks by CEPA working group leads</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Consideration of CEPA contribution to the HLPF and ECOSOC theme for 2024 by all members</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2024/2</p>

Monday, 15 April	
1:15--2:30 p.m.	Side event on “Building subnational capacity for inequality reduction and accelerating SDG implementation: lessons from Brazil and the Global Sustainable Development Report” co-organized by UN DESA, the Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services of Brazil and National School of Public Administration (ENAP), Conference Room A
Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.	<p>Principles of effective governance for sustainable development (Item 6)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Building inclusive institutions that leave no one behind at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda” with Najat Zarrouk, Sherifa Sherif and Aminata Touré – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p><i>Together with:</i></p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Sarah Lister, Head of Governance, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP on holistic, enabling, coordinated and sustainable approaches to leaving no one behind</p> <p>Remarks by Hon. Mr. Jan Van Zanen, Mayor of The Hague and member of the Presidency of United Cities and Local Governments (pre-recorded)</p> <p><i>Regional perspectives on the principles of effective governance and in-depth review of SDGs 16 and 17:</i></p> <p>Remarks by Prof. Eddy Maloka, Chief Executive Officer, AU African Peer Review Mechanism</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Policy Coherence for SDGs, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Younes Abouyoub, Chief, Governance and State Building Section, Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues Division, UN ESCWA</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2024/4</p>

Tuesday, 16 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Institutions, climate action and environment (Item 5)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Regulating and reforming the insurance industry to combat climate change and accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda” with Linda Bilmes and Mauricio Rodas (remote) – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Together with:</p> <p>Remarks by Soonae Park on citizen safety insurance in the Republic of Korea</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Shen Wang, Senior Research Fellow, Green Development Institute on risk intelligence from the perspective of insurance and reinsurance in China</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Butch Bacani, Programme Leader, Principles for Sustainable Insurance, UNEP Finance Initiative on engaging the insurance industry for reform (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Andrew Harper, Special Adviser on Climate Action, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on insurance reform within broader climate adaptation strategies (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Thomas Njeru, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Pula Advisors on innovation in agricultural insurance and digital products to help smallholder farmers (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2024/3</p>
<p>1:30-2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Side event on “FutureGov: Building Public Sector Capabilities for the Future”, co-organized by UN DESA and UNDP, Conference Room A</p>
<p>Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Digital government (Item 9)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Artificial intelligence governance to reinforce the 2030 Agenda and leave no one behind” with Sherifa Sherif and Carlos Santiso (remote) – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Together with:</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO (pre-recorded)</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Natasha Crampton, member of the Secretary-General’s multistakeholder High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence and Chief Responsible AI Officer, Microsoft (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Audace Niyonkuru, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Umuganda and Co-Facilitator, Internet Governance Forum policy network on artificial intelligence (remote)</p>

Tuesday, 16 April	
	<p>Remarks by Mr. Conrado Ramos, Secretary-General, Centro Latinoamericano de Administración para el Desarrollo on the Ibero-American Charter on Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2024/7</p>

Wednesday, 17 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Dedicated consultation with observers (Item 11)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair with responses and reflections by CEPA members</p> <p><i>New governance insights to advance the SDGs and eradicate poverty</i> (input on agenda item 3)</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – Ms. Dubravka Bojic, Programme Officer, Governance and Policy Support Unit</p> <p>Institute of Public Administration of Canada – Mr. David Fulford, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><i>Institutions, climate action and environment</i> (input on agenda item 5)</p> <p>International Union for Conservation of Nature – Ms. Sofie Sandstrom Jaffe, Permanent Observer to the United Nations</p> <p>United Nations University – Ms. Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi, Director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability</p> <p><i>Principles of effective governance for sustainable development</i> (input on agenda item 6)</p> <p>Morocco, Ministry of Digital Transformation and Administration Reform – Mr. Mohammed Anouar El Hazziti, Head, Restructuring Administration and Deconcentration Division</p> <p>Djibouti, Office of the Mayor of Djibouti City – Mr. Ahmed Mahamoud Meigag, Administrative and Financial Director</p> <p><i>Public sector workforce matters</i> (input on agenda item 7)</p> <p>Colombia, National Civil Service Commission – Ms. Sixta Dilia Zuñiga Lindao, President</p> <p>National School of Public Administration of Brazil – Ms. Betânia Lemos, President</p>

Wednesday, 17 April	
	<p>United Nations Young Leader for SDGs – Ms. Ronelle King, Founder and Director, Life in Leggings: Caribbean Alliance against Gender-based Violence</p> <p>Public financial management (input on agenda item 8)</p> <p>Office of the Special Adviser on Africa – Mr. Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Division for Policy, Monitoring and Global Advocacy</p> <p>Digital government (input on agenda item 9)</p> <p>Guatemala, Secretariat of Planning and Programming of the Presidency – Mr. Hugo Allan Garcia Monterrosa, Undersecretary of Strategic Development Analysis (remote)</p> <p>United Nations Young Leader for SDGs – Ms. Luisa Machado, Digital Rights and Data Justice Activist and Co-Founder, Jeunes OpenGov (remote)</p> <p>Institution-building in fragile and conflict-affected areas (input on agenda item 10)</p> <p>Somalia, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs – Ms. Sagel Abdo Asis Osman, Senior Advisor to Ministry of Justice for Women's Affairs and Person's with Special Needs</p> <p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – Mr. Jonathan Bourguignon, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer</p>
1:15-2:45 p.m.	<p>Side event on “Progress, challenges and prospects of e-government: experience and cases of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan”, organized by UNDP Astana Civil Service Hub, Conference Room A</p>
Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.	<p>Public financial management (Item 8)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Accelerating public financial management reform to reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises” with Katarina Ott, Juraj Nemec and Ronald Mendoza (remote) – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Together with:</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Srinivas Gurazada, Head of PEFA Secretariat and Global Lead, Public Financial Management, World Bank (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Austin Ndiokwelu, Director of Policy and Global Advocacy, International Budget Partnership (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Raquel Ferreira, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (remote)</p>

Wednesday, 17 April

Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations

Documentation: [E/C.16/2024/6](#)

Thursday, 18 April

Morning meeting
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Peer exchange with voluntary national review countries and voluntary local review cities on experiences and promising practices in implementing SDGs 16 and 17 (Item 4)

Moderated by the Vice-Chair

Dialogue 1 focusing on the principle of competence

Detailed peer exchange on ways and strategies to build and strengthen the capacities and competencies of the public sector workforce to achieve accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and better face ongoing and future crises

Romania – Ms. Iris Ioana Constantin, Counsellor, Department for Sustainable Development, Office of the Prime Minister (remote)

Azerbaijan – H.E Mr. Ulvi Mehdiyev, Chairman, and Mr. Mahammadali Khudaverdiyev, Director General for International Affairs, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic

Reflections and suggestions by CEPA members led by Rolf Alter and Devon Rowe (remote)

Dialogue 2 focusing on the principle of leaving no one behind

Detailed peer exchange on ways to identify vulnerable groups and address their specific needs through public policymaking

Malawi – Mr. Thomas Munthali, Director General, National Planning Commission

Sierra Leone – Mr. Peter Sam Kpakra, Development Secretary, and Mr. Joseph M. Samah, Deputy Director Planning, Policy and Research, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (remote)

Reflections and suggestions by CEPA members led by Najat Zarrouk and Aigul Kosherbayeva

Dialogue 3 focusing on the principle of subsidiarity

Detailed peer exchange on governance efforts undertaken to build the resilience of subnational governments to better face ongoing and future crises

Thursday, 18 April	
	<p>City of São Paulo, Brazil – Ms. Camila Gomes de Assis, Director of Multilateral Relations and City Networks (remote)</p> <p>Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japan – Mr. Tomonori Hiroike, Director for Planning and Coordination, Office of the Governor for Policy Planning, and Mr. Tetsuro Fujisaki, Director for Tsukiji Development Promotion, Urban Development (remote)</p> <p>Reflections and suggestions by CEPA members led by Louis Meuleman and Yamini Aiyar</p>
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Annual meeting of United Nations Public Administration Network, organized by UN DESA, Conference Room A
<p>Afternoon meeting 3-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Public sector workforce matters (Item 7)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Insights into public sector workforce governance to advance the SDGs” with Alketa Peci, Rolf Alter and Henry Sardaryan (remote) – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p><i>Together with:</i></p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Luis Miguel Martínez Anzures, President, Board of Directors, National Institute of Public Administration of Mexico</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Daniel Rogger, Research Manager, Governance and Institution Building, Development Impact Department, World Bank</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Daniel Gerson, Lead, Public Employment and Management, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD on a pilot index for development of a diverse central government workforce (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Maja Handjiska-Trendafilova, Director, Regional School of Public Administration for the Western Balkans on regional mobility programmes for public servants (remote)</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Alex B. Brillantes Jr, Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2024/5</p>

Thursday, 18 April	
4:30-6 p.m. [closed session]	<p>Provisional agenda of the 24th session (Item 12)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Discussion of proposals and documentation requirements</p> <p>Discussion of working methods</p> <p>Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the 24th session</p>

Friday, 19 April	
Morning meeting 10-11:30 a.m.	<p>Institution building in fragile and conflict-affected areas (Item 10)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Sound public financial management in fragile and conflict-affected settings to eradicate poverty in all its forms” with Lamia Moubayed Bissat, Paul Jackson and Katarina Ott – moderated by the Chair</p> <p><i>Together with:</i></p> <p>Remarks by Augustin Fosu on political instability, income inequality and institution building in sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Saliendra Pattanayak, Deputy Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund on building public financial management capacity in fragile and conflict-affected States with a two-step approach (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2024/8</p>
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Adoption of the report on the 23rd session (Item 13)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Informal report of the working group on the United Nations Public Service Awards</p> <p>Presentation of draft report by the Rapporteur</p> <p>Review of recommendations and matters to be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Adoption of the draft report on the 23rd session</p> <p>Closing of the session</p>