



Meeting of the Regional Chairpersons of the UN DESA/IASIA Task Force on Excellence in Public Administration Education and Training

Key Messages and Follow-up Actions

30 June 2023

- The review process of the Standards of Excellence (SoE) is very important as the quality of education and training has an impact on the quality of governance, which shapes people's lives.
- The SoE should continue to be aspirational but at the same time flexible enough to have a developmental impact.
- The updated SoE should mainstream the SDGs and reflect the expanded role of online education in the framework of the Digital Transformation.
- The updated SoE should accelerate the SDGs and promote innovation.
- Education and training in public administration is not simply about knowledge and skills but more fundamentally about changing mindsets and behaviour.
- We should look at public-private partnerships, the global market for education and how public administrations are investing in education outside their countries.
- The Task Force could provide guidance on the periodicity of future revisions of the SoE.

Follow-up Actions

1. Agenda for the regional workshops (revision completed)

- Include a session on the role of public administration, Agenda 2030 and digital transformation
- Move up the accreditation section
- The duration of the online workshop should be 3 or 4 hours

2. Dates of the regional workshops

- **13 September 2023:** Africa (organization led by Prof. Ludeki Chweya in collaboration with IASIA and with UN DESA contributions) (one session in English, one session in French?), with possible collaboration with ALGA of UCLG Africa.
- **5 October 2023:** Europe (organization led by Prof. Rolf Alter and Prof. Frank Naert in collaboration with UN DESA and with IASIA contributions) (session in English).
- **Early October:** Latin America and Spanish-speaking Caribbean (UN DESA/IASIA) (session in Spanish), decide who will lead this session
- **Early November:** Asia and Pacific (to be confirmed with Prof. Alex Brillantes) (Organization led by Prof. Alex Brillantes in collaboration with UN DESA/UNPOG and with IASIA contributions) (session in English)
- **8 November:** North America and English-speaking Caribbean (organization led by Prof. Rachel Emas in collaboration with UN DESA and with IASIA contributions) (session in English)
- **December:** Middle East (to be confirmed with Dr. Ra'ed BenShams) (organization led by Dr. Ra'ed BenShams in collaboration with IASIA and with UN DESA contributions) (session in Arabic)

3. Methodology

- Proposed methodology template by UN DESA to gather inputs from the Task Force members was approved.
- Template to be translated in Arabic (Najat), French (Najat), Portuguese (Cesar) and Spanish (Cristina)
- Regional Chairpersons to share the template in a google drive in their respective language with their regional task force members to gather their inputs and to facilitate the discussions during the regional workshops
- Based on the methodology prepare an online survey (UN DESA in consultation with IASIA and the Chairs), which will also be translated (first draft to be ready by 22 June)



- Regional Chairpersons will share the online survey link with the participants of their respective regional workshop at least one month prior to the event
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- Open call to stakeholders across the globe by using the online survey on UNPAN to gather inputs (UN DESA)

4. Role of the Regional Taskforce Chairperson

- Propose with other regional Taskforce members the date for the regional workshop.
- Coordinate with UN DESA/IASIA and the Task Force Chair the organization of the regional workshop including convening guests, promotion of the workshop, and defining the agenda.
- Provide UN DESA/IASIA with a list of national, regional, or global academic/conferences/seminars/ events where the SoE initiative can be disseminated, and other stakeholders' perspectives can be incorporated in the process.
- Ensure communication and collaboration with regional taskforce members and Taskforce chair.
- Coordinate the deliberations of regional taskforce members in reviewing the SoE and proposing revisions.
- Prepare a written summary of key issues and points raised in regional task force discussions and submit them to the UN DESA, IASIA, and task force chair.

5. Role of Task Force Members

(from the agreed-upon Roadmap)

- Task force members to provide regional taskforce chair with a list of national, regional, or global academic conferences/seminars/events where the SoE initiative can be disseminated and other stakeholders' perspectives can be incorporated in the process
- Use of social media for the promotion of the process and to make it as inclusive and diverse as possible. Speakers and stakeholders that can participate of the regional workshop

6. Engagement and Communication Issues

- Regional Chairpersons can consider complementary methodologies by organizing WhatsApp groups, focus groups, Facebook groups etc
- Establishment of regional communities of practice on UNPAN (UN DESA)
- Use Google Drive to comment on the compilation of the survey results (during the regional workshop)
- Flyer
- Streamline the text into bullet points
- Add link to survey
- Add link to the UNPAN webpage
- Add “to learn more about the 2008 Standards of Excellence click here”
- Webpage
- IASIA to have a link to the SoE webpage on the UNPAN
- Explore Qualtrix for survey assistance
- Social media
- Compose tweets to be sent out on UN Public Service Day (23 June) to disseminate the initiative with the global community; please provide any message by 22 June.
- Mailchimp
- Call a meeting on 26 June 7am New York time with Dr. Alex Brillantes and Dr. Ra’ed BenShams to brief them on the webinar and gather their feedback

7. Sample Agenda for the Regional Workshops

Sample for the Africa Workshop:

9:00 – 9:10 Opening Session

- Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, DPIDG/ UN DESA
- Dr. Najat Zarrouk, Director, Development Branch and African Local Government Academy, United Cities and Local Government of Africa
- Prof. Ludeki Chweya, Regional Chairperson for the Review of the Standards of Excellence, Director General & Chief Executive Officer, Kenya School of Government (Kenya), IASIA Regional Vice-President for Africa

09:10 – 09:20 Overview and context for the Review of the Standards of Excellence

- Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Chairperson 20203 UN DESA/IASIA Task Force, Overview of the 2008 Standards of Excellence

09:20 – 09:30: Accreditation and SoE in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 11 principles of Effective Governance, the Digital Government Transformation and the Role of Public Administration

09:30 – 09:40 Importance of the Accreditation Process

- Dr. Joao Gomes, Chairman ICAPA Commission or any other IASIA Representative

09:40 – 09:50 Overview of the Objective of the Meeting

- Adriana Alberti, Chief, PMCDU, DPIDG, UN DESA (10 min)

09:50 – 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 – 11.45 Proposals for updates of the 8 Standards of Excellence; Open discussion and break-out groups

- Moderator: Prof. Ludeki Chweya

11:45 – 12:00 Commitments and Way Forward

- Prof. Ludeki Chweya, Regional Chairperson for the Review of the Standards of Excellence, Director General & Chief Executive Officer, Kenya School of Government (Kenya), IASIA Regional Vice-President for Africa
- Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Chairperson, UN DESA/IASIA Task Force
- DPIDG/ UN DESA
- Dr. Najat Zarrouk, Director, Development Branch and African Local Government Academy, United Cities and Local Government of Africa

* Asia-Pacific meeting starting at 7/8pm New York time to accommodate the time difference.

8. List of Regional Chairpersons

Africa

Dr. Ludeki Chweya, Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Kenya School of Government, IASIA Regional Vice-President for Africa, Kenya

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

Asia and the Pacific

Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), Philippines

Europe

Dr. Rolf Alter, Hertie School of Governance and CEPA Member, Germany and Dr. Frank Naert, Ghent University, Belgium

Middle East

Dr. Ra'ed BenShams, IIAS President and Director General, Bahrain Institute of Public Administration, Bahrain

Proposed Methodology

Review the SoE as per the following suggested methodology (see the call for contributions: <https://unpan.un.org/node/1945>)

Further information on the SoE review can be found at: <https://unpan.un.org/node/1879>