

Middle East Regional Workshop on the Review of the Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training

in the context of the Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research Conference
(MENAPAR)

8 December 2023

8:00 am – 11:00 am (New York time)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Egypt time)

Hybrid event

Agenda

Moderator for the opening and introductory part: Gregory McGann, DPIDG

2:00 – 2:10 pm (Egypt time) - Opening Session

- Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- Dr. Najat Zarrouk, Director of Development and the African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), President of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), and Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN-CEPA)
- Minister Mousa Abu Zaid (MENAPAR President, Chairman of the General Personnel Council, Head of the Palestinian National School of Administration)

2:10 – 2:20 pm - Overview and context for the Review of the Standards of Excellence

- Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Chairperson, 2023 UN DESA/IASIA Task Force for the Review of the Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training, Overview of the 2008 Standards of Excellence

2:20 – 2:30 pm - Overview of the Objective of the Meeting



- Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit (PMCDU), DPIDG, UN DESA (10 min)

Moderator for the discussion and reporting back: Dr. Ghada Barsoum, AMEPPA President / Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at the American University in Cairo

2:30 – 4:00 pm - Proposals for updates of the 8 Standards of Excellence: Open discussion in plenary

Chair (TBD)

Modality of discussion:

- The in-person discussion will be facilitated in plenary by the moderator.
- The Standards will be projected on the screen in the plenary room and discussed one by one in plenary.
- The designated rapporteur will make changes directly in the google sheet as people provide their opinion and report back

4.00 – 4.15 pm - Break

4.15 – 4.45 pm - Reporting back from the Plenary Session and the Online discussion

4:45 – 5:00 pm - Commitments and Way Forward

- Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Chairperson, UN DESA/IASIA Task Force
- DPIDG / UN DESA
- Dr. Najat Zarrouk, Director, Development Branch and African Local Government Academy, UCLGA