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2025 UNPAN Members Annual Meeting

Thursday 10 April 2025
1.30-2.45pm

**Conference Room A
UN Headquarters, NY**

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) Members on 10 April 2025 at the margins of the 24th Session of the Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA).

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.

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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

The overall objective of the annual UNPAN Members meeting is to provide a platform for the Members to share information about upcoming activities and innovative ways to collaborate in supporting SDG 16 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 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 overview of how UNPAN Members can contribute to the UNPAN website.

Structure

The meeting will be structured around a set of presentations on key activities by DPIDG staff and UNPAN Members. The meeting will be conducted in English and will last from 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm.

Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes include:

1. Increased knowledge of new avenues of collaboration among UNPAN Members for 2025 and beyond.
2. Follow-up actions on how UNPAN Members can collaborate in 2025 to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.

Agenda



- 1:30 – 1:35 p.m. **Opening Remarks**
Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA
- Group photo (2 mins)
- 1:35 – 2:30 p.m. **Session I - UNPAN Members Key Upcoming Activities**
- 1:35 – 1:40 p.m. Objective of the meeting
Adriana Alberti, Chief, PMCDU, UNDESA/DPIDG
- 1:40 – 1:45 p.m. Overview of DPIDG's activities in 2025
Anni Haataja-Beer, Programme Management Officer (3 min)
Cristina Alicia Rodriguez-Acosta, Inter-Regional Adviser (2 min)
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. *UNPAN Members key upcoming activities and proposed collaboration*
Tour de table by UNPAN Members
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. **Session II - UNPAN Website Updates and Q&A**
How to contribute to UNPAN website and an overview of 2024 performance report
Gregory McGann, PMCDU, DPIDG, UNDESA
- 2:40 – 2:45 p.m. **Closing**
Follow-Up Actions and the Way Forward
Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA

Chair: 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, Programme Management Officer and Gregory McGann, PMCDU, DPIDG, UN DESA

Notetaker: Francesca Tomasino, PMCDU, DPIDG, UN DESA

Participants

Member	Title	Prefix	First name	Surname	Country
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Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration (NISPAcee)	NISPAcee Steering Committee member, and the former President of NISPAcee	Mr.	Juraj	Nemec	Slovakia
South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) and University of Alabama at Birmingham (USA)	President and Professor of Public Administration, Department of Political Science and Public Administration	Dr.	Akhlaque	Haque	USA