Review of the United Nations Programme

on

Public Administration and Finance

WHAT ARE THE MANDATES

❖ <u>United Nations General Assembly Resolution 50/225</u> (para. 13)

❖ <u>United Nations General Assembly Resolution 56/213</u> (para.3)

❖ <u>United Nations Medium-term Plan for the Period 2002-2005</u>
  (Programme 7, Subprogramme 8) p.62

❖ <u>United Nations Programme Budget for the Biennium 2002-2003</u>
  (Section 9, Subprogramme 8) p.47

WHAT ARE THE WORK MODALITIES

- ➢ Advocacy

- ➢ Develop analytical and policy tools

- ➢ Build a common understanding

- ➢ Provide assistance in institution-building

- ➢ Provide assistance in human resources development

- ➢ Build technological adequacy and connectivity

- ➢ Information sharing and exchange of experiences

- ➢ Coordinate development assistance in public administration

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

✓ **Advocacy:**

- Role of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Public Service Day
- Public Service Awards
- Conferences and symposia

✓ **Develop Analytical and Policy Tools:**

- Sectoral capacity assessments
- World Public Sector Report
- Public Sector Indicators
- Analytical reports and other publications

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

✓ Build A Common Understanding:

    - African Charter of Public Service

    - Global Forum on Reinventing Government

✓ Provide Assistance in Institution-Building:

    - Specific country projects

✓ Provide Assistance in Human Resources Development:

    - Specific country projects (Initiatives on public service delivery-ICIEPA, ethics and professionalism-UNTC, etc)

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

✓ **Build Technological Adequacy and Connectivity:**

       - Conferences on e-government (Palermo)

       - Projects on e-government (Shanghai Forum, RCOCI, Caribbean Programme,
                     Central America Programme, Africa Project, etc.)

✓ **Information Sharing and Exchange of Experiences:**

       - UNPAN

✓ **Coordinate Development Assistance in Public Administration:**

       - Inter-agency meetings

       - Coordination support to the Global Forum

       - An inventory of all governance and public administration programmes in Africa

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO

❑ Advocacy:

- Strengthen the role of the Committee
- Establish the date for the UN Public Service Day
- Comprehensive process for the Public Service Awards
- Focus themes of forthcoming conferences in
  implementation of MDGs (Review topics)

❑ Develop Analytical and Policy Tools:

- World Public Sector Report (future issues)
- Publication on Reinventing Government
- Build-up of the Basic Data of the Public Sector (see E/C.16/2002/2)
- Prepare analytical papers and publications (suggestions for topics)

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO

❑ **Build A Common Understanding:**

- Expand the Charter of Public Service to other regions
- Offer permanent substantive support to the Global Forum

❑ **Provide Technical Assistance in Building Technological Adequacy and Connectivity in:**

- Establishing an information technology framework responsive to local needs
- Creating an enabling environment for all stakeholders to benefit from knowledge, innovation and technology
- Developing e-government strategies, policies and activities
- Building partnerships at all levels to benefit from the up-to-date ICTs

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO

❑ Provide Assistance in Institution-Building, namely in:

- Strengthening parliamentary and electoral systems and processes
- Reinforcing administration of justice at national and local levels
- Modernizing the public sector and improving public service delivery
- Reinforcing decentralization and local governments' institutional capacities
- Strengthening institutions and procedures for peaceful management of conflicts
- Providing support to African Governments in their efforts to fight against poverty
- Enhancing the mobilization of financial resources via tax systems reforms
- Promoting an effective financial administration
- Improving financial management and expenditure by increasing allocative efficiency and equity, and technical efficiency in the use of budgeted resources

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO

❑ Provide Assistance in Human Resources Development, namely in:

- Improving leadership and management skills
- Designing and delivering training through innovative methods
- Increasing public service use of ICTs to monitor performance, promoting learning, improving service delivery, and increasing access to information by public servants and citizens
- Providing instruments for implementation and monitoring

❑ Information Sharing and Exchange of Experiences:

- Expand UNPAN to the national level

- Information/experiences shared via UNPAN should be more closely linked to the implementation of the MDGs
- Strengthen UNPAN in advisory service and online training

❑ Coordinate Development Assistance in Public Administration:

- Expand the Governance Inventory to other regions
- Revive and expand the UN Programme on Aid Management and Accountability

Look forward to views and suggestions from the members of the Committee!

ⓘ These suggestions will be taken into account in the preparation of the next programmatic document, e.g. the Secretary-General's Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2004-2005 – Subprogramme in Public Administration and Development