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**Agenda Item 4: Review of the United Nations Programme on
Public Administration and Finance:**

**Working Group I discussions : Public
Administration Capacity: Institutional and
Human Resource Development**

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24 people participated (committee members, observers and officials of the Branch)

Overview of Branch activities 2012-2013

- i) research and knowledge sharing related to governance, public administration and development
- ii) institutional development and human resource capacity building in public administration
- iii) servicing UN intergovernmental bodies and
- iv) undertaking advisory services in the field.

Key Branch initiatives:

- Public Service Awards and Forum as a knowledge sharing and capacity building initiatives
- Advisory services in institutional and human resource development in Africa, and Latin America and CIS states
- Online training courses supporting normative, advisory and capacity building efforts
- Outreach, networks and best practice dissemination globally

PACB strategy for 2014-2015

- Promote the spirit of innovation in public service and build capacity through the use of best practices and lessons learned
- Closer attention to the institutional and human development framework in support of the International Agreed development Agenda, post-2015 development agenda, and the sustainable development goals
- Strengthen the transfer of knowledge as art of capacity building

PACB strategy contd..

- Building Partnerships across organizations and networks
- Mainstreaming gender and diversity in public service
- Emphasizing regional approach in capacity building
- Utilizing networks, including CEPA, in mobilization of resources

Key Issues discussed

- The role of CEPA in addressing public administration and capacity building and the need for authoritative and insightful advice on governance and public administration
- Building strategic partnerships and networks in promoting capacity building
- Ways and means of providing advisory services with diminishing resources

Key Issues discussed contd..

- Challenges in resource mobilization
- Prioritizing capacity building initiatives, and strategically targeting regions/ countries in need
- Focusing on countries emerging from conflict which have special needs in building public administration

Key Issues discussed contd..

- Access to information, popularising PACB online tools
- Cultural diversity, including language / translation of PACB online training tools into UN languages
- Development of public service charters
- Avenues for greater advocacy and outreach

Recommendations by CEPA Group 1:

- CEPA Members Group strongly endorsed the scope and direction of the PACB programme of work and congratulated the Branch for doing more with less.
- Leverage collaborative aspects by bringing together some of the leading public administration organizations around the world in a network
- Developing partnerships with prestigious universities on development of online training services
- CEPA notes with favor that an external consultant is being recruited to review and take further the PSA programme
- Revisit development of a universal charter of public administration values or support regional charters
- Build greater awareness through advocacy and outreach

Thank You