

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

21st session, 4-8 April 2022, UNHQ

Participation of observers

Registered observers will be able to participate in-person or remotely in the 21st session of CEPA. The different modalities are described below.

In-person participation

Registered observers may attend the 21st session in-person in Conference Room 1. A separate information note describes logistical details. Please be advised that, in the case of observers, all arrangements for travel, visa, and accommodation, as well as related expenses including health insurance while in New York, will be the responsibility of the traveler.

Remote participation

Registered observers may also attend the 21st session virtually via Zoom. The link will be sent to registered observers via e-mail. The 21st session will also be streamed live on [UN WebTV](#).

Registration

All observers are required to register [here](#) by 22 March 2022. **Registered observers should also indicate whether they intend to participate in person or remotely by writing to dpidg@un.org.** Please note that UN temporary grounds passes to be provided by the Secretariat will only be available for those who have reconfirmed their in-person participation by 22 March.

Written inputs

Observers are encouraged to contribute by submitting written inputs in advance on the substantive issues to be discussed by the Committee. Guidelines and a template for written inputs can be found [here](#). Written inputs can be sent via email to dpidg@un.org.

Observer interventions during the session

Observer interventions during discussion of each substantive agenda item

In Conference Room 1: Observers may request the floor on an ad-hoc basis during discussion of each substantive agenda item and may be given the floor at the discretion of the Chair, time permitting. Interventions from observers will be limited to 3 minutes. Interventions from the floor may be interspersed with interventions from remote participants.

Remote participation: A list of pre-selected speakers will be prepared in advance based on speaking interest indicated during registration. Remote observers will have a maximum of 3 minutes for their interventions. Remote participants may also comment and pose questions in the chat box, which will be monitored by the Chair and CEPA Secretariat.

Dedicated consultation with observers on Wednesday, 6 April 2022

In addition, observers may participate in a dedicated consultation with the members that will take place on 6 April 2022 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EST under the theme “Transforming institutions and governance to build forward better towards 2030”. This consultation is intended to allow for a more in-depth multi-stakeholder exchange of ideas and experiences and is an integral part of the session. The dedicated consultation will have two parts.

The **first part** is connected with the theme of the session and will provide room for a diverse group of observers to comment on ways to build strong and effective public institutions for achieving the SDGs and building forward better after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **second part** will feature a discussion with youth organizations to give young people the opportunity to engage with the Committee and present their ideas and perspectives on questions of intergenerational equity and on building forward better from the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with the upcoming ECOSOC Youth Forum to be held on 19 and 20 April, this part of the meeting will focus on achieving the SDGs with and for youth, including SDG 16, and the role that young people play in building strong institutions for sustainable development.

For both parts, speakers will be pre-selected taking into account geographic, institutional and gender balance, as well as relevance of proposed interventions to the 21st session of the Committee. Each observer would be given 5 minutes to speak.

Once all programmed speakers have intervened in the respective parts of the consultation, the Chair may open the floor for responses and reflections by CEPA members and others. In the open discussion, questions from the chat box could be addressed. Additional observers, if present in the conference room and time permitting, could be invited to speak at the discretion of the Chair.

Wednesday, 6 April

Morning meeting
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dedicated consultation with observers

Theme: Transforming institutions and governance to build forward better towards 2030

Moderated by the Vice-Chair

Representatives of Member States, Permanent Observers, international organizations, public administration associations, schools and institutes, civil society organizations

Responses and reflections by CEPA members

Followed by:

Dialogue with youth organizations

Responses and reflections by CEPA members

Open discussion