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Governance and institutional perspectives on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs

Programme of work as of 1 April 2025

For full details and background documentation, [please visit CEPA online](#). The session will be streamed live in six languages on UN Web TV.

Monday, 7 April	
Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Opening of the session</p> <p>Election of officers (Item 1)</p> <p>Remarks by H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (Item 2)</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/1</p>
	<p>Institutional aspects of the theme of the 2025 session of ECOSOC and the 2025 HLPF (Item 3)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Governance and institutional perspectives on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs” with Louis Meuleman, Lamia Moubayed Bissat and Rolf Alter – moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Remarks by CEPA working group leads</p> <p>Together with:</p> <p>Consideration of CEPA contribution to the HLPF and ECOSOC theme for 2025 by all members</p> <p>Remarks by member of the Committee for Development Policy on new development contexts and pathways (tbc)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/2</p>

Monday, 7 April	
1-3 p.m.	No meeting scheduled
Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.	<p>Role of Governments in ensuring transparency and accountability of artificial intelligence systems in public administration (Item 6)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Ensuring transparency and accountability of artificial intelligence systems in public administration” with Patricia Arriagada Villouta, Carlos Santiso (remote) and Aigul Kosherbayeva – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Sarah Lister, Head of Governance, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>Remarks by Department of International Relations, Federal Court of Accounts, Brazil (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/4</p>

Tuesday, 8 April	
Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Sustainable public finance (Item 7)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Sound, inclusive, science- and evidence-based public financial management for the SDGs” with Katarina Ott and Juraj Nemec – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Paolo de Renzio, Brazilian School of Public and Business Administration, Getulio Vargas Foundation, on the political economy of public financial management reforms (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/5</p>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Side event on “FutureGov: Building Public Sector Capabilities for the Future”, co-organized by UN DESA and UNDP, Conference Room A

Tuesday, 8 April	
<p>Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Leveraging key advances in building strong institutions and governance for climate action, focusing on clean energy transition (Item 9)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Effective governance for extreme heat: integrating institutional frameworks with the clean energy transition” with Linda Bilmes and Mauricio Rodas – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Yamini Aiyar, Soonae Park, Aminata Touré and Lan Xue</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Stephen Hammar, Chief Executive Officer, New York Climate Exchange</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/7</p>
Wednesday, 9 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Dedicated consultation with observers (Item 11)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair with responses and reflections by CEPA members</p> <p><i>Governance and institutional perspectives on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs</i> (input on agenda item 3)</p> <p>Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Economy and Planning – Ms. Hajar Algosair, Head of Sustainable Development Affairs</p> <p>South Asian Network for Public Administration – Mr. Akhlaque Haque, President, and Professor of Public Administration, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p> <p>United Nations Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative – Ms. Luisa Franco Machado, Founder & Executive Director, EquiLabs (remote)</p> <p><i>Principles of effective governance for delivery of equitable and sustainable development for all</i> (item 5)</p> <p>Egypt, Central Agency for Organization and Administration – H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ashraf Rashed, International Relations Advisor to the President of CAO and Chairperson of the African Peer Review Mechanism National Committee (remote)</p> <p>Azerbaijan, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic – H.E Mr. Ulvi Mehdiyev, Chairman</p> <p>Georgia, LEPL Public Service Hall – Mr. Vakhtang Zhvania, Chairperson</p>

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	<p><i>Role of Governments in ensuring transparency and accountability of artificial intelligence systems in public administration</i> (item 6)</p> <p>Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government – Mr. Fadi Salem, Director, Policy Research Department</p> <p>Indian Institute of Public Administration – Ms. Charru Malhotra, Senior Professor e-Governance and ICT</p> <p>Thailand, State Audit Office – Mr. Sutthi Suntharanurak, State Audit Advisor (remote)</p> <p><i>Sustainable public finance</i> (item 7)</p> <p>New York University – Mr. Paul Smoke, Professor of Public Finance and Planning and Acting Director, Center on International Cooperation</p> <p>United Nations Capital Development Fund – Mr. Mohammad Abbadi, Structuring and Financial instruments Advisor</p> <p>Institute of Public Administration of Canada – Mr. David Fulford, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><i>Strategies for changing mindsets in the public sector, retaining talent and attracting younger workers</i> (item 8)</p> <p>Dominican Republic, Ministry of Public Administration – Mr. Elvis Alexis Muñoz Peralta, Deputy Minister, Institutional Strengthening</p> <p>Hungary, Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development – Ms. Katalin Ágnes Uzsák, Deputy State Secretary</p> <p><i>Leveraging key advances in building strong institutions and governance for climate action, focusing on clean energy transition</i> (item 9)</p> <p>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Mr. Andrew Harper, Special Adviser on Climate Action (remote)</p> <p>Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (Philippines) – Ms. Rosemarie Casimiro, Dean, College of Public Administration and Disaster Management (remote)</p> <p>Erasmus University Rotterdam, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies – Mr. Alexander Los, Assistant Professor, Senior Specialist in Urban Environment and Climate Change (remote)</p> <p><i>Institution-building in post-conflict countries</i> (item 10)</p> <p>African Union Commission – Mr. Issaka Garba Abdou, Head, Governance and Human Rights (remote)</p>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	<p>Launch of a capacity-building initiative on innovating public service delivery to achieve the SDGs, co-organized by the Government of Azerbaijan and UN DESA, Conference Room 5</p>

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<p>Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Principles of effective governance for delivery of equitable and sustainable development for all (Item 5)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Principles of effective governance for delivery of equitable and sustainable development for all” with Najat Zarrouk and Sherifa Sherif – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Augustin Fosu and Juraj Nemec on good practices at the national level</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/3</p> <p><i>Followed by:</i></p> <p>Dialogue with UN agencies on strengthening governance systems in the transformation to sustainable development – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Mr. Riad Meddeb, Director, UNDP Energy Hub on strengthening energy systems governance</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Angélica Jácome, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations on strengthening food systems governance</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Vera Paquete Perdigao, Director, Governance and Tripartism Department, ILO on governance systems for jobs and social protection (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p>
Thursday, 10 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Peer exchange with voluntary national review countries and voluntary local review cities on experiences and promising practices in implementing SDGs 16 and 17 (Item 4)</p> <p>Convened by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Governance perspectives on building national resilience within a global context of multiple crises moderated by Aminata Touré</p> <p>Insights from Namibia – H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations</p> <p>Insights from Burkina Faso – Mr. Larba Issa Kobayagda, Director General of Economy and Planning, Ministry of Economy and Finance</p> <p>Reflections and suggestions by Linda Bilmes and Louis Meuleman</p>

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	<p>Institutionalizing commitments to safeguarding of the needs and interests of future generations moderated by Lan Xue</p> <p>Insights from Brazil – H.E. Ms. Cristina Kiomi Mori, Vice Minister, Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services</p> <p>Insights from Zimbabwe – Mr. Simon Masanga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare</p> <p>Reflections and suggestions by Alketa Peci and Aigul Kosherbayeva</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p>
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Annual meeting of United Nations Public Administration Network, organized by UN DESA, Conference Room A
<p>Afternoon meeting 3-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Strategies for changing mindsets in the public sector, retaining talent and attracting younger workers (Item 8)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Strategies for changing mindsets in the public sector, retaining talent and attracting younger workers” with Alketa Peci, Ronald Mendoza and Soonae Park – moderated by the Vice-Chair</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/6</p>
<p>4:30-6 p.m. [closed session]</p>	<p>Provisional agenda of the 25th session of the Committee (Item 12)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Discussion of proposals and documentation requirements</p> <p>Discussion of working methods</p> <p>Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the 25th session</p>

Friday, 11 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Institution building in post-conflict countries (Item 10)</p> <p>Expert panel on “Governance of mental health in post-conflict areas: leaving no one behind” with Paul Jackson, Lamia Moubayed Bissat and Katarina Ott – moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Remarks by Dr. Rabih EL Chammay, National Mental Health Programme, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon and former Chair, WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Mental Health (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p><i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/8</p>
<p>11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Adoption of the report on the 24th session (Item 13)</p> <p>Moderated by the Chair</p> <p>Presentation of draft report by the Rapporteur</p> <p>Review of recommendations and matters to be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Adoption of the draft report on the 24th session</p> <p>Closing of the session</p>