

Committee of Experts on Public Administration24th session, 7-11 April 2025

Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters (New York)

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

Programme of work as of 4 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.	Opening of the session Election of officers (Item 1) Remarks by H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council Remarks by Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (Item 2) <i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/1
	Institutional aspects of the theme of the 2025 session of ECOSOC and the 2025 HLPF (Item 3) 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 Remarks by CEPA working group leads <i>Together with:</i> Consideration of CEPA contribution to the HLPF and ECOSOC theme for 2025 by all members Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations <i>Documentation:</i> E/C.16/2025/2
1-3 p.m.	No meeting scheduled

Monday, 7 April	
<p>Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.</p>	<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 Mr. Erick Muzart Fonseca dos Santos, Auditor, Federal Court of Accounts, Brazil (remote)</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations</p> <p>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/4</p>

Tuesday, 8 April	
<p>Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	<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>Documentation: E/C.16/2025/5</p>
<p>1:30-2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Side event on “FutureGov: Building Public Sector Capabilities for the Future”, co-organized by UN DESA and UNDP, Conference Room A</p>

Tuesday, 8 April	
Afternoon meeting 3-6 p.m.	<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>Remarks by Mr. Akash Deep, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University</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	
Morning meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<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>

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	<p>Georgia, LEPL Public Service Hall – Mr. Vakhtang Zhvania, Chairperson</p> <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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Afternoon meeting
3-6 p.m.

Principles of effective governance for delivery of equitable and sustainable development for all (Item 5)

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

Remarks by Augustin Fosu and Juraj Nemec on good practices at the national level

Remarks by Mr. Younes Abouyoub, Chief, Governance and State Building Section, ESCWA on effective public governance for sustainable development in the Arab region

Interactive dialogue with CEPA members, Member States, United Nations system and civil society organizations

Documentation: [E/C.16/2025/3](#)

Followed by:

Dialogue with UN agencies on strengthening governance systems in the transformation to sustainable development – moderated by the Vice-Chair

Remarks by Mr. Riad Meddeb, Director, UNDP Energy Hub on strengthening energy systems governance (remote)

Remarks by Ms. Angélica Jácome, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations on strengthening food systems governance

Remarks by Ms. Vera Paquete Perdigao, Director, Governance and Tripartism Department, ILO on governance systems for jobs and social protection (remote)

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Thursday, 10 April

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

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)

Convened by the Vice-Chair

Governance perspectives on building national resilience within a global context of multiple crises moderated by Aminata Touré

Insights from Namibia – H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations

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	<p>Insights from Burkina Faso – Mr. Larba Issa Kobyagda, Director General of Economy and Planning, Ministry of Economy and Finance</p> <p>Reflections and suggestions by Linda Bilmes and Louis Meuleman</p> <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
Afternoon meeting 3-4:30 p.m.	<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>
4:30-6 p.m. [closed session]	<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	
Morning meeting 10-11:30 a.m.	<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. Rabi 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>
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	<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>