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High Light of Accomplishments and Future strategic activities

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Thematic Focus

- Redesigning and reconfiguration of governance systems and institutions
- Ethics, transparency and accountability in the Public Sector
- Reforming institutions of the public service
- Strengthening the human resource capacity including leadership
- Elevating the image, values and status of the public service
- Strengthening decentralized governance for poverty reduction
- Building capacities of governance and public administration for managing conflict
- Focus on special needs of Africa
- Reconstructing governance and public administration after violent conflict

Highlight of Accomplishments (From April 2004 to April 2005)

A: Ad Hoc Expert group Meetings

- Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Unlocking the Human Potential for Public Sector Performance (in collaboration with the IPMA)**
- Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Decentralized Governance for Effective Service Delivery: In collaboration with the Regional Assembly of Tuscany (Italy) and European Regional Assemblies**

High Lights continued

B: United Nations Public Service Day Celebrations & United Nations Public Service Awards

- Awards ceremony
- Public Service day Video Conference
- Development Administration News Letter on Innovations in Governance and Public Administration for Poverty Reduction
- Launch and preparations for the Awards of June 2005

C: Country Profiles on Public Administration 119 countries completed

D: World Public Sector Report on Unlocking the Human Potential for Public Sector Performance

E: Publications

(i): Searching for Innovations in Governance and Public Administration for Poverty Reduction: Concepts, Experiences, and Lessons for the Future

(ii): Leadership and Social Transformation in the Public Sector: Moving from Challenges to Solutions

(iii): Reconstructing Governance and Public Administration for Peaceful, Sustainable Development

Highlights continued

F: Focus on Special Needs of Africa

- Governance and Public Administration Program of NEPAD
- Leadership Capacity Development Program
- Three Ministerial Meetings (Kampala and Johannesburg) On Leadership Capacity Building and on Re-inventing Government
- Partnerships with Ministers of Public Service & Directors of IPAs and MDIs
- Partnerships with Ministers in charge of Local Governments & Local Governments Associations (e.g AULA, MDP, European Regional Assemblies,)

Focus on Africa continued

- **Strengthening Parliaments' Information Systems in Africa - A regional capacity-building initiative (8 Parliaments in Africa including the Pan African Parliament)**

Future Perspective April 2005 to April 2006

A: International Taskforce on Standards of Excellence in Public Administration Education and Training (aiming at the following outputs):

- **A statement on standards of excellence (criteria for judging the excellence) for Public administration education and training,**
- **Three papers providing conceptual background and identified best practices in assessment and control of the quality of Public Administration education and training.**
- **A paper focusing on an objective methodology for assessing the quality of education and training in Public Administration.**
- **An inventory of existing IPAs.**
- **A UNDESA/IASIA joint publication on “Standards of Excellence in Public Administration Education and Training”.**

- Ministerial Conference on Leadership Capacity Building for decentralized governance and Poverty Reduction Sub-Saharan Africa (Kigali Rwanda 6-8 June 2005)
- Ministerial Seminar on Ethics and Professionalism in the Public Service (Athens, Greece, June 2005)
- Meeting of the Pan African Conference of Ministers of Public Service (dates and venue) to be decided
- Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting on Transferring Best Practices and Innovations in Public Administration (Tunis, Tunisia, June 2005)
- United Nations Public Service Awards and Public Service Day celebrations
- Launching the World Public Sector Report
- Linking the Africa Governance Inventory with the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
- Establishing Observatory for Decentralized Governance and Decentralized Cooperation
- Strengthening linkage and collaboration with Africa Union and NEPAD in governance and Public Administration Capacity building in Africa