

**Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Seventeenth session, 23-27 April 2018**

United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 1

PROGRAMME OF WORK

as of 19 April 2018

Monday, 23 April 2017

10:00-11:00 **Welcome** by *Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNDESA Statistics Division and Officer-in-Charge, UNDESA Division for Public Administration and Development Management*

Election of officers [item 1]

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Opening of the session

Opening remarks by *H.E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council*

Opening remarks by *Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs*

11:00-12:00 **Briefing on the current United Nations context**

Presentation on ECOSOC and High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, review of implementation of SDG 16 and role of CEPA in the UN system by *Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, UNDESA Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development*

Discussion on expectations for the 17th session, working methods of the Committee and rules of procedure led by the *Chair*

12:00-13:00 **Buzz session on global and regional megatrends and implications for building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels – discussion** led by the *Chair*

13:15-14:45 *UNPSA sessional working group (Conference Room D) [closed]*

15:00-18:00 **Promoting policy and institutional coherence among the SDGs to be reviewed in-depth by the high-level political forum and the other SDGs [item 3 (a)]**

Expert panel moderated by the Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Mr. Louis Meuleman*

Appraising institutional capacity for policy integration – remarks by *Ms. Bridget Katsriku*

Reflections on national experiences

Policy coherence in the Netherlands – remarks by *Ms. Sandra Pellegrom, Counsellor and Head of Economic/Social Department, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands*

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

Tuesday, 24 April 2017

10:00-13:00 **Elaborating principles of effective governance for sustainable development building on the work of the 16th session [item 4 (a)]**

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Mr. Geert Bouckaert, Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi and Ms. Ora-orn Poocharoen*

Reflections on related experiences and initiatives

OECD's experience with policy frameworks and standards relating to governance practices – remarks by *Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director, Public Governance Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development*

African Union perspective on principles of effective governance for sustainable development – remarks by *Mr. Osten Chulu, SDGs/Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism*

Governance indicators and potential interaction with principles and practices of effective governance – remarks by *Mr. Osvaldo Borges, Chairman of the Secretariat of the Praia Group on governance statistics – by video link from Cabo Verde*

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

13:15-14:45 UNPSA sessional working group (Conference Room D) [closed]

15:00-18:00 **Building capacities and effectively mobilizing, allocating and managing budgetary resources for implementation of the 2030 Agenda** [item 3 (b)]

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Mr. Juraj Nemec*

Prospects for transformation of public financial management in least developed countries – remarks by *Ms. Cristina Duarte*

Strengthening local finance through sub-national budget transparency and public participation – remarks by *Ms. Katarina Ott*

Reflections on national experiences

Targeting the poor: improving social security expenditure to leave no one behind – remarks by *H.E. Mr. Alberto Beltrame, Minister of Social Development, Brazil*

Developing a medium-term revenue strategy – remarks by *Ms. Doris Akol, Commissioner General, Uganda Revenue Authority*

Budgeting for the SDGs – remarks by *Ms. Anjali Garg, International Budget Partnership*

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

18:15-20:00 Reception for participants (DC2-17th floor)

Wednesday, 25 April 2017

10:00-13:00 **Building the awareness, competencies and skills of civil servants at the national and local levels** [item 3 (c)]

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Ms. Margaret Kobia*

Preparing civil servants to adapt to the SDGs – remarks by *Mr. Ma Hezu*

Readying institutions for implementation of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening core skills and competencies of the civil service – remarks by *Ms. Joan Mendez*

Reflections on national experiences

Information technology skills and abilities of public servants and new approaches to public service delivery – remarks by *Mr. Fridole Ballén Duque, Commissioner, National Civil Service Commission, Colombia*

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

13:15-14:45 UNPSA sessional working group (Conference Room D) [closed]

15:00-16:30 Participation and engagement in implementing the SDGs and contributing to progress [items 4 (b), 4 (d) and 5 (b)]

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Mr. Gowher Rizvi*

Stakeholder engagement in post-conflict countries – remarks by *Mr. Paul Jackson*

Multi-stakeholder monitoring to implement SDG 16 – remarks by *Mr. Jairo Acuña-Alfaro, Governance and Peacebuilding Division, United Nations Development Programme*

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

16:30-18:00 Nature and challenges of misconduct and corruption in the public sector and ways forward [item 4 (c)]

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

The question of whistle-blower protection – introduction of the topic by *Mr. Linus Toussaint Mendjana*

Implementation of UNCAC Article 33 on protection of reporting persons – remarks by *Ms. Constanze Von Soehnen, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime* – by video link from Vienna

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

Thursday, 26 April 2017

10:00-12:00 **Supporting the transformation of societies required under the 2030 Agenda by enhancing and equipping institutions in urban and rural communities**
[items 4 (e) and 5 (a)]

Expert panel moderated by Vice-Chair

Introduction of the topic by *Mr. Ali Hamsa* – by video link from Putrajaya, Malaysia

The evolving relationship between public administration and society and role of open government systems – remarks by *Mr. Gregorio Montero*

Revisiting relations between central and local administrations in support of the SDGs – remarks by *Mr. Abdelhak Saihi*

Reflections on global issues and trends

Governance issues pertaining to sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration – remarks by a representative of the *United Nations Commission on Population and Development*

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

12:00-13:00 **Discussion of draft CEPA contribution to the 2018 thematic review of the High-Level Political Forum**

13:15-14:30 *Working Together: Integration, Institutions and the SDGs – side event showcasing the World Public Sector Report 2018 (Conference Room 1)*

13:15-14:45 *UNPSA sessional working group (Conference Room D) [closed]*

15:00-16:30 *Meeting of the UN Public Administration Network partners (Room S-2723) [closed]*

Friday, 27 April 2017

08:30-09:30 Consultation with interested CEPA members on the World Public Sector Report 2019
(Conference Room D) [closed]

10:00-10:30 **Promoting innovation and excellence in public services for sustainable development: United Nations Public Service Awards** – report of the sessional working group by the *Chair of the group*

10:30-13:00 **Provisional agenda of the 18th session** [item 6]

Discussion of proposals

Discussion of documentation requirements and working methods

Adoption of the provisional agenda for the 18th session

15:00-16:30 **Adoption of the report on the 17th session** [item 7]

Review of recommendations and matters to be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council

Review of draft report

Adoption of the report of the 17th session

Closing of the session