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PRESENTATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS (UNPSA)

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Background and Introduction

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The United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service. It was launched in 2003 after the UN General Assembly had, in 2002, designated the 23 June of every year, the United Nations Public Service Day to promote in the public service initiative, creativity, innovation and continuous performance improvement in the delivery of services . The United Nations Public Service Awards program is managed by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-WOMEN).



Mandates and Milestones

- **2003: Launch**
- **September 2015: GA reiterates mandate: Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide assistance... including through .. the United Nations Public Service Awards ...**, providing assistance in institution-building and improving the integration and coordination, as well as the innovation, of public sector initiatives and activities in sustainable development
- **2016: Award's review.**

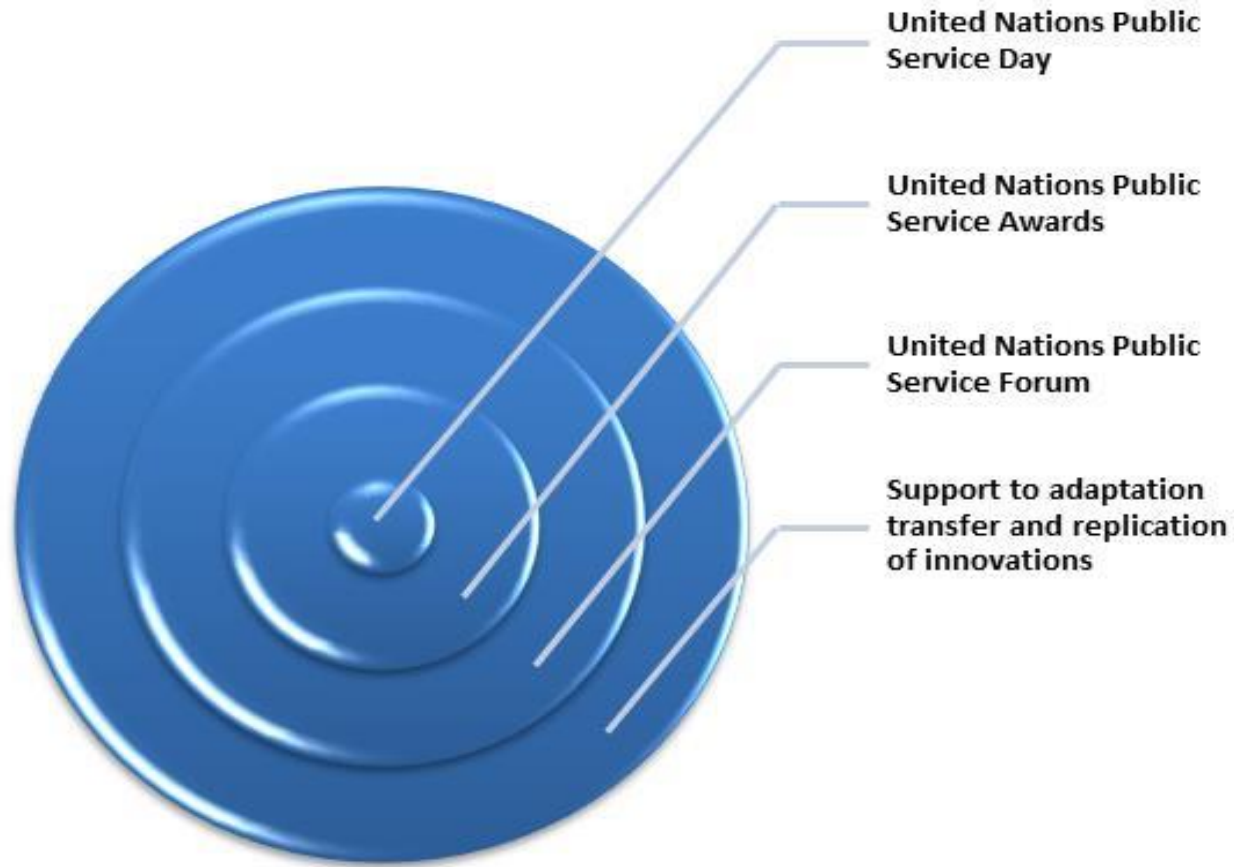


Awards review: *Aligning with the SDGs*

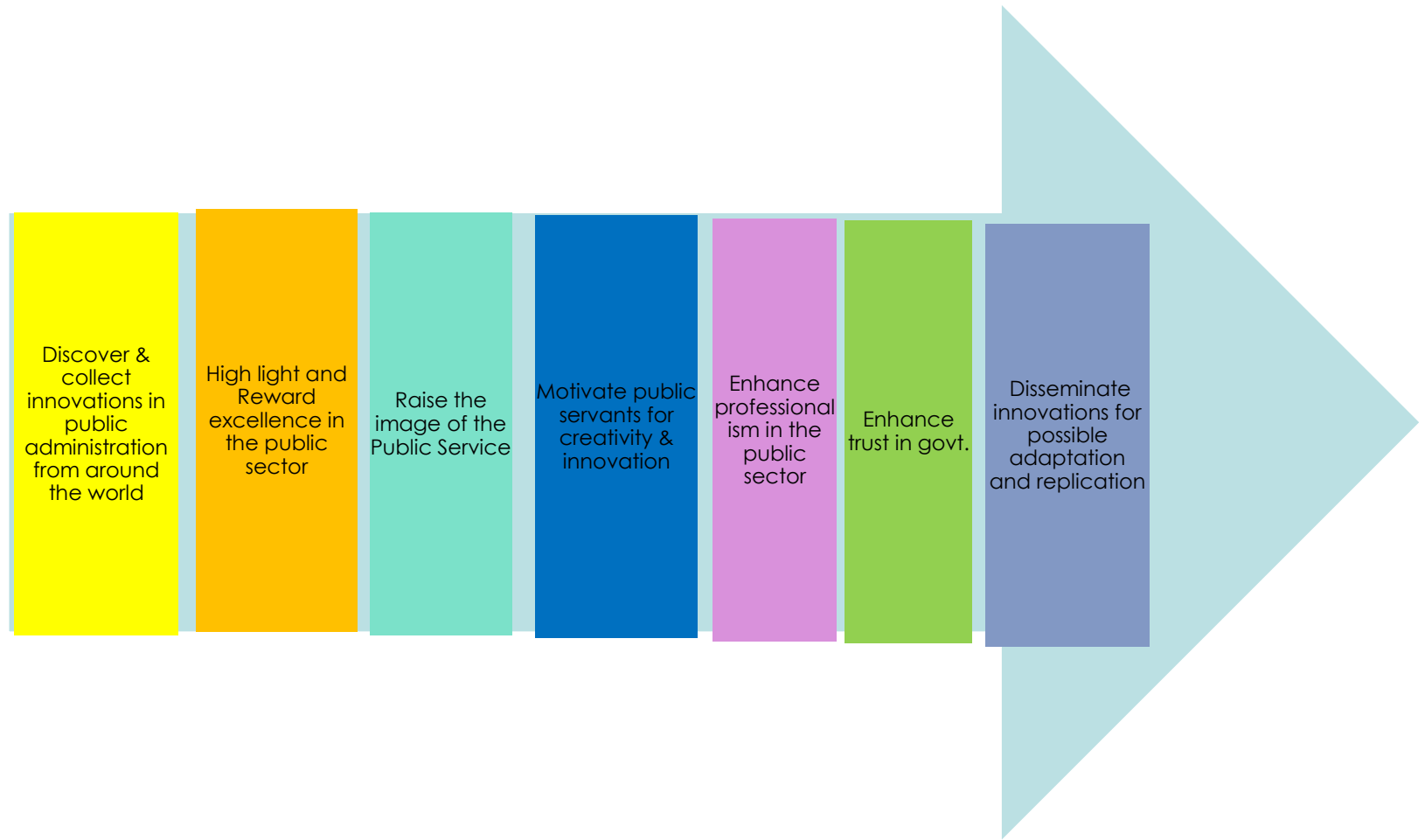
- Questionnaire to CEPA Members and further brainstorming at 15 th session
- On going review by DESA Task Force and Directors
- Questionnaire to 8 organizations having awards



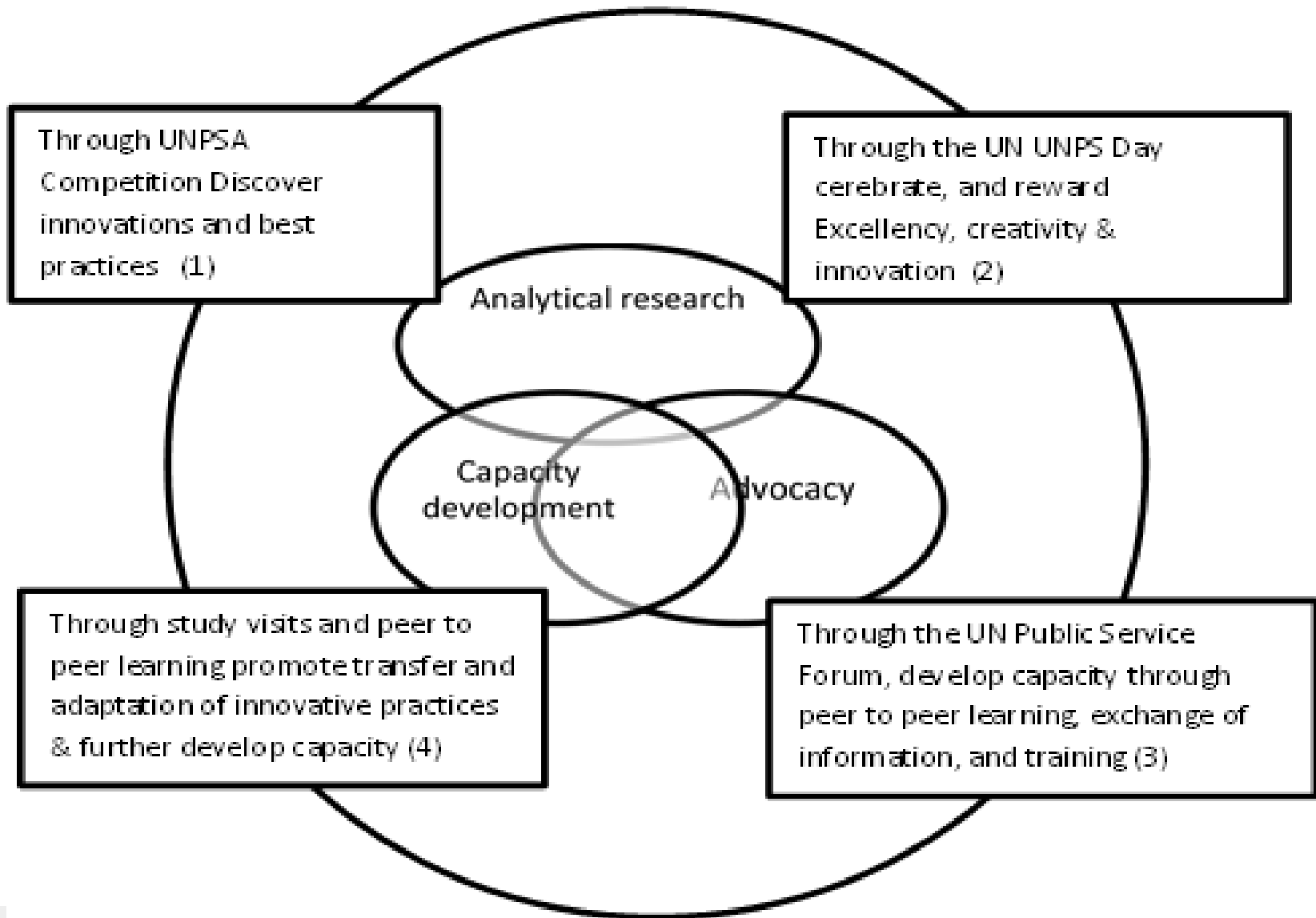
Three components of the United Nations Public Service Awards Program (UNPSA)



Purpose and objectives of the UNPSA program



An integrated view of the UNPSA Program combining the mandated functions of the DESA/DPADM: Advocacy, analytical research and Capacity Development



Categories of the UNPSA

- **Improving the delivery of services**
- **Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms**
- **Promoting Whole-of-Government Approaches in the Information Age**
- **Promoting gender-responsive public service delivery**



Relevance and usefulness of the UNPSA

- **Enhances the awareness of the importance of public service to development**
- **Encourages and promotes creativity and innovation in the public service**
- **Assists in sharing experiences and information about service delivery**
- **Helps in learning about the delivery of public services in other countries**
- **Helps increase networking with other public servants**
- **Helps motivate public servants to work harder and better**
- **Helps make working in the Public Service more attractive for young recruits**



Publicity and outreach for the UNPSA program

1. Holding briefing sessions with missions of members States at the UN in NY
2. Posting on the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN)Website
3. Press release by DPI to all its offices
4. Letters to all Ministries responsible for Public service
5. Letters to all Members of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN)
6. Letters to members of the International Association of Institutes and Schools of Administration (IASIA)
7. Letters to all UNDP country offices requesting them to publicize the UNPSA competition in the countries
8. Letters to all UN Regional Commissions requesting them to publicize the UNPSA competition in the region
9. Letters to all CEPA members requesting them to publicize the competition
10. Letters to all past winners and nominees announcing the Competition
11. Letters to Members of the Innovators' network



Next Steps

- **Synthesis of all consultations – by mid May**
- **Presentation of the new format of the Award by the SG by late May**
- **SG's decision on the new format of the Award: UN Public Service Day on 23 June**
- **Launch of the process of application for the new award: July**





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