

Principles of Governance

Discussion

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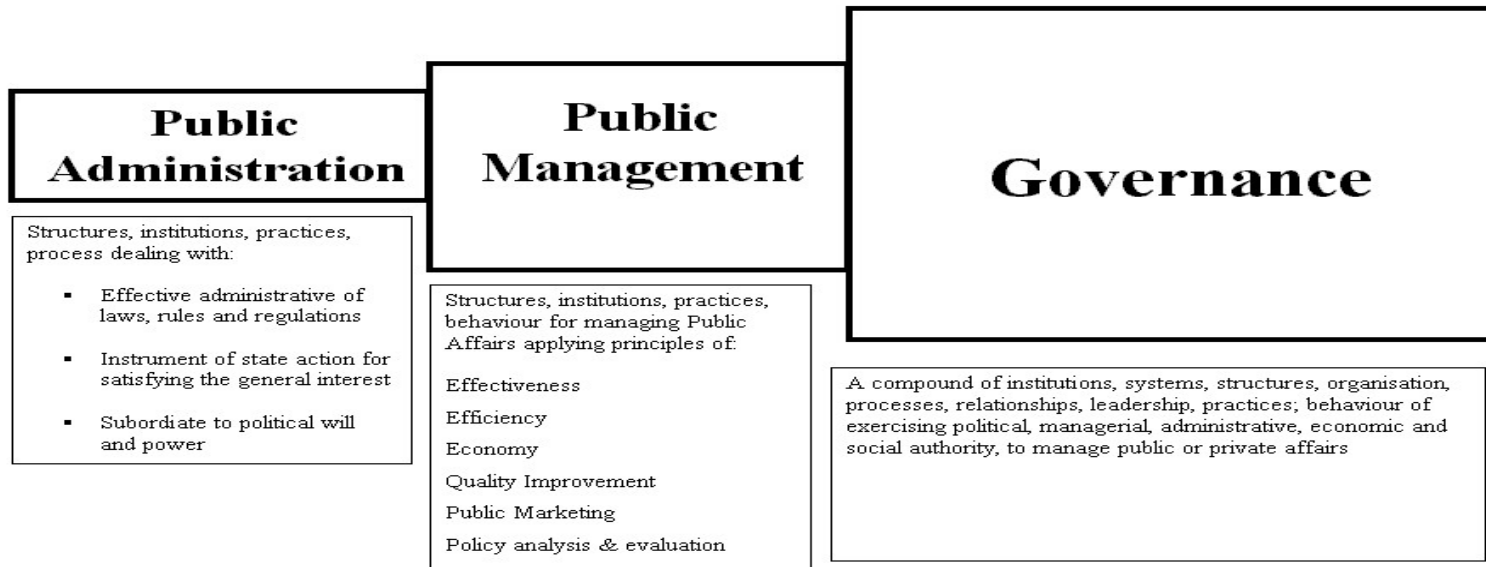
- Range of definitions
- Multiple sources
- Language can be problematic
- Authority and context not always clear
- Ever expanding constituent elements as thinking evolves and wording of international agreements develops over time.



- “Governance is the exercise of political, economic and administrative authority in the management of a country's affairs at all levels. It encompasses yet transcends the State to include the private sector and civil society organizations” (United Nations Development Programme, 1997).
- “Method through which power is exercised in the management of a country’s political, economic and social resources for development” (World Bank, 1993)

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“Governance refers to sustaining coordination and coherence among a wide variety of actors with different purposes and objectives”.

“Governance is the process whereby societies or organizations make important decisions, determine whom they involve and how they render account”.

“The action or manner of governing” (Oxford Dictionary)



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- Consolidate explanation of Governance and associated terms into an easily understood and accessed guide?
- Further, develop a 'self assessment' set of questions linked to Governance aspects of 'Moving from Commitments to Results'?
- Consider process and participation

