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Transforming public institutions for implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals

Building inclusive public institutions and policies for sustainable development

New York, 18 April – Independent experts from 24 countries will meet from 18 to 22 April at UN Headquarters in New York to recommend practical measures that governments should take to equip institutions to meet the challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 15th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) meets as governments around the world undertake transformative actions to implement the SDGs. From ending poverty and hunger to achieving gender equality and protecting the planet, well-functioning institutions are cornerstones of sustainable development and essential to achieve positive results in health, education, agriculture, trade, environment and all other areas where public service plays a role.

Effective, accountable and inclusive public institutions are essential for achieving the 17 Goals and associated targets. To this end, Governments need to work together to promote more coherent and integrated public policies to benefit the poorest and most vulnerable. Practical measures for Governments also include the need to break down silos and recognize the multiple interconnections between SDG areas, focus on inclusive and participatory decision-making, and ensure effective and innovative governance and responsive public service delivery, transparency and open government.

“Transforming public institutions is essential to support the type of inclusive and integrated policies needed to realize the sustainable development goals.” said Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, in his opening remarks at the 15th session of CEPA.

The meeting will highlight how to equip public institutions to support the realization of the SDGs. Governments across the globe have a central role to play in creating a favorable environment to foster economic growth, social cohesion and environmental protection.

About the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA):

CEPA meets annually and is responsible for supporting the work of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the promotion and development of public administration and governance among the UN Member States. The Committee will adopt a report for ECOSOC with conclusion and recommendations on transforming public institutions for the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs. It will contribute to the thematic review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development on “Ensuring that No One is Left Behind”.

More information:

<http://publicadministration.un.org/en/cepa/session15>

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