



The ACSH panel session

“Modern Trends and Challenges of Public Service in Post-Soviet and transition countries”

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Date and Time: 9 March 2019, 16:45 – 18:45

Location: Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC (USA)

Venue: New York

Background:

Over the last three decades, transition countries have undergone major political and socio-economic reforms and their public administration systems have been modernized to a significant extent. Such changes also concern their public services, which have played a crucial role in the development of public administration and have contributed to the implementation of the government strategies, particularly in these countries that are still in the process of transforming the role of the state.

The countries in transition have a diverse and rich heritage influenced by the process of obtaining independence and the need to find innovative models of public service. Following their independence, these countries focused on addressing similar systemic challenges stemming from their previous undemocratic regimes, but in doing so they pursued different paths, given their rich but diverse heritage.

This panel aims at providing a comprehensive overview and analysis of public service reform in the aforementioned countries, as well as of the path each country chose in order to transform the prevalent totalitarian systems of governance into democratic ones based on the rule of law, as well as to convert their command-and-control economics into market-based ones.

Objectives & Expected Results

The main objective of the panel session is to analyze the progress made in public service over the past thirty years, as well as to identify the challenges transition countries face and to weigh their prospects in their pursuit for further development. Moreover, this panel session aspires to highlight lessons learnt and good practice in the transition countries' efforts to enhance government agencies capacity, to build an effective, citizen-oriented, and sustainable public administration system, and to adopt adequate legal and institutional frameworks.

In sum, the main expected results of this panel are:

- To consolidate achievements and lessons learnt from public service reform efforts of the past thirty years of the countries in question;
- To identify the most pressing challenges and issues in the area of public service development in the years ahead;
- To develop partnerships for knowledge sharing and mutual benefits.

The core speakers of the panel are experts and practitioners of government agencies and institutions from the following countries: Afghanistan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, North Macedonia, and Ukraine.

16:45-17:00	Opening remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alikhan Baimenov, Chairman of the Steering Committee, Astana Civil Service Hub (ACSH) • Mr. William P. Shields, Executive Director, American Society of Public Administration • Mr. Erzhan Kazykhanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States • Dr. Pan Suk Kim, Former Minister of Personnel Management of the Republic of Korea and Professor of Public Administration, College of Government and Business, Yonsei University • Mr. Alik Shpekbayev, Chairman, Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption 	
17:00-18:00	Presenters*	Moderator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ahmad Nader Nadery, Chairman, Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission of Afghanistan <i>"Public Administration Reform in Conflict Situation"</i> • Mr. Adrian Ermurachi, Deputy Secretary General, Government of the Republic of Moldova <i>"Public service management in the Republic of Moldova: Lessons, Challenges and Future perspectives"</i> • Mr. Volodymyr Kuprii, First Deputy Head, National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service <i>"Public Administration Reform in Ukraine: progress and priorities"</i> • Mr. Jahi Jahija, State Secretary, Ministry of Information Society and Administration, North Macedonia, Member of Advisory board of the ACSH <i>"Organization of state bodies in Northern Macedonia"</i> • Mr. Zharkyn Tleukenov, Director of Civil Service Department, Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption <i>"Development of the public service system of Kazakhstan"</i> • Mr. Henadzi Palchyk, Rector, Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus <i>"Development of Lifelong Learning System for Civil Service in the Republic of Belarus"</i> • Mr. Almaz Nasyrov, Member of Steering Committee of the ACSH, <i>"Current needs for capacity building of civil servants in the context of civil service reform in the Kyrgyz Republic"</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Panos Liverakos Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Civil Service Reform and Practice; Member of the ACSH Advisory Board
18:00 - 18:40	Discussants*	
	<p>Q&A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Stephen E. Condrey, President, Condrey and Associates, Inc. • Mr. Guido Bertucci, Executive Director, Governance Solutions International, USA • Ms. Ludmila Gajdosova, Executive Director of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) • Dr. Ali Farazmand, Professor and Editor-in-Chief IJPA, POR, Global encyclopedia of PA, PP, Gov; Founder and Director, Global Research on Open and Accountable Government • Dr. Chester A. Newland, Emeritus Distinguished Professor, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California • Dr. Demetrios Argyriades, Adjunct Professor of Public Administration, John Jay College, City University of New York 	
18:40-18:45	Wrap-up	