

HEADLINES

Calling all innovative public institutions, who strive to excel in public service delivery for the SDGs



Every year, the United Nations awards innovative public-service initiatives that support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA). The Award aims to promote and reward innovative achievements and contributions of public institutions for realizing the goals. It is open to all public organizations, including central and local governments and public institutions engaged in public-private partnerships for delivering services. The nominations for the 2019 award has just opened, and UN DESA is now calling for recommendations!

Do you know of any innovative public-service initiatives that contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, its 17 goals (SDGs), and the core principle of the 2030 Agenda of leaving no one behind? Then nominate them for the UNPSA 2019!

This year's awards will reward the achievements and contributions of public service institutions in five categories:

1. Delivering inclusive and equitable services to leave no one behind;
2. Ensuring integrated approaches in the public-sector institutions;
3. Developing effective and accountable public institutions;

4. Promoting digital transformation in public-sector institutions; and
5. Promoting gender responsive public services to achieve the SDGs

Get involved and nominate your favorite initiative to win the UNPSA 2019. [Apply online by 30 November 2018!](#)

Launch of the 2018 United Nations E-Government Survey



The *2018 UN E-Government Survey*, a bi-annual UNDESA publication, was launched on 19 July. Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Mr. Liu Zhenmin delivered the keynote address. Member States who have made significant progress in implementing their digital government strategies delivered a presentation on their country experiences, highlighting the importance of the *Survey* as a policy tool. Denmark, Australia, and the Republic of Korea are the top scorers on the E-Government Development Index (EGDI), which measures countries' use of information and communications technologies to deliver public services. The 2018 Survey provides new insights on how Member States can use e-government and information technologies to build sustainable and resilient societies and support the 2030 Agenda.

For more information, [click here](#).

2018 IIAS Congress



The 2018 International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Congress took place on 25-29 June in Tunis, Tunisia. It was organized by IIAS and the National School of Administration (ENA) Tunis, under the High Patronage of the Presidency of the Government of the Tunisian Republic. It gathered 300 participants.

It focused on the theme “Strive, Adapt, Maintain: Administrative Resilience”. Resilience refers to the ability of governance systems to cope with external pressures, maintain themselves, avoid collapse, and achieve policy outcomes.

For more information, [click here](#).

2018 IASIA-LAGPA Conference



The 2018 Conference of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) and the Latin American Group for Public Administration (LAGPA) took place in Lima, Peru on 23-26 July. The conference was organized in close cooperation with the Autoridad Nacional del

Servicio Civil (SERVIR) and the Universidad Católica Sedes Sapientiae (UCSS).

The conference brought together more than 220 academics, practitioners and PhD students from 40 countries. For four days, conference participants discussed the main conference topic Globalization, Territories and Integration as well as the vital topics of our permanent working groups, LAGPA sessions and special panels.

For more information, [click here](#).

2018 EGPA Annual Conference



The 2018 EGPA Annual Conference took place in Lausanne, Switzerland on 5-7 September and was preceded by EGPA PhD Symposium on 3-4 September and by EPPA Final Conference on 4-5 September.

The 2018 EGPA Conference was organized by EGPA in close cooperation with the IDHEAP, the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration/UNIL.

More than 483 participants from 42 countries participated to the sessions organized by the 22 permanent study groups and seminars. More than 390 papers were presented at this occasion on key PA issues.

For more information, [click here](#).

The 9th SADC UNPAN Workshop



The Centre of Public Service Innovation (CPSI), supported by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), coordinated the 9th Southern African Development Community (SADC) UNPAN Workshop under the theme: “The Future Public Service in the context of the 4th Industrial Revolution: Implications for UNPAN”. The workshop took place on the 28 - 29 May in Mauritius.

Following the opening and welcome session, Deputy Minister for Public Service and Administration in South Africa Dr. Makgathatso Majake-Pilane gave a keynote address. She urged representatives from the various member states of the SADC region to think beyond individual interests and focus on transforming the Africa they love and desire. Deputy Minister Majake-Pilane also elaborated on the African Union (AU) 2063 Agenda.

Minister for Civil Services in Mauritius Cyril Eddy Boissezon, echoed the sentiments of Deputy Minister Majake-Pilane and highlighted the importance of capacity building within UNPAN.

Mrs. Packiry Chonien, a Mauritian official, gave a brief overview on how the Registrar of Companies, Corporate and Business Registration Department (CBRD) had shifted from inward-looking, bureaucratic systems, processes and attitudes towards innovative ways of responding to the needs of the public first.

Mr Anir Choudhary, the Bangladesh Policy Advisor identified paradigms which would bring about an inclusive innovation culture to time-wasting and costly travelling to city centres such as services going to citizens. Other critical issues that were discussed included Agenda 2030.

The workshop concluded that each member state should henceforth assume the role of a SADC UNPAN Champions by working together and promoting the use of the Portal amongst the member state.

For more information, [click here](#).

Fore-sighting as an Affective Planning Tool to Improve Public Sector Service Delivery



The Centre of Public Service Innovation (CPSI) together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held a Foresighting Workshop on 9 July in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. Foresighting provides new tools to gather

intelligence about the future and forecasting can be used.

The purpose of the workshop was to guide the Eastern Cape provincial government in finding sustainable alternative planning tools that will have a positive impact towards the future.

During the workshop, the province further expressed an interest in foresight as an alternative planning method to accelerate service delivery.

The objective of the workshop was to promote fore-sighting as an alternative planning tool with proven impact. There were many challenges that were raised during the workshop and, as it were, many of these did not need any budget to resolve. Fore-sighting provides a credible alternative that enables communities to play a significant role as partners of government, by contributing immensely towards government achieving Vision 2030 of the National Development Plan and the SDGs.

Delegates were taken through a series of tools used in fore-sighting using current planning challenges as a basis. Furthermore, delegates were also introduced to design thinking tools as part of the workshop.

The workshop was well received as it brought new approaches to the attention of the Eastern Cape Province, it empowered the government and it promoted development cooperation between the UNDP and province.

For more information, [click here](#).

WAEMU Regional Workshop on E-Commerce



The regional workshop on e-commerce is organized by UNCTAD and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) in Burkina Faso. The workshop will present the Rapid eTrade Readiness Assessments carried out by UNCTAD in Burkina Faso, Senegal and Togo, and is also the first step in the preparation of a regional plan. The workshop also benefits from the participation of eTrade for all partners such as the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the World Bank, the African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the African Development Bank (ADB).

Find out more about the meeting and the Rapid eTrade Readiness Assessments, [click here](#).

See the press release [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Asia-Pacific Symposium



UN-DESA's Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), through its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), will organize the Regional Asia-Pacific Symposium in Incheon, Republic of Korea, with support from the Government of the Republic of Korea. The Symposium will provide a platform for decision-makers to discuss challenges and share knowledge on how to strengthen public governance and bolster capacities of public institutions to implement the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific. It will also focus on the key role that partnerships can play in achieving the SDGs, including partnerships between developed and developing countries.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Internet Governance Forum 2018



The thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), hosted by the Government of France, will take place in Paris, France, from 12 - 14 November. With the theme of "The Internet of Trust", the

Forum seeks to highlight open and inclusive discussions around global internet issues including: addressing the digital divide; how is artificial intelligence and frontier technologies affecting humankind; cyber security; gender equality; what is the impact on sustainable development; and how does a digital future ensure our human rights.

For more information, please [click here](#).

XXIII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform



The XXIII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform that will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 6-9 November. The Congress is organized by the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD), the Government of Mexico, University of Guadalajara and the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) of Mexico.

The following thematic areas will be discussed at the Congress:

- Professionalization, ethics, integrity and social sensitivity as the basis of the public service in the 21st century.
- Evaluation, quality management and innovation as tools for the effectiveness of public institutions.

- Local management and decentralization from the perspective of cities' sustainable development.
- Inclusive public administration: gender equality, youth and disability integration as a basis of human development.
- Public law, fundamental rights and legal guarantees as essential elements of the right to good administration.
- Management Models and public policies within the framework of SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.
- Open Government from the perspective of transparency, technology, citizen participation, collaboration and social networks in the public management.
- General trends in reform and modernization of public administration.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Call for Paper: The 20th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research



The Digital Government Society (DGS) will hold the 20th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o 2019), with the theme "Governance in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". DG.o 2019 will be hosted by the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 18-20 June, 2019. The dg.o conferences are an established forum for presentation, discussion, and demonstration of

interdisciplinary research on digital government, political participation, civic engagement, technology innovation, applications, and practice.

For more information, please [click here](#).
For paper submission, please [click here](#).

The UAE Public Policy Forum



The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) will hold its 3rd annual Public Policy Forum in Dubai from 27-28 Jan 2019, under the theme of "Accelerating SDGs Implementations through Digital Transformation". The conference will bring together senior policy makers, thought leaders and practitioners to explore critical policy questions for the region around accelerating the implementations of the SDGs, including digital governance, data-driven policymaking, smart and sustainable cities policies, artificial intelligence implications for development, policy coherence requirements, among others. The Forum aims to contribute to the local and global efforts to accelerate the SDGs implementations through proactive discussions on future directions of sustainability policies in the age of big data, artificial intelligence, smart cities and universal digital transformation.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Africa E-Commerce Week



The first Africa E-Commerce Week is being jointly organized United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the African Union and the European Union, in Nairobi from 10 - 14 December. The event is hosted by the Government of Kenya and implemented in collaboration with partners of the eTrade for all initiative. The European Commission, the Government of Kenya and the Germany Agency for International Cooperation have made financial contributions to the event.

Under the theme 'Empowering African economies in the digital era', the Africa eCommerce Week will examine ways to enhance the ability of African countries to engage in and benefit from e-commerce and the evolving digital economy. It will bring together Ministers, other senior government representatives, the private sector, civil society and international organizations for a week-long dialogue to identify innovative ways for shaping the African digital economy.

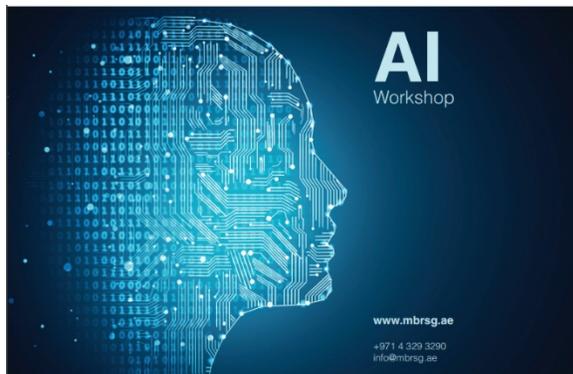
For more information, please [click here](#).

From Policy Design to Policy Practice



The 27th The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration (NISPAcee) Annual Conference "From Policy Design to Policy Practice" will be organized in Prague, Czech Republic on 24-26 May 2019. The event is organized in co-operation with Masaryk University, Brno and Charles University, Prague. [Application for paper proposals](#) is currently open for the Main Theme Session, General Session, PhD Pre-conference Seminar, 8 different research working groups and 5 panels. The deadline for applications is October 31.

Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Policy Makers



Governing the rise of Artificial Intelligence is a critical 3-day Executive Education Program for leaders in key decision-making roles coming from governments, the industry, research, nonprofits and international organizations. Cohorts brought together for this Executive Education Program are international and interdisciplinary. They include civil servants from Ministries of Science & Technology, Defense, Home Affairs, Healthcare, Industry, Economy & Finance, specialized research and regulation agencies, as well as scientists, entrepreneurs, financiers, local and regional government officials, elected representatives and industry representatives. The learning objectives of the course include:

1. Examine the global and regional landscape and the dynamics of the rise of artificial intelligence
2. Understand the ethical and political dynamics of the development, dissemination, and implementation of AI in the MENA region.
3. Equip participants with an analytical framework, as well as a set of tools and

interpretative methods to enable them to exercise governance of AI, including policymaking, management, funding, evaluation, etc.

4. Identify strategies to shape, deploy and interact with governance and policy frameworks across different sectors (including education, healthcare, transportation, finance, economy, defense and security) and geographies

For more information, please [click here](#).

eTrade For All newsletter – September 2018



The September 2018 edition of the eTrade for all newsletter offers a snapshot of the Rapid eTrade Readiness Assessments (eT Readies) that UNCTAD has been carrying out over the past 2 years in close collaboration with several eTrade for all partners. It highlights some key findings and includes an interview with a national consultant on how they work in practice. The September 2018 newsletter also provides the latest updates from partners, such as the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Telecom World 2018 conference, the work by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support e-commerce development in the Asia and Pacific region, the release of the 2018 SME Competitiveness Index by the International Trade Centre (ITC), and the Report of the Working Group on Digital Entrepreneurship of the Broadband Commission. The newsletter is available [here](#).

Course from Escuela Iberoamericana de Administración y Políticas Públicas (EIAPP)



- International Call: "[II Convocatoria internacional CAF de evaluaciones de impacto para una mejor gestión](#)" (September 1 - October 31)
- International Course: "[¿Qué es y cómo innovar en el sector público?](#)" (Virtual, October 2 - 26)
- International Course: "[Gestión de la Participación Ciudadana en Políticas Públicas](#)" (Virtual, October 2 - December 4)
- International Course: "[Calidad en la Gestión Pública](#)" (Virtual, October 27 - December 27)
- International Course: "[Sistema de Compras y Contratación Pública en el Estado Chileno](#)" (Virtual, November 5 - 30)
- International Course: "[El Sistema Tributario en Chile y el Modelo de](#)

[Gestión de Cumplimiento Tributario](#)" (Virtual, November 5 - 30)

- International Workshop: "[La aplicación de teorías de cambio en la evaluación de proyectos, programas y políticas públicas transformativas](#)" (Guadalajara, Mexico, November 6)
- International Course: "[Participación Ciudadana en la Gestión Pública](#)" (Virtual, November 16 - December 14).
- International Course : "[La Comunicación Interna en las Organizaciones Públicas](#)" (Virtual, November 19 - December 14)
- [Videos EIAPP 2018](#)

Debate Papers Series No. 23 (February 2018): XXX Contest of CLAD about State Reform and Public Administration Modernization "Integrity and Ethics of Civil Service". Winnings Essays 2017. [Click here](#) to download.

CLAD's Journal Reforma y Democracia:

[71st edition](#)

CLAD's Reforma's Bulletin (2018):

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