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## The UNPAN Partners Newsletter

### Learning Conference on “Holistic Approaches for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean Region” (15-16 May 2019, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago)



The Learning Conference on “Holistic Approaches for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean Region” was held from 15 to 16 May 2019 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. Co-organized by UNDESA, UNITAR and ECLAC, the Conference provided a platform for practical learning and knowledge sharing among government representatives involved in the process of integrating the SDGs into their countries’ national development plans and budgets. 60 participants from 21 SIDS were present at the Learning Conference which highlighted issues related to the status of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean, national experiences in localizing the SDGs, institutional arrangements as well as policy coherence, stakeholder engagement and partnerships for sustainable development.

Several UN regional and local agencies, as well as Resident Coordinators, attended the meeting, which concluded with a number of commitments and follow-up activities. The meeting provided an opportunity to raise awareness among Caribbean countries of the importance of conducting VNRs. After two days of intense peer to peer learning, the

event was closed by Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs of UN DESA, together with Mr. Nikhil Seth, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNITAR, and Mr. Raúl García-Buchaca, Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC.

### Seminar on Smart Regional Governance & UN World Public Sector Report (13 May 2019, Shanghai, China)



The Seminar on “Smart Regional Governance & UN World Public Sector Report” was organized by the Institute of Information Sciences of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and held at the Innovation Center of the Academy on 13 May 2019. Mr. Yu Xinhui, Secretary of the Party Committee of SASS, delivered the welcome speech. Mr. Zhu Juwang, Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), delivered the keynote speech. Many experts and scholars from home and abroad, delivered thematic presentations on the practice of regional intelligence governance, SDGs and other fields.

Director Zhu pointed out in his keynote speech entitled “Technology, Public Institutions and



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Regional Integration: Multilateral Perspectives" that breakthrough technologies such as life science technology, information technology and renewable energy have deepened regional integration. At the same time, different countries and different regions have different degrees of regional integration. The development gaps between various countries and groups are more notable. Countries should shift from a single-win perspective to a win-win one to enhance mutual cooperation, promote scientific and technological progress through more efficient use of public resources and promote national and global sustainable development.

Mr. Wai Min Kwok, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer from UNDESA/DPIDG, introduced three dimensions of policy integration for sustainable development, global progress in sustainable development such as international migration and health around "Global Progress and Perspectives: Integration, Institutions and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS)".

## The 27th General Assembly and Annual International Conference of EROPA



The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) will hold its 27th General Assembly and Annual International Conference in Manila, Philippines, on 22-27 September 2019, with the theme "The Future of Public Administration:

Rethinking Resilience, Equity, and Sustainability in the Region and Beyond". The event is co-organized by the University of the Philippines, National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG).

The Asia-Pacific region has recently been transformed into a global economic powerhouse and is showing no signs of slowing down. The region exudes so much potential for growth and development in the coming decades, yet it also faces multiple threats from various sources. In order to counter this, it needs to build resilience amid uncertainty and ensure that the gains of development will benefit everyone for generations to come. Such a goal would require long-term, strategic thinking and holistic approaches. Thus, in order to ensure that progress is made in terms of political, social, environmental and economic resilience, equity, and sustainability, discourse on these topics with regard to Public Administration needs to be amplified.

The Online Registration Portal for the 2019 EROPA Annual International Conference is now open. Individuals who are interested in engaging in dialogues on the following topics: (a) Social Equity and Well-Being; (b) Environmental Sustainability; (c) Public Finance and the Good Life; and (4) the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Development are welcome to participate. To secure your slot in the Conference, you may now register online through this link: [www.eroa.co/conference-registration.html](http://www.eroa.co/conference-registration.html).

Please be reminded that the deadline for online registration is on 31 August 2019. For more information, visit the 2019 EROPA Conference Official Web Page: [/www.eroa.co/eroa-2019-conference.html](http://www.eroa.co/eroa-2019-conference.html)



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## The 27th NISPAcee Annual Conference (24-26 May 2019, Prague, Czech Republic)



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For more info, please visit:  
<http://www.nispa.org/conference2019.php?sid=1969&cid=27>



Organized in co-operation with Charles University, Prague and Masaryk University, Brno, the Main Conference Theme was: "From Policy Design to Policy Practice". Societal problems, as well as policy trials to solve them, are proving to be of an increasingly complex nature. This has brought about an even higher demand for evidence in the wider environment in which those problems arise and the right answers on how to solve them must be found. 275 participants - students, scholars and practitioners from the field of public policy and public administration from 43 countries met in Prague on May 24-26, 2019 to share theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and practical experiences in order to enhance the common competence of how to think and what to do in such a demanding context.

Some of the Conference's Key-note Speakers were: Martin Potucek, Professor, Charles University, Czech Republic; Geert Bouckaert, President, International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) / Professor, KU Leuven Public Governance Institute (Faculty of Social Sciences), KU Leuven, Belgium; B. Guy Peters, Maurice Falk Professor of Government, University of Pittsburgh, United States; Edoardo Ongaro, EGPA President, The Open University, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.

The conference was organized with the support of EC ERASMUS+ Jean Monnet Action within the ERASMUS+ Jean Monnet Project PRACTIC - From Policy Design to Policy Practice in the European



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## Upcoming Events

### **IIAS-Lien Conference 2019 (18-21 June 2019, Singapore)**



The IIAS-Lien 2019 Conference will take place at the Arc Learning Hub (Arc@NTU), in the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore from 18 to 21 June 2019. This conference is jointly organized by the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). This is the first time two leading international flagship events of the IIAS and the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA) at NTU will be held together on a single platform. The 2019 theme on “Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Governance” reflects the emerging consensus at the United Nations level on good governance and corresponds to the 4th Industrial revolution. The Call-for-Tracks published in November 2018 has attracted some 20 proposals on social innovation, inclusive development, capacity building, knowledge transfer, Industry 4.0, the Belt & Road Initiative, strategic management & leadership, good governance in Asia, public administration theory in comparative perspective, public-private partnership, etc. More than 400 delegates from all over the world will participate in this event. A welcome dinner will be hosted on 19th June at the Gardens by the Bay, Singapore’s iconic multi-award winning horticultural attraction which spans 101 hectares of reclaimed land

in the Central Region. As 2019 also marks modern Singapore’s Bicentennial anniversary, it would be a great time to visit Singapore and to exchange our knowledge and ideas at this nexus of global encounters. We look forward to welcoming you to this conference.

For more information, please visit: <https://iias-lien-conference2019.org/index-en.php>

### **IASIA Conference 2019 (22 – 26 July 2019, Lisbon, Portugal)**



The 2019 IASIA Conference will be organized by the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration in close cooperation with ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL). The conference will take place at the campus of ISCTE-IUL on 22-26 July 2019. The main conference theme will be “Public Administration’s Missions and Goals for the Achievement of the SDGs.”

This theme reflects the awareness that public administration must have a significant contribution to the construction of a good society, where the values underlying the SDGs are a key issue. For this, it is essential to promote the analysis and discussion of the most significant questions at stake in order to find solutions that guarantee a reform of public



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administration where structures, procedures and, in general, the practices of public servants conform to the assumed values.

As usual, the conference aims at bringing together practitioners, academics, PhD students and young researchers in public administration and management, as well as contributors from any other disciplines who will exchange views on current and ongoing topics and concerns during the various sessions.

ISCTE-IUL has made a notable investment in public administration over the last few years and is today the reference school in this area in Portugal. It also has modern and functional facilities that allow the best hosting of the conference.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.iasia-conference2019.org/>

### **EGPA Conference 2019 (9-13 September 2019, Belfast, Northern Ireland)**



The 2019 Annual Conference of EGPA will be held at the Queen's University in Belfast in September 2019. The theme of this year's conference – Public Administration across Borders – is inspired by global developments as much as European ones. We live in a time of re-bordering and border shifting, both virtual and real, and public administration research

has an important role to play in how we understand and shape this transnational development.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.egpa-conference2019.org/>

### **2019 IPMA-HR International Training Conference & Expo (21-22 September 2019, Miami, United States)**

The 2019 IPMA-HR International Training Conference & Expo will be held in Miami, the United States. The event will feature dynamic session speakers and interactive workshops. Participants will gain valuable information and actionable strategies to deal with key public sector HR challenges, and sharpen their skills through educational sessions led by experts in the field.

The 2019 Pre-Conference Workshops will be held:

Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22

- Workforce and Succession Planning - Saturday & Sunday, September 21-22, 2019
- Conducting a Job Analysis - Sunday, September 22, 2019
- Leveraging the Power of Employee Engagement- Sunday, September 22, 2019



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## NEW PROJECTS AND REPORTS

### The World Public Sector Report 2019 now available



The World Public Sector Report 2019 is now available online. The report, entitled “Sustainable Development Goal 16: Focus on Public Institutions”, looks at national-level developments in relation to several concepts highlighted in the targets of Goal 16, which are viewed as institutional principles: access to information, transparency, accountability, anti-corruption, inclusiveness of decision-making processes, and non-discrimination.

The report surveys global trends in these areas, documenting both the availability of information on those trends and the status of knowledge about the effectiveness of related policies and institutional arrangements in different national contexts. It also demonstrates how the institutional principles of SDG 16 have been informing the development of institutions in various areas, including gender equality and women’s empowerment (SDG 5). The report examines two critical instruments that can support effective public institutions and public administration for the SDGs, namely national budget processes and risk management.

The World Public Sector Report 2019 aims to inform the first review of SDG 16 at the United Nations high-level political forum on sustainable development in July 2019, and to contribute to future efforts to monitor progress on SDG 16. By reviewing key challenges and opportunities for public institutions in

the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level, the report also aims to inform efforts by all countries to create effective institutions to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals.

### The EROPA Bulletin



The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) has recently revamped the EROPA Bulletin, its quarterly newsletter. It is now opening content submissions from its state, group, and institutional members (and even non-members) on the following provisional subjects:

- Press release on recently held events (e.g. conference, symposium, forum, workshop, training, etc.);
- Announcement of upcoming events (e.g. training sessions, workshops, and expert group meetings, etc.);
- Release and authorship of publications;



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- Public Service Developments (e.g. awards or certification given to EROPA member individuals or institution, etc.);
- Commentary on a Public Administration Issue or Matter

The EROPA Secretariat welcomes content contributions for the EROPA Bulletin, December 2019 Issue, (Vol. 40, No. 4). Individuals who are interested in contributing to the EROPA Bulletin may refer to [www.eropa.co/call-for-inputs.html](http://www.eropa.co/call-for-inputs.html) or contact the EROPA Secretariat via email at [publications@eropa.co](mailto:publications@eropa.co) for more details. Please send your contributions no later than Wednesday, 20 November 2019 for it to be considered for the next EROPA Bulletin. Contributors will be informed accordingly upon receipt and approval of their contribution.