

DPADM Monthly Update to CEPA Members: May 2011

1. DPADM uses the Internet to present to the Annual South African Development Community Regional UNPAN Portal Workshop

At the invitation of Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI), an UNPAN Partner, UNPAN Management Unit (UMU) of DPADM made a presentation to their Annual South African Development Community (SADC) Regional UNPAN Portal Workshop.

Participants were provided with a detailed overview of the UNPAN portal and the concept of Knowledge Management 2.0. Also highlighted were the numerous technical services provided by the Division which are available to the Member States. Specifically, the portlet services available to UNPAN partner institutions and the major cost savings and low technical maintenance used.

Delegates from Botswana and Mauritius showed interest in the Division's portlet services while delegates from Namibia demonstrated interest in the UNPAN Online Training Centre CDs.

UMU will follow up with CPSI to provide participants with further information on the portlet services and to debrief the overall conference.

2. Visit by the Moroccan Minister for Public Sector Modernization to DESA

DPADM had the pleasure of hosting the Minister for Public Sector Modernization, Mr. Mohamed Saad El Alami, for a working session with DPADM and a meeting the USG Mr. Sha, on 19 May 2011.

The Minister informed the Department that in partnership with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Government of Morocco will be hosting the 4th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption in the last week of October 2011, in Marrakesh, Morocco.

At the conference DPADM will facilitate a workshop on "engaging citizens to strengthen accountability and prevent corruption in the delivery of public services related with the achievement of the MDGs".

Before the meeting in Marrakesh, DPADM in partnership with UNODC and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) will facilitate an expert group meeting and symposium on the same themes as well as a workshop on social accountability, all to be held between 7 and 15 July 2011 in Vienna, Austria.



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The Minister thanked DESA for its support and extended an invitation to Mr. Sha and other officers to attend the 4th Session of the Conference, suggesting that this could set the foundations for a continuous cooperation with DESA including efforts to modernize the Public Sector in Morocco.

3. Conference on e-Government in Asia and the Pacific to enhance e-Government policy making capacity

DPADM, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration and Security (MOPAS) through United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) organized a conference on e-government in Asia and the Pacific to enhance e-government policy making capacity in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 11-13 May 2011. The conference also provided an opportunity through the Chief Information Officer's (CIOs) and the e-Government Officials' Forum to discuss e-government policy issues, institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks and strategies in the region.

The conference resulted in enhanced experience and knowledge-sharing among CIOs and e-government officials while exploring ways to enhance cooperation among Asia-Pacific e-government officials. A summary of its deliberations, including the list of validated CIO/e-government officials is to be prepared.

United Nations Public Administration Country Studies (UNPACS) was introduced to the audience and received many compliments and recognition. Several countries expressed interest in contributing to these studies particularly in the area of e-government at the country level.

4. Mission to 7th Conference of African Ministers of Public Services in Nairobi, Kenya

The Chief of Branch of the Public Administration Capacity Branch of DPADM participated in the 7th Conference of African Ministers of Public Services on "Towards Effective and Efficient Service Delivery" from 9 to 14 May 2011.

At the conference, the Chief was part of a technical committee that reviewed a number of tools which were adopted by the Ministers as part of the implementation framework for the long term strategy of African governance and public administration programme: the leadership and management development guide, the human resource planning and policy architecture in public service guide, the performance management and measurement including monitoring and evaluation guide, and the rules of procedure and statutes of the Conference of African Ministers of Public Services (CAMPS).

Development Partners were called upon to engage Member States, the Africa Union Commission, and the Regional Economic Commissions to implement and align their activities and priorities with the Long Term Strategy for African Governance and Public Administration.

5. Review of UN Support to Public Administration and Local Governments in Post-conflict Environments in Burundi

DPADM's Interregional Adviser for Governance and Public Administration represented DESA at a joint UN Mission with the UN Country team, UNDP and the UN Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB), from 2 to 11 May 2011.

Outcomes of this joint mission, which drew on lessons on UN support to public administration and local governments in post-conflict environments, included a review of UN assistance, its achievements and impact on peace building and development processes. The review also focused on the UN's support of public administration and local governments in Burundi to transform them into genuine central factors for sustainable peace, economic growth and development.

The mission was attended by high ranking officials from international community partners, civil society organizations, Burundi Government Ministers and executive managers of newly established institutions including local governments elected members.

Of the five countries under review, Burundi is the second after Liberia to be reviewed and will be followed by Guinea-Bissau, Kosovo and Timor-Leste.

6. DESA project on strengthening Public Sector Management in Turkmenistan

The Government of Turkmenistan has agreed to provide \$200,000 (USD) from September to end of December 2011 and more than \$500,000 (USD) annually in 2012 and 2013 to fund a DESA implemented project on strengthening public sector management in Turkmenistan in coordination with the CDO. This is the result of a mission undertaken by DPADM's Interregional Adviser for Governance and Public Administration Mr. Alexei Tikhomirov, to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan from 14 to 18 May 2011, in which he worked with government leaders concerning future collaboration between DESA and the Government of Turkmenistan.

7. Continued collaboration between UNODC and DPADM

The Chief of the Crime Conventions Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Mr. Dimitri Vlassis will deliver a statement on global perspectives on promoting integrity in public governance during the plenary session of the Forum at the United Nations and Africa Public Service Day, Forum and Awards Ceremony (UNPSA) to be held in Tanzania from 20 to 24 June 2011. In addition, Mr. John Sandage, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC, will take part in the Awards Ceremony.

Mr. Vlassis expressed great appreciation for the excellent partnership in preventing and combating corruption established between DPADM/DESA and UNODC through the addition of the new UNPSA category on "Preventing and Combating Corruption in the Public Service" and assured the UNPSA team of UNODC's commitment to joint host a workshop during the 2012 UNPSA and in continuing to strengthen this very fruitful collaboration.