Consultative Meetings on
"E-Government for Sustainable Development"

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS' GROUP DISCUSSION

What is the purpose of the Consultative Meeting?

The consultative meeting aims to provide an open, inclusive and participatory platform to stimulate discussion on how e-government can advance sustainable development, and to contribute to the identification of emerging thematic areas, innovative practices and methodological issues, as input for the 2016 United Nations E-Government Survey. An online platform to gather feedback from all Member States and other key stakeholders is also available on the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN).

What are the expected outcomes of the Consultative Meeting?

Through plenary sessions and table discussions, the meeting aims at generating:

- Increased understanding of the vision of sustainable development and the critical role of e-government, as articulated in the post-2015 development agenda

- Enhanced knowledge of current e-government challenges, increased awareness of innovative e-government strategies and practices to advance sustainable development, and improved understanding of the United Nations E-Government Survey's thematic areas and methodology

- Suggestions on thematic areas, case studies and methodological enhancement in support of the preparatory process of the 2016 United Nations e-Government Survey to be discussed during an Expert Group Meeting in March 2015

- Recommendations to both the Member States and the United Nations Secretariat on how to enhance the use of the Survey as a capacity-building tool to promote sustainable development

How will the group discussion be conducted?

Participants will gather around tables in smaller groups to encourage discussion of eight Focus Questions. Each table group is comprised of about 8 to 10 people (an even number is encouraged). For each session, each table selects a Group Facilitator (to moderate the discussion at the table) and a Group Rapporteur (to take notes and present the discussion to the plenary) from among the table group. The Meeting Facilitator will provide more detailed guidelines to Group Facilitators and Group Rapporteurs. It is recommended that these roles be assumed by different people in different sessions.