



## DPADM Monthly Update to CEPA Members: August 2013

### **1. Collaboration with UNDP in Support of Colombia's e-Government Development**

DESA will provide substantive support and implement over 70% of all activities contained in a project document signed between Colombia's Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MINTIC) and UNDP on 30 July 2013. From 9 to 11 September 2013, DPADM will be involved in the kick-off meeting in Colombia to launch the Latin America e-Government Innovation Centre which will focus on setting the main parameters for the implementation, including: a) generation and management of knowledge for consolidating innovations in e-government; b) establishing an observatory of trends in e-government development; c) consolidation of a methodology for the creation of a sustainable model; and c) setting parameters to establish a culture of innovation in e-government in Colombia and Latin America. The project has an annual budget of more than US\$ 800,000 and is funded by Colombia. DPADM will be represented by the Chief and IRA from the e-Government Branch.

### **2. Preparations for the 2013 Global e-Government Forum (22-23 October 2013)**

Preparations for the 2013 Global e-Government Forum on "Smart Government and Smart Society: Openness, Sharing, Communication and Collaboration" are well under-way. The Forum will be held from 21 to 23 October 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. It will be organized by DPADM's affiliate, United Nations Programme Office on Governance (UNPOG), in partnership with the Ministry of Public Administration and Security (MOSAP) of the Republic of Korea. The annual International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV) event, which is organised by the United Nations University (UNU) will be co-located with the Global e-Government Forum and will share the opening session. UNPOG will have five thematic sessions entitled: (i) trends and emerging issues of smart government; (ii) whole-of-government approach for integrated public service delivery; (iii) women's empowerment for fostering participation and communication; (iv) public procurement for enhancing effectiveness and transparency; and (v) open government data for smart government and smart society. The tentative programme and the list of invited participants will be finalized over the next few weeks.

### **3. Preparations for the Internet Governance Forum 2013**

A DPADM delegation visited the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia and met with the Deputy Permanent Representative about the preparations of the 2013 Internet Governance Forum (IGF), scheduled to take place in Bali, Indonesia, 22-25 October 2013. The delegation briefed the Ambassador on the current status of preparations and sought advice on addressing some challenging budgetary issues. Ambassador Khan recommended that DPADM intensify its communication with the hosting Ministry and the national organising committee and also promised to share information on any new developments.

### **4. Review of the United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA)**

DPADM has established a team to review the United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) programme in a bid to address a number of substantive and operational challenges experienced. The team which is gearing up for the launch of the 2014 UNPSA has adopted a two-stage approach to strengthen the processes identified for review. It has recently established a revised set of "Rules for Submission of Nomination and Evaluation Process" as part of the first stage of the review which focused on the call for



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nominations process, specifically the eligibility criteria. During the second stage, the team will analyse the process of evaluation and validation of information provided to ensure that the review and validation procedures are clear and that there is a greater link between the nomination and evaluation criteria. The team will also work out modalities for improving the online system used for submitting and evaluating nominations. The UNPSA Programme has made significant achievements by consistently uncovering best practices and innovative approaches in public administration. The awards are given annually to public sector institutions for the implementation of specific innovative programmes that have contributed to the improvement of public administration.