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UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES

Fifth Interregional Consultative Meeting of UNPAN Will Take Place on 7 November

The Fifth Interregional Consultative Meeting of UNPAN will be held on 7 November 2003 in Mexico City, Mexico. The heads of [UNPAN members](#) will meet to focus on two major components. The first is to review the progress made in UNPAN since April 2002 at both the international and regional levels. The second is to discuss and reach a consensus on several major activities to be carried out in the near future, which include the expansion of UNPAN to the subregional level, enhancing the coordination of the activities of the UNPAN members for 2004-2005, UNPAN's participation in the United Nations Public Service Day/Awards 2004, and the report on the implementation of the UNPAN programme at the ORC/OIC level to the United Nations General Assembly.

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan010747.pdf>

UNPAN Conducts Training Workshop on E-information Management

The Fourth UNPAN Training Workshop on E-information Management was conducted by UNPAN-NY and held from 22-25 September 2003 in Thessaloniki, Greece. It was attended by 27 UNPAN network members from 17 regional and international institutions throughout the world.

The Workshop consisted of six parts: a) the introduction of new members, b) a report on the progress made since June 2002, c) an experience-sharing among all UNPAN members, d) technical training on the newly upgraded UNPAN system, e) a discussion on future actions, and f) a quiz, evaluation and conclusion.

In the course of the 3 ½ days of extensive work, and based on the results of the quiz and evaluation undertaken by all participants, six main objectives were achieved. The participants gained a better understanding of the general status of UNPAN's development, learned valuable experiences from each other on information management, and obtained better skills for the using the UNPAN technical system. In addition, two long-term working groups were established: one for content and one for ICT development. Finally, the cooperation among the members was strengthened both

bilaterally and multilaterally, and a consensus was reached on the actions to be undertaken in the near future.

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NEWS FROM ARADO

Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO)

<http://www.arado.org.eg>

ARADO Provides Arabic Translation of UNPAN Web Site

As a service to the international community, ARADO has translated into Arabic many of the major pages of the UNPAN web site.

URL: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/arado/unpan00010000.pdf>

Recent Publications

- [Analytical Reports \(in Arabic\)](#)
- [E-Government Publications \(in Arabic\)](#)

NEWS FROM ASPA

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

<http://www.aspanet.org>

ASPA's International Consortium Will Meet Later This Month

ASPA's International Consortium will hold its next semiannual meeting on 14 November during ASPA's Fall Leadership Meetings in Washington, D.C., USA. The meeting will feature updates on all of the cooperative agreements ASPA has with its counterparts in

China, Western Europe, Japan, Latin America, Mexico, Slovenia, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, and ASPA's work with the United Nations. It will also feature updates on the international activities of ASPA's partners, the National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs (NASPAA) and the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA).

Recent Publications

- [ASPA Monthly Update - October 2003](#)
- [ASPAnet This Week](#)
- [Performance Management CAPtions \(September 2003\)](#)
- [Public Administration Review \(November/December 2003\)](#)

Conference Information

ASPA's 2004 National Conference will take place 27-30 March in Portland, Oregon, USA. The conference theme is "Transforming Governance in a World without Boundaries."

URL: <http://www.aspanet.org/2004conf>

NEWS FROM CAFRAD

African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD)

<http://www.cafrad.org>

e-Africa Initiative for Good Governance

From 20 to 22 October 2003 CAFRAD hosted the ["e-Africa 2003 Expert Consultative Meeting on building e-governance capacity in Africa"](#), organised in partnership with UNDESA/DPADM and under the banner of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). The e-Africa Expert Group discussed the main challenges and opportunities of e-governance for Africa's development and drafted the "Open Plan of Action for the implementation of the e-Africa initiative for good governance", launched during the ["e-Africa 2002: Regional Workshop on Building e-governance capacity in Africa"](#), held in Johannesburg in October 2002 (www.e-africa.org.za), and built on the existing ["Framework for Action"](#) designed by CAFRAD and UNDESA/DPADM under the banner of NEPAD. The Closing Session of the Meeting was chaired by His Excellency **Najib Zerouali Ouariti**, Minister of Public Sector Modernisation of the Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman of CAFRAD Governing Board.

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"Governance for Progressing Africa"

On 24 October 2003, CAFRAD, in cooperation with the Moroccan Observatory of Public

Administration (OMAP), organised a "National Forum on Governance", at the National School of Administration of Rabat, Morocco, to present the results of the study on the "Evaluation of the governance system in the Kingdom of Morocco", that CAFRAD and OMAP accomplished for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The Final Report will be then presented in a Sub-regional Forum that will be organised by the North African Centre of UNECA in Cairo, 8-9 December 2003. The findings of the study will also serve for the preparation of the Fourth African Development Forum that will take place in Addis Ababa, 7-11 March 2004, and will focus on the theme "Governance for Progressing Africa".

For more information, please visit <http://www.uneca.org/adf/adfiv/index.htm> or contact cafrad@cafrad.org.

The Pan African Programme on Governance and Public Administration

Further to the 4th Pan African Conference of Ministers of Public Service (4-7 May, Stellenbosch, Cape Town, South Africa), organised by CAFRAD and the South African Ministry and Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) under the auspices of NEPAD, and with the support of UNDESA and specific donors, the African partner institution convened at the conference are implementing the decisions taken by Ministers in the "[Stellenbosch Declaration](#)", which, among other things, accepted the Governance and Public Administration Programme in Africa to be located within NEPAD and approved the "[Pan-African Programme on Governance and Public Administration](#)" (G&PA). In this framework CAFRAD has to take the lead in three important areas, namely: e-governance, leadership development and Policy and Knowledge Exchange Seminars.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.cafrad.org/whatsnew>
www.unpan.org/africa.asp
www.publicadminafrica.org

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Recent Publications

- [CAFRAD Web News Letter - September 2003](#)
- CAFRAD is finalising the *Analysis of the Survey of National Public Administrations in Africa*, that will be published soon. The *Survey*, accomplished by CAFRAD on the basis of a questionnaire designed in partnership with UNDESA/DPADM and IIAS, covers thirty three (33) African countries. For more information contact cafrad@cafrad.org.

Conference Information

Visit of UNU/CRIS to CAFRAD and Morocco

In November 2003, a delegation of the United Nations University, Comparative Regional Integration Studies will visit CAFRAD and some institutions and ministries in Morocco. The aim of the visit is to explore the possibility of collaboration in the area of peace, security and regional integration. For more information, please contact us at cafrad@cafrad.org.

URL: <http://www.cafrad.org>

CAFRAD/OFPa Workshop on "The Mission of the State in the Context of Globalisation"

Theme: The workshop will consider the Mission of the State in Africa and the partnership between Government, Civil Society and Private Sector.

Dates: 1-5 December

Location: Tangier, Morocco

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Workshop on Leadership Development in Africa

Theme: The overall objective of the programme is to sensitize top public sector leaders of the continent to the great importance of leadership in all human undertaking and enhance their skills and capacity for successful leadership.

Dates: 26-30 January 2004

Location: Kampala, Uganda

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42nd Meeting of the Governing Board of CAFRAD

Theme: The Governing Board of CAFRAD; composed by the African Ministers of Civil Service of the member States, meet every year at CAFRAD headquarters in Tangier, or in coincidence of the Biannual Pan African Conference of Ministers of Civil Service. The 42nd Meeting will analyse the CAFRAD Strategic Plan for the period 2004-2010: CAFRAD 2010 and will design the roadmap for Africa's development.

Date: February 2004

Location: Tangier, Morocco

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NEWS FROM CARICAD

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)

<http://caricad.org>

CARICAD Participates in E-Readiness Assessment Survey

The CARICAD Online Regional Centre (ORC) continues to participate in an E-Readiness Assessment Survey of CARICAD's Member Countries. In September and October, **Ms. Barbara Ubaldi** and **Mr. Errol Hewitt**, a Consultant, visited Jamaica, Grenada, Belize, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. Follow up visits to Guyana and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were undertaken by the Consultant and **Ms. Angela Skeete**, CARICAD Programme leader for E-Government. Results of the Survey will be used for an E-Government Action Plan for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member Countries.

Recent Publications

- [CARICAD Newsletter \(Volume 16 No. 2 2003\)](#)

Conference Information
CARIFORUM - Strategic Planning Project
Regional Forum on Strategic Planning
26 - 27 November 2003

The purpose of the Forum is to provide an opportunity to review the status of the application of strategic planning in Caribbean Public Services, as a tool for public sector reform. Five (5) case studies will be presented on strategic planning experiences of regional administrations, as well as the comparative experiences of two other regional institutions. The Forum will be required to identify a plan of action for CARICAD implementation, and for individual country action that will further and expand the implementation of strategic management approaches in the Region, including the definition of a regional model approach.

Contact: Ms. D. Eversley, Project Coordinator, Strategic Planning at ddeversley@caricad.net

A fifth Ministerial Consultation and High-Level Workshop on E-Government in the Caribbean will take place in early 2004.

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NEWS FROM CIIAP

International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIAP)
<http://www.flem.org.br/ciiap>

CIIAP Leads the Development of the Brazilian Evaluation Network

The International Centre of Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIAP in the Portuguese acronym) is leading, with the partnership of other institutions, the creation of the Brazilian Evaluation Network in Bahia. The network's mission is to disseminate the value of evaluation in public and non-governmental activities, as well as to improve current practices and share successful experiences.

The Brazilian Evaluation Network is composed of local and regional groups. Active since May 2003, the Bahian group is a joint initiative gathering the State Government, NGOs, social movements, universities and the Private Sector.

Seminars, meetings and debates have been organized monthly, aiming at sharing experience among members and accumulating knowledge. The group is currently operated by CIIAP.

NEWS FROM CLAD

Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)
<http://www.clad.org.ve>

Recent Publications

CLAD's Journal *Reforma y Democracia*
27th edition contains the following articles:



- **B. Guy Peters:** La capacidad para gobernar: ¿retrocediendo hacia el centro?
- **Sergio Boisier:** ¿Y si el desarrollo fuese una emergencia sistémica?
- **Mario Waissbluth:** La insularidad en la gestión pública latinoamericana
- **Leonardo Garnier:** La economía: entre la eficiencia, el poder y ¿la simpatía?
- **Jacint Jordana y Carles Ramió:** Las instituciones de la política comercial exterior en América Latina: un análisis comparativo
- **Laura Sour:** Rentabilidad del gasto para la fiscalización del IVA en México: un punto de partida para la reforma administrativa del Sistema de Administración Tributaria
- **Guillermo F. F. Schweinheim:** ¿Podría una institucionalidad administrativa republicana contribuir a la transición política después de una crisis? Lecciones de la República Argentina
- **Consenso de Santa Cruz**
- **Carta Iberoamericana de la Función Pública**

CLAD's Association Members for 2003 are entitled to receive free of charge numbers 25, 26 and 27 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and full text version of previous numbers are available on CLAD's web site.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/reforma.html>

Conference Information

VIII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform
Panama City, Panama, 28 - 31 October 2003

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congres.html>

NEWS FROM CPSI

Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)

<http://www.cpsi.co.za/default.htm>

CPSI Explores Agreements with Content Providers

The Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) is one of the new partners of UNPAN. Following a capacity-building of the manager who will be responsible for this initiative, **Imraan Patel**, the CPSI is currently exploring agreements with relevant content providers as a start. These include the government department responsible for public service and administration, a consortium of schools of public administration in South Africa, and a major city that have build up a knowledge management capacity. Watch out for details of these agreements in the next issue of *UNPAN Newsletter*.

NEWS FROM DPADM

Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA)

<http://www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp>

DPADM Will Release 2003 World Public Sector Report on 4 November

DPADM will release the *2003 World Public Sector Report* on 4 November 2003. The report will be devoted to e-government, i.e., the use of modern ICT to optimize government's internal and external relationships. The report will adopt the conceptual framework of creating a societal context for human development, as outlined in the UN

Millennium Declaration. From this point of view, it will examine the early achievements of e-government development in the world as well as some of the "unintended consequences".

URL: http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_worldpareport.asp

Recent Publications

- [Public Service Professional Ethics for Africa \(Manual/CD-ROM in French\) - published in conjunction with CAFRAD](#)
- [Other Recently Published Products](#)

NEWS FROM ECLAC

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

<http://www.eclac.org>

Machinea is Named ECLAC Executive Secretary

A former Argentinean economic minister has been appointed Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). **José Luis Machinea** was the Economy Minister from December 1999 to February 2001, and he has also worked extensively in the private sector. He replaces **José Antonio Ocampo**, who is now the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. He has worked as a consultant to the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, as president of an Argentinean economic and social think-tank, and president of a private consulting firm. Mr. Machinea has also served as president of Argentina's central bank, as under-secretary of political economy, and under-secretary of planning. He holds a Ph.D. in economics and has taught graduate courses in macroeconomics, banking and monetary policy in Argentina. Most recently he has been a special expert in integration and trade at the Inter-American Development Bank.

Regional Conference Promotes Renewable Energy Use in Latin America and the Caribbean

The United Nations estimates that almost 2.5 billion people - one-third of the world's population - lack access to modern energy services. At the Millennium Summit (2000), UN countries agreed that urgent measures should be adopted before 2015 to cut this figure in half and, along the way, reduce both the poverty in which many of the world's inhabitants live today and growing environmental pollution caused by the indiscriminate use of fossil fuels. On 29 and 30 October 2003, the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean on Renewable Energy took place in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia. The Conference, called by the government of that country and organized by ECLAC, sought to approve a regional platform on renewable energies for presentation to the International Conference for Renewable Energies to be held in Bonn, Germany, in 2004.

Recent Publications

- ["Energy Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean: The Share of Renewable Sources"](#)

- ["Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Latin America and the Caribbean: Constraints and Prospects"](#)
- [Revista de la CEPAL No. 80 \(in Spanish\)](#)

NEWS FROM EROPA

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA)

<http://www.eropa.org.ph>

EROPA Holds General Assembly and Conference in New Delhi

The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) held its 19th General Assembly and Conference on "Public Administration and Globalization; Challenges, Opportunities and Options" in New Delhi, India last month. India Planning Commission Deputy Chairman **K C Pant** delivered the keynote address.

NEWS FROM ESCWA

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

<http://www.escwa.org.lb>

Expert Consultative Meeting on Public Administration and Public Accounting Development, with Stress on Electronic Tools

[Jointly with Meeting on the Innovation of Public Administration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region (UNDESA)]

Dates: 1 - 3 July 2003

Location: UN-House, Beirut, Lebanon

The 'Expert Consultative Meeting on Public Administration and Public Accounting Development, with Stress on Electronic Tools' was held under the auspices of **H.E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni**, the Lebanese Minister of State for Administrative Reform. The meeting was organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Office of State for Administrative Development (OMSAR), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA, New York), and Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Lebanese Professional Computer Association (PCA), and the Association for the Development of Informatics and Law in Lebanon (ADIL). Four Arab Ministers participated in the meeting and contributed to the sessions as Chairpersons and through recommendations and discussion.

H.E. Mr. Said Khalfan Al-Ghaith (Minister of State) represented the United Arab Emirates, **H.E. Mr. Najib Zerouali** (Minister in Charge of Modernizing the Public Sector) represented Morocco, **H.E. Mr. Abdelhakim Bourawy** (Minister in Charge of Administrative Reform) represented Tunisia, as well as **Mr. Karim Pakradouni**; **H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Hegazi** (ex-Prime Minister of Egypt) participated with an input paper on reform of budgeting systems. A Ministerial panel session was held and discussions between Ministers and experts took place to reach the best methods for administrative development. There were more than 100 participants from 19 countries; participants were experts from the ESCWA region and other regions as well as national representatives from ministries involved in public sector development in ESCWA

member countries and other Arab countries who shared the experience in this field. The meeting addressed the major issues facing public administration and public finance development in the region and in other regions with a focus on supporting electronic tools.

The Meeting on the Innovation of Public Administration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region discussed the challenges countries of the Mediterranean region are facing in the process of administrative development and the most relevant national challenges countries of the Arab region are facing in promoting economic and social development, and in fostering more participatory governance systems.

The important recommendations of the meeting requested ESCWA and the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM/DESA) to continue their effort and to run diagnostic surveys assessing the innovations in public administration and institutional development; to provide support for existing or new networks of innovators through UNPAN; to facilitate the sharing of e-services through UNPAN; to support the development of e-government in the Arab region, to hold regional fora and workshops on innovations and good practices in public administration and governance, and finally to run pilot programmes of innovations in public administration and governance at the national level.

The final report and all the recommendations of this meeting will soon be published on the meeting's Web page, which can also be checked for the proceedings of the meeting.

URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1511

Conference Information

Regional Workshop on E-Government

Theme: Public administration development and e-government

Dates: 1 - 3 December 2003

Location: Sana'a/Yemen

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URL: http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1620

NEWS FROM IDEP

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)

<http://www.unidep.org>

Visiting Lectureship for IDEP's MA Programme in Economic Policy and Management

The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning would like to invite visiting lecturers to deliver courses in the following areas:

First Semester (November to March)

Microeconomic Theory and Policy
Macroeconomic Theory and Policy Analysis

Second Semester (April to August)

Public Finance, Expenditure Policy and Management
International Trade and Finance

*Econometric Methods and Applications
Macro and Multi-Sectoral Modelling
Population and Development*

*Debt Management
Regional Integration
Issues in Trade and WTO Negotiations
Regional Development and Planning
National Planning Experiences
Strategic Planning and Long Term Perspective Studies
Financial Programming and Policies*

The duration for each course is one to two weeks and lectures are delivered in English or French. Participants (about 20), are professionals with some work experience. Qualified visiting lecturers will have strong academic background (Ph.D. Holders), good expertise in graduate teaching and research, and relevant practical field experience. IDEP will provide round-trip air ticket for international travel, in addition to DSA at UN rate for Dakar, and honorarium commensurate with qualifications.

Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV and indicate the course(s) they are applying for no later than November 30, 2003 for the first semester and January 20, 2004 for second semester.

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Recent Publications

- [*IDEP e-Newsletter Volume 1 Number 2*](#)

NEWS FROM IIAS

International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)

<http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiacc.htm>

Recent Publications

- [*IIAS Newsletter 2/2003*](#)
 - *A special retrospective of the Athens Congress 2001*
- CD-ROM - €10.00
Distribution: [*IIAS/IISA*](#)

The International Institute of Administrative Sciences and the Hellenic Institute of Administrative Sciences have produced a CD-ROM as symbol of the great achievement that was our 25th Congress in Athens in July 2001. The CD-ROM will, we hope, enable you to recapture some of the excitement and the profundity of that historic moment in the life of our Institutes. Edited by Professor Argyriades, our Rapporteur-General in Athens, the CD-ROM reflects in its format and in its modernity a stage in the growth of the IIAS whereby we make use of, as well discuss, the new trends and new techniques of Governance and Public Administration in the 21st Century. You will find in this selection of representative papers presented at the Congress a sample of the views,

concerns and ideas which occasioned considerable debate and thus also provide a sense of the proceedings of this major event as a whole. They come from several disciplines and many parts of the world.

· *On the Typology of Public Administration* by Klaus König, Second Braibant Lecture, edited by Michael Duggett, Distribution: [IIAS/IISA](#), 2002, 45 pp., Price: € 15,00

See also [2003 Klaus König](#)

· *Sustaining Civil Service in Difficult Times*, edited by Jocelyne Bourgon, IIAS-CCMD, Distribution: [IIAS/IISA](#), 2003, 72 pp. ISBN: 92-9056-123-3, Price: €10,00

Conference Information

26th International Congress of Administrative Sciences on E-Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Democracy, Administration and Law

Workshops 1) E-Governance: effects on civil society, transparency and democracy; 2) E-Governance: changes in administrative structures and processes; 3) E-Governance: perspectives for countries in transition and development; 4) E-Governance and the evolution of law

Dates: 14 - 18 July 2004

Location: Coex Centre, Seoul, South Korea

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IASIA Annual Conference: Building Leadership for Modernisation and Shared Governance

Working Groups: 1) Education and Training Programme; 2) State-Market Partnerships and Enterprise Management; 3) Public Sector Reform; 4) Local Governance and Development; 5) Accountability, Culture and Trust; 6) New Tools for Public Financial Management

Dates: 12 - 16 July 2004

Location: Coex Centre, Seoul, South Korea

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EGPA Annual Conference: Four Months After: Administering the New Europe

Sub-topics: 1) Does size matter? Small States in the European Union; 2) The Impact of the European Union on National Administrations

Dates: 1 - 4 September 2004

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

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NEWS FROM IPAC

Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC)

Institut d'administration publique du Canada (IAPC)

<http://www.ipaciapc.ca>

IPAC Holds Successful National Conference

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada's (IPAC) national conference in late

August 2003 was an unprecedented success. The combined number of speakers and attendees brought the total number of conference participants up close to 700. An especially strong slate of speakers raised numerous important issues and stimulated widespread discussion among participants on the conference's theme of balancing innovative governance with the larger concerns of the public good. Papers from the conference will be posted to the IPAC web site soon.

URL: <http://www.ipaciapc.ca/english/menu.htm>

Additionally, always a high point at the IPAC national conferences, the presentations of the finalists for the IPAC Award for Innovative Management was a great success. The winner this year was Statistics Canada for its innovative program that brings both knowledge of Canada, and lessons in the finding and analysis of Canadian facts into the classroom. Statistics Canada's [Learning Resources site](#) receives more than 4,000 visits a day, while more than 10,000 teachers have been introduced to hundreds of new lesson plans and other practical pedagogic products that promote the use of data in education.

Information on the all the finalists, and executive summaries of all the submissions, for this year's Innovation Award competition is available at the IPAC web site.

URL: <http://www.ipaciapc.ca/2003>

This information will soon be available on the UNPAN web site as well.

Recent Publications

New Directions Series

New Directions #11

[*Always Better: Continuously Innovative Public-Sector Organizations in Canada*, by Peter Buker](#)

New Directions #12

[*Competitive Cities, Healthy Cities: Charting Collaboration*, by Patrice Dutil](#)

Books

- [*Beyond Service: State Workers, Public Policy, and the Prospects for Democratic Administration*, by Greg McElligott](#)
- [*Health Care, Entitlement, and Citizenship*, by Candace Johnson Redden](#)
- [*A Law Unto Itself: How the Ontario Municipal Board has Developed and Applied Land Use Planning Policy*, by John Chipman](#)
- [*The Politics of Public Management*, by David A. Good](#)
- [*La Politique culturelle du Québec de 1992: continuité ou changement*, par Diane Saint-Pierre](#)

NEWS FROM NISPAcee

Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee)

<http://www.nispa.sk>

Recent Publications

- [NISPAcee News 2003 - Volume X - No. 4 \(Autumn\)](#)
- [Occasional Papers in Public Administration and Public Policy Volume IV - No. 4 Autumn 2003](#)

Conference Information

12th NISPAcee Annual Conference

"Central and Eastern European Countries Inside and Outside the European Union: Avoiding a New Divide"

Dates: 13 - 15 May 2004

Location: Hotel Reval Lietuva, Vilnius, Lithuania

Organized in cooperation with the Lithuanian Public Administration Training Association, Vilnius, Lithuania

THE MAIN CONFERENCE THEME:

As we meet in May 2004, an historical change will have taken place in Europe. Several former communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe will have joined the European Union, an unprecedented voluntary association of democratic states with market economies, and its emerging Constitutional identity. The entire structure of political, economic, and social relations in Europe will change. What will be the impact of this change to public policy and administration in countries both inside and outside the EU borders? What will the challenges be of this new membership to public policy and administration of the new member states? What actions will need to be taken to avoid the new divide between them and the other countries of the region, and to harmonize the way in which public interests are followed throughout the entire continent?

PANEL SESSIONS AND FORUMS

- Panel Session on European Accreditation of Public Administration Programmes
- Panel Session on Joint NASPAA – NISPAcee Governance Improvement Cooperative Project
- Forum for Heads of Training Centres and Institutes of Public Administration
- Forum for Young Professionals in Public Administration

WORKING GROUPS

I. Working Group on Politico-Administrative Relations

Theme 2004: "Various Decision and Discourse Arenas at Different Level and Stages of the Policy Process"

II. Working Group on Public Sector Quality

Theme 2004: "Public Sector Quality in Policy Making"

III. Working Group on Strategic Leadership in Central Government

IV. Working Group on Democratic Governance of Multiethnic Communities

Theme 2004: "Diversity and Public Services: Introducing New Standards of Diversity Management in Changing Europe"

V. Working Group on Public Sector Finance and Accounting

VI. Working Group on Knowledge Management and ICT for Public Policy

VII. Working Group on Capacity Building of Civil Servants Training System according to EU Requirements

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NEWS FROM OFPA

African Civil Services Observatory (OFPA)
<http://www.ofpa.net>

Recent Publications

- ["Contribution à l'amélioration du système de formation des APE dans l'administration publique béninoise: cas du ministère chargé de la protection sociale" \(in French\)](#)
- [Lettre du Groupe Sud n°7- Septembre 2003 \(in French\)](#)

Conference Information

1er Séminaire OFPA sur les produits de modernisation de l'Administration

Dates: 11 - 14 November 2003

Location: Cotonou, Benin

URL: http://www.ofpa.net/seminaire/1er_seminaire_ofpa.htm

NEWS FROM RCOCI

Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)

<http://www.apcity.org>

Recent Publications

- [Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Winter 2003, Issue 4](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, October 2003, Issue 23](#)

Conference Information

Asia-Pacific Regional Forum of Cities and Local Governments in the Information Society

29 - 31 October 2003

Location: Shanghai, China

Conference theme:

The Regional Forum showcased Asian-Pacific projects on e-governance, e-health, e-education, e-inclusion and e-economy, bringing to the fore regional and local experiences in the field of the Information Society, with the long-term view of strengthening Local Governments' capacities for implementing and promoting effective use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) throughout urban and/or rural communities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The main objectives of the Regional Forum were to:

- (a) Present the Summit challenges for regions and local authorities;
- (b) Document and examine Regional and Local Authorities' expertise in the field of Information Society to be implemented after the WSIS;
- (c) Analyse the factors of success and the constraints faced by Regions and Local Authorities in their efforts to develop the Information Society in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (d) Prepare the position of the Asian-Pacific regional and local actors to be presented at the Summit.

Expected outcomes from the Regional Forum were:

- (a) Definition of the role and responsibilities of regions and local authorities in the Information Society;
- (b) Definition of relations and identification of potential partnerships between local actors, central governments, civil society and private sector in a South-South and North-South context;
- (c) Assessment of capacity building needs in the field of the Information Society at the sub-national and local level;
- (d) Outlined political Declaration of Regions and Local Authorities to be presented at the Summit;
- (e) Outlined Plan of Action of Regions and Local Authorities to be presented at the Summit.

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Workshop on Promoting Application of IT and Informatization Assessment

28 - 31 October 2003

Location: Shanghai, China

Conference themes:

- 1) Comparative Studies on City Informatization Level in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 2) The Status of City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region for the year 2002-2003
- 3) The Application and Development of City Business Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 4) Case Studies on City Informatization Construction
- 5) To Establish an Effective Working Exchange Network
- 6) Key points on Information Exchanges

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NEWS FROM UNCRD

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

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About UNCRD

UNCRD is one of the new members of UNPAN as an Online International Centre (OIC) and content contributor. The Centre targets its programmes towards socially and environmentally sustainable development. The two multidisciplinary themes of human security and environment serve as a guide for the Centre's training and research activities.

UNCRD Will Hold International Training Course in Regional Development Next Year

UNCRD will hold its Thirty-Second International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC) from 13 May to 23 June 2004. The Course, which is UNCRD's flagship training course, represents all the training experiences and know-how accumulated during the Centre's thirty-two year history. The six-week Course will deliver the expected outcomes through a compact programme replete with cases for study and discussion, as well as field study visits to provide insights into Japan's regional development experience. UNCRD does not charge fees for participation in the Course, but provides entitlements including airfare, living allowances and medical expenses for the duration of the Course. Such entitlements are limited to ten only, so externally-funded participants are welcomed. Please note that those applicants with financial support from UNPAN partners will be given higher priority in the screening process for the Course. In those cases where the applicant has obtained financial support from UNPAN partners, a letter explicitly stating the sponsoring organization and the coverage of expenses must accompany his/her application form. In parallel, the funding agency should send a letter of endorsement to UNCRD to confirm that the applicant has been

awarded financial support. The deadline for application to ITC 32 is 26 December 2003.

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/tr/index>

Recent Publications

- [UNCRD Annual Report 2002](#)
- [UNCRD Newsletter, No. 55, January-June 2003](#)
- [UNCRD Highlights, Spring 2003 \(in Japanese\)](#)
- [UNCRD Info, No. 33, 2003 \(in Japanese\)](#)
- ["Disaster Management for Sustainable Development: Focus on Community Initiatives" *Regional Development Dialogues*, Vol. 24, No. 1, Spring 2003 \(only Contents available on web site\)](#)
- ["Information and Communication Technologies for Human Security in Local Development" *Regional Development Dialogues*, Vol. 23, No. 2, Autumn 2002 \(only Contents available on web site\)](#)

[All are accessible

from <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/pub/index> and <http://www.virtualref.com/uncrd>]

Conference Information

JICA-CPC-UNCRD 4th In-Country Training Course on Local Development Planning and Management

Theme: Local Development Planning and Management

Dates: 27 October - 8 November 2003

Location: Thalat, Vientiane Province, Lao PDR

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Thirty-Second International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC 32)

Theme: "Sustainable Regional Development" based on the UNCRD's two focus areas of environment and human security

Dates: 13 May - 23 June 2004

Location: Nagoya, Japan

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NEWS FROM UNTC

UN Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism (UNTC)

<http://www.untcentre.org>

5th UNTC Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee of the United Nations Thessaloniki Center (UNTC) was held on 29 July 2003, with the participation of high ranking representatives of the U.N., the Greek Government, and authorities in Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the provisional government of Kosovo and Slovakia. **Mr. Guido**

Bertucci, Director General of the Department of Public Administration and Development Management of the UN (UN/DPADM), chaired the meeting. The Minister of Macedonia and Thrace, **Mr. Charis Kastanidis**, opened the meeting, while the special representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization underlined the top priority that the Greek government attaches to the multilateral activities of the Center.

UNTC Welcomes New Staff

Mr. Yiannis Tavridis came on board last April as Programme and Administrative Officer, a position that had remained vacant for almost a year, while **Ms. Barbara Chiara Ubaldi**, Associate Expert, joined the staff last month. Ms. Ubaldi will strengthen UNTC's UNPAN-related activities.

Recent Publications

- ["Governance as a Complex System: Building a Domain Model using Ontological Representations" \(Peristeras V., Tsekos Th. and Tarabanis K.\)](#)
- ["Towards Integrated Policy Making: Remedying The Public Action Dichotomy Through Information and Communication Technologies and Learning" \(Theodore Tsekos\)](#)