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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (CEPA)



The Committee

- 24 members nominated by UN Secretary-General in their personal capacity
- Mandated to make recommendations to improve governance and public administration structures and processes for development



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Working groups

- Application of governance principles
- Climate change and natural resources
- Conflict-affected countries
- Dialogue with VNR countries/VLR cities
- Digital government
- ECOSOC and HLPF theme
- Public financial management
- Public sector workforce



Principles of effective governance

Applying the 11 principles of effective governance for sustainable development is crucial for achieving the SDGs and leaving no one behind



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Transforming institutions and governance to build forward better towards 2030

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Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)
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Key messages

- To build forward from COVID-19 pandemic and advance implementation of 2030 Agenda, governments should strengthen their public institutions and their social, physical, and technological infrastructure, while making their economies more resilient and agile to be better prepared to manage potential future economic, social, and environmental shocks
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation call for technical and programmatic shifts as well as reform of institutional structures, cultures, and capacities
- Building strong institutions for sustainable development remains a crucial challenge in conflict-affected settings - peacebuilding and sustaining peace depend on long-term engagement in institution-building by all stakeholders that is consistent with local norms and political realities
- Reviewing application of principles of effective governance for sustainable development at subnational level, the Committee found subsidiarity, integrity, oversight, and participation to be among more salient elements
- Building responsive and resilient institutions calls for more creative, flexible, and integrated ways of working, focused on the needs of people, as well as an adequate stock of competencies and resources
- Digitalization of government and society continues to offer immense opportunities to leapfrog development, improve public service delivery, combat corruption, reduce inequalities and improve state-citizen relations provided it is managed in a fair, ethical and people-centred manner
- Open and inclusive public financial management is essential to ensuring government accountability and legitimacy

Resources

- CEPA strategy guidance notes
- CEPA expert papers



Upcoming

CEPA 22nd session
(27-31 March 2023)

Theme: Urgently transforming institutions for a greener, more inclusive and more resilient world at a time of multiple crises

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