Desktop Ethics for Today’s Public Officials
A CD-ROM Demonstration Session

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Date and Time: Thursday, 20 May 1999 (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
Venue: UNICEF House, Henry Labouisse Hall

What temptations are public officials facing in their professional life today? How can corruption be effectively stemmed from the “demand” side? How can innovative and interactive tools such as CD-ROMS be used to train public servants?

Developed in Australia, the Public Sector Ethics Resource Series is a 5 CD-ROM set, combining engrossing TV drama with training, reference and resource materials to provide a consistent framework for ethical decision-making in the public sector. Launched in February this year, it has also been featured at the Global Forum Against Corruption which was sponsored by the U.S. Vice-President Gore in Washington D.C and at the International Institute for Public Ethics. It will be used for training public servants in all state and federal public services in Australia, and in New Zealand. Although the Series was produced for the specific context of a region, there may be potential to cost-effectively adapt and use it in the context of other countries.

Mr. Howard Whitton is the Project Manager for the Public Sector Ethics Resource Series, a part-time Research Fellow at the National Institute for Law, Ethics and Public Affairs at Griffith University in Australia, and a contributor to a number of publications in public sector ethics. He is also the Secretary-General of the International Institute for Public Ethics and the convenor of a National Forum for Ethics Practitioners. The demonstration will be introduced by Ambassador Penny Wensley of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN.

This event is co-sponsored by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations.

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