Technical Project Highlights

Mainstreaming Public Sector Professionalism and Ethics in Africa: 
The Charter for the Public Service in Africa
(RAF/03/017)

1) Project Description

The project on Mainstreaming Public Sector Professionalism and Ethics in Africa: The Charter for the Public Service in Africa was implemented by UN DESA, with the support of UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa. The goal of this regional project is to assist governments, private sector and civil society organizations in Africa to develop national strategies and prepare and compile material for mainstreaming public sector professionalism and ethics. The project was formulated to respond to the need to boost performance in the African public sector, as expressed in the Charter for the Public Service in Africa. It supports the dissemination of the Charter through the development of national mainstreaming strategies and accompanying training modules for public sector, private sector and civil society organizations, based on the findings of the 2000/2001 Public Service Ethics in Africa study. Mainstreaming professionalism and ethics in the public sector is an integral part of engaging all governance partners in the participating countries to build a culture of integrity and prevent corruption. The undertaking of such an initiative by interested countries would contribute towards increasing the confidence of development aid partners and investors in the public sectors in the region.

2) The Charter for the Public Service in Africa (See 9-A-a and 9-B-a below.)

3) 2000/2001 UN DESA/UNDP Study on Public Service Ethics in Africa

4) International Conference on Implementing the Charter and Public Service Improvement in Africa, 3-7 October 2005, Swakapmund, Namibia

   A. Programme
   B. Communique
   C. List of Participants


7) ECOWAS Meeting of Experts on Public Administration Outcomes: 27-29 April 2004, Abuja, Nigeria

A. **Aide-Memoire**

B. **Selected Background Papers**
   
   a. *The African Public Service Charter: Implementation Modalities, Capacity-Building Implications and Regional Follow-Up Mechanisms*
   
   b. *Promoting Ethics and Professionalism in the Namibian Public Service: A Case Study*

C. **Workshop Report**

9) **Training Outputs**

A. Public Sector Tool Kits for Anglophone African Countries:
   
   a. *Charter for the Public Service in Africa*
   
   b. Public Service Professional Ethics For Africa: Manual/CD-ROM (forthcoming)
   
   c. **UNDP Country Assessment in Accountability and Transparency: CONTACT**
   
   d. UN ODC Anti-Corruption Toolkit *(Excerpt)*
   
   e. **A/RES/51/59**
   
   f. *Developing a Training Methodology for Mainstreaming Ethics and Professionalism in the African Public Service*

B. Une panoplie d’instruments de formation pour le secteur public en pays francophones d’Afrique :
   
   a. *La Charte de la fonction publique en Afrique*
   
   b. *L’Ethique professionnelle dans le service public en Afrique: Guide pratique/CD-ROM*
   
   c. **PNUD L’Evaluation par pays de la responsabilité et de la transparence**
d. **BNU LDC/ONU DAES Une Panoplie d’instruments de lutte contre la corruption**

e. **A/RES/51/59**

f. **Recentrage des questions éthiques et professionnelles dans les fonctions publiques des pays francophones d’Afrique: Analyse critique de la méthodologie de la formation et des outils pédagogiques**

C. **Civil Society Tool Kit/Une panoplie d’instruments de formation pour la société civile:**

   a. **Standard Civic Education Messages/ Contenu type**

   b. **Civic Education/ Education civique**

   c. **Civic Education Institutions/Organisations d’éducation civique**

   d. **Popularizing Ethics and Professionalism in Civil Society: Strategies for Design and Dissemination of Public Information Kits for Francophone and Anglophone African Countries**

   e. **Les courants dominants de l’éthique et du professionnalisme au sein des acteurs de la société civile dans l’espace francophone**

   f. **Other UN resources (See 9-A and B above.)**

10) **Self-Assessment**

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