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)

UN-House, Beirut, 1-3 July 2003

Under the Auspices of H.E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni
Minister of State for Administrative Reform

Programme of Work

Tuesday, 1 July 2003

09.00 – 10.00  Registration

10.00 – 10.30  Opening Session
- Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Principal Advisor on Governance Systems and Institutions of DPADM, UNDESA
- Ms. Mervat Tallawy, Under-Secretary General of United Nations and Executive Secretary
- H.E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni, Minister of State for Administrative Reform

10.30 – 11.30  Statements of Arab Ministers
Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30  First Session: Public Administration Development and Human Resources
Chairperson: Mr. Hasan Charif (ESCWA)

Public Administration Development in the ESCWA Region
(Speaker: Mr. Yousef Salam, TEAM International)

Organizational Performance Management and Measurements: the Lebanese Experience
(Speaker: Ms. Hanine Salem, Lebanon)

Role of UNDP in Support of Public Administration Reform in Arab States
(Speaker: Ms. Elissar Sarrouh, UNDP)
13.30 –14.30  Lunch Break

Second Session: Innovation in Public Administration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

14.30 – 16.00

Chairperson: Mr. Mohamad Ghadia (Palestine)

The Role of Human Resources Management and Administrative Reform
(Speaker: Mr. Ali Mohamad Abdel Wahhab, Egypt)

New Technologies and their Impact on the Modernization of the Administrative Process
(Speaker: Mr. Maher Al-Mujtahed, Syria)

General Inspection in Ministries and the Administrative Development: the Case of Morocco
(Speaker: Mr. Mimoun Yachou, Morocco)

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00  Second Session (continued)

Chairperson:  Mr. Shabbir Cheema (UNDESA)

The Critical Role of Innovation in Public Administration in Promoting Social and Economic Development
(Speaker: Ms. Adriana Alberti, UNDESA)

The Reform Process in Palestine: Achievements and Challenges
(Speaker: Mr. Mohammad Ghadia, Palestine)

The Potential of E-Government to Support Good Governance and Possible Pitfalls
(Speaker: Mr. Arie Hoekman, UNDESA)

Wednesday, 2 July 2003

09.00 – 10.30  Third Session: E-Government Applications and Previous Success

Chairperson:  H.E. Mr. Abdelhakeem Bourawy (Tunisia)

The Lebanese E-Government Strategy
(Speaker: Mr. Raymond Khoury, Lebanon)

E-Government: Reality and Ambition
(Speaker: Mr. Saad Al-Barrak, Kuwait)

Customs and Cadastre: the Lebanese Experience
(Speakers: Ms. Raghda Jaber, Lebanon)

10.30 – 11.00  Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00 **Fourth Session: Public Administration Development and the Legal Framework**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Toni Issa (*Lebanon*)

Legal Frameworks for Public Administration Development: the European Experience  
*(Speaker: Mr. Pascal Petitcollot, France)*

Computerizing the Ministry of Justices: the Lebanese Experience  
*(Speaker: Mr. Rukoz Rizk, Lebanon)*

Legal Framework for E-Government Applications: the United Arab Emirates Experience  
*(Speaker: Mr. Habib Mulla, United Arab Emirates)*

Role of Technology in Public Administration Development: the Kuwaiti Experience  
*(Speaker: Mr. Mohammad Al-Dallal, Kuwait)*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 17.30 **Fifth Session: Extension of UNPAN in the Arab Region: Strengthening Cooperation Between UNPAN Members**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Hasan Charif (*ESCWA*)

Introduction of UNPAN and its Development at Regional Level  
*(Speaker: Ms. Haiyan Qian, UNDESA)*

E-Information Management in Public Administration via the UNPAN Programme: African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD) Experience  
*(Speaker: Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Band and Mr. Gianluca Misuraca, CAFRAD)*

Why UNPAN is an Interesting Concept!  
*(Speaker: Mr. Joseph Galimberti, IPAC)*

E-Information Management in Public Administration via the UNPAN Programme: the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) Experience  
*(Speaker: Ms. Ludmila Gajdosova, NISPAcee)*

Cooperation Among UNPAN Members on Knowledge Management in the Arab Region  
*(Speaker: Ms. Maya Ramadan, ESCWA)*

17.30 – 18.00 Coffee break

18.00 – 19.00 Multimedia Presentation on Modernizing and Digitalizing the Public Sector: the United Arab Emirates Experience  
*(H.E. Mr. Said Khalfian Alghaith, United Arab Emirates)*
Thursday, 3 July 2003

09.00 – 11.00  Sixth Session: Public Accounting and Budgeting

Chairperson: Ms. Sara Douweisan (Kuwait)

Modernizing National Public Accounting Systems in Arab Countries
(Speaker: H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Hegazi, Egypt)

Public Sector Accounting and Budgeting Reform: the Main Issues with Focus on the Arab World
(Speaker: Mr. Hassan Ouda, Netherlands)

Towards a New Budgeting and Accounting System in the Public Sector
(Speaker: Mr. Peter van der Hoek, Netherlands)

Towards a New Budgeting and Accounting-System in the Public Sector: A New Budgeting and Accounting System in Germany
(Speaker: Mr. Juergen Gornas, Germany)

Reforms in Public Accounting and Budgeting
(Speaker: Mr. Jihad Azour, Lebanon)

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00  Panel Discussion: Their Excellencies Mr. Najib Zerouali (Morocco), Mr. Abdulhakeem Bourawy (Tunisia), Mr. Said Khalfan Alghaith (UAE)
Moderator: H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Hegazi (Egypt)

13.00 – 13.30  Final Session and Recommendations
Chairperson: Mr. Hasan Charif (ESCWA)

Closing