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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

Provisional Programme of Work

Tuesday, 1 July 2003

09.00 – 10.00  Registration

10.00 – 10.30  Opening Session
- Mr. Shabbir Cheema, DESA
- Ms. Mervat Tallawy, ESCWA
- H.E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni

10.30 – 11.30  Statements of Arab Ministers

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee break

First Session: Public Administration Development and Human Resources

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Said Khalfan Al-Ghaith (United Arab Emirates)

12.00 – 13.30  Public Administration Development in the ESCWA Region
(Speaker: Mr. Yousef Salam, Lebanon)

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

Role of UNDP in Support of Public Administration Reform in Arab States
(Speaker: Ms. Elissar Sarrouh, UNDP, Lebanon)

13.30 – 14.30  Lunch Break

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

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Mohamad Al-Atrash (Syria)

14.30 – 16.00  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

Chairperson: Ms. Shabbir Cheema (DESA)

16.30 – 18.00 The Critical Role of Innovation in Public Administration in Promoting Social and Economic Development (Speaker: Ms. Adriana Alberti, DESA)

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

The Potential of E-Government to Enhance Service Delivery and Citizen Participation in the Euro-Mediterranean Region (Speaker: Mr. Arie Hoekman, Rome)

Discussion among Ministers and Experts, and concluding remarks

Wednesday, 2 July 2003

Third Session: E-Government Applications and Previous Success

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

09.00 – 10.30 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 and Mr. George Azar, Lebanon)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Fourth Session: Public Administration Development and the Legal Framework

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Najib Zerouali (Morocco)

11.00 – 13.00 Legal Frameworks for Public Administration Development: the French Experience (Speaker: Mr. Pascal Petitcollot, France)

Computerizing the Ministry of Justics: the Lebanese Experience (Speaker: Mr. Rukoz Rizk, Lebanon)
Fifth Session: Extension of UNPAN in the Arab Region: Strengthening Cooperation Between UNPAN Members

Chairperson: Mr. Hasan Charif (ESCWA)

14.00 – 15.30 Introduction of UNPAN and its Development at Regional Level
(Speaker: Ms. Haiyan Qian, DESA)

E-Information Management in Public Administration via the UNPAN Programme: ARADO Experience
(Speaker: Mr. Hazem Aboulfadl, UNPAN Consultant, ARADO)

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)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 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, Executive Director, NISPAcee)

Cooperation Among UNPAN Members on Knowledge Management in the Arab Region
(Speaker: Mr. Hasan Charif, 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 Khalfan Alghaith, United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 3 July 2003

Sixth Session: Public Accounting and Budgeting

09.00 – 11.00 Modernizing National Public Accounting Systems in Arab Countries
(Speaker: Mr. Abdelaziz Hegazi, Egypt)

Public Sector Accounting and Budgeting Reform: the Main Issues
(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
13.00 – 13.30 Final Session and Recommendations
13.30 – 14:30 Lunch break