

**Symposium on
"Effective, Inclusive and Accountable Public Institutions and
Digital Government Transformation for
Resilient Recovery and the Implementation of the SDGs"**

24 – 26 November 2020

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (ROK), 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Thailand)

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Malaysia), 3:00 – 6:00 PM (Fiji), 4:00 – 7:00 PM (Samoa)

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM (New York)

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, 24 November 2020	
Time (KST)	Agenda Item
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bokyun SHIM, Head, United Nations Project Office, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government/UN DESA</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. CHIN Young, Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea • Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. PARK Namchoon, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea <p>Special Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. BAN Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations <p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Farhad HOSSAIN, Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration, People’s Republic of Bangladesh

<p>11:30 – 12:45</p>	<p>Session I - Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions to Leave No One Behind</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p><i>Central Role of Public Institutions in the Decade of Action: Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Upma Chawdhry, Member, United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration <p><i>Promoting Institutional Accountability and Preventing Corruption for Resilient Societies and SDG Implementation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Francesco Checchi, Anti-Corruption Adviser, UNODC Southeast Asia and the Pacific <p><i>Inclusive Institutions to Leaving No One Behind: Social Protection and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Laisa Vereti, Director of Operations, Pacific Disability Forum • Ms. Kyung Hee Kim, Director of Seongdong Health Center, 2020 UNPSA Winner, Republic of Korea <p><i>Accelerating the Localization of the SDGS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. WANG Yao, Director General, International Institute of Green Finance of the Central University of Finance and Economics, China • Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General, UCLG-ASPAC <p><i>Gaps, Opportunities and Recommendations to implement the SDGs during the COVID-19 Era in the Asia and Pacific Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, ESCAP • Mr. Kishor Joshi, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission, Nepal • Mr. Wilson Gusamo, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Policy Branch, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea <p>Q&A</p> <p>Closing</p>
<p>12:45 - 14:00</p>	<p>Session II –Partnerships and Capacity Development to Implement the Sustainable Development Goals and Build Resilient Societies</p>

	<p>Moderator: Dr. Hyunsook Kim, Senior Programme Management Expert, UNPOG, from the Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea</p> <p><i>Strengthening Regional Cooperation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ashish Narain, Principal Economist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank • Mr. Alikhan Baimenov, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Astana Civil Service Hub, Kazakhstan <p><i>Stakeholder Engagement for Recovery and Acceleration of SDGs Implementation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Neel Ratan, Global Leader, Digital Government Network and Government and Public Sector, PwC India • Mr. Gomer Padong, Director, Philippines Social Enterprise Network, Philippines • Mr. Mohammad Naciri, Regional Director, UN-Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Ms. Sera Yun, Winner, 4th Youth Forum on SDG Implementation <p><i>Strengthening Governance Capacities for Resilience</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia, Head, UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia & Global Education and Training Institute • Ms. Karma Hamu Dorjee, Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission of Bhutan <p>Q&A</p> <p>Closing</p>
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Day 2 – Wednesday, 25 November 2020	
Time (KST)	Agenda Item
11:00 – 13:20	<p>Session III - Digital Government Transformation and Innovation for Building Back Better</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p><i>2020 UN E-Government Survey: Digital Transformation in Asia-Pacific</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief, Digital Government Branch/DPIDG/UN DESA • Mr. Sung Joo Son, Director of Digital Government Cooperation, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, ROK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Honorable Vice Minister Mr. Askar Serikovich ZHAMBAKIN, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan • Mr. Khemera Mok, Director, Department of E-Government, General Department of ICT, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Cambodia <p><i>Digital Government for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erin Hughey, Director of Global Operations, Pacific Disaster Center • Dr. Ebinezer R. Florano, Professor, National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, Philippines • Mr. Anitelu Toimoana, Director of Information and Technology, Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications, Tonga • Mr. Samuel Danaa, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UNPOG/UN DESA <p><i>Public Sector Innovation for Responsive Service Delivery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Giulio Quaggiotto, Head, UNDP Asia and the Pacific Innovation Center • Mr. Surasak Riangkrul, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, On behalf of Nong Ta Tam Subdistrict Administrative Organization, 2019 UNPSA Winner, Thailand • Ms. Arifah Sharifuddin, Senior Manager, Digital Inclusion Division, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation, Malaysia <p>Q&A</p> <p>Closing</p>
13:20 - 13:30	<p>Key Messages and The Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bokyun Shim, Head, United Nations Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA

Day 3 – Thursday, 26 November 2020	
Time (KST)	Agenda Item
11:00 – 13:00	<p>SPECIAL SESSION [CLOSED MEETING: BY INVITATION ONLY]</p> <p>Asia and the Pacific Taskforce on the Global Initiative for schools of Public Administration: UN DESA Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs</p>

Moderator and Welcome Remarks

Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG/UN DESA

Welcome Remarks

Bokyun Shim, Head of Office of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)

Presentation of the content of the toolkits and feedback received from the facilitated online courses

- **Ms. Mi Kyoung Park**, Governance and Public Administration Officer, UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG – Online Training Workshop on “Government Innovation for Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups”
- **Mr. Samuel Danaa**, Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG – Online Training Workshop on “Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience”
- **Mr. Prabin Maharjan**, Associate Research and Policy Analysis Expert, UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG – Online Training Workshop on “Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation”

Feedback on training material reviewed

- **Dr. Aslam Alam**: Government Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

Feedback on the work of the Schools of Public Administration

- *What have you been doing in the past year in terms of new training courses for the SDGs?*
- *What are the new training demands? What challenges have you faced over the past year, especially in the COVID-19 pandemic situation?*
- *What toolkit you would like to pilot next year?*

Open discussion

- *What actions can be taken to disseminate widely the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs at all levels?*

- *How do you intend to use the training material developed?*

- *What other training material is necessary in your view to advance implementation of the SDGs?*

- *What would be any additional suggestions on the Curriculum (in regard to contents, learning methodology, delivery modality, etc.) to ensure that it can better address your new training demands and challenges, especially in responding to COVID-19 and preparing for the post-COVID-19 era?*

- *What new areas for development should be highlighted to build back better?*

Next steps and The Way Forward

Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG/UN DESA