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Enhancing governance capacities for the future we want

**Launch of the Curriculum on
Governance for the
Sustainable Development
Goals in the Asia-Pacific region**

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Are public administrations ready?

- MULTI-FACETED, INTERLINKED CRISES - climate, biodiversity, food, pandemic, other?
- RISK & UNCERTAINTY – Environmental change, social change + system interactions, tipping points
- OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATION – Is there capacity to open the way for transformation?
- ENGAGING AN ACTIVE AND (DIS)INFORMED PUBLIC – How to work with the public to deliver on the SDGs? How to balance public and private interests?
- MANAGING NEW AND EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES? – Ensuring that technologies are harnessed as a public good

Asia-Pacific Futures in 2040

Raising ambitions for a healthy environment



- Prepared via a multi-stakeholder, participatory foresight process
- Explores five drivers of change
- Presents new insights on sustainability challenges
- Explores four alternative future scenarios
- Proposes a roadmap to a desired future

The Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs supports key points of transformation

Public participation



Movements towards removing damaging socio-cultural barriers, and gender balance in government and decision-making lead to more effective governance

Solidarity



Strengthened governance increases trust in public institutions and social solidarity – working towards a reimagined social contract

Radical transparency



Digital technologies harnessed to support radical transparency in governance and help to build public trust – rather than for disinformation

Investing in natural capital



The path to shared prosperity is by investing in landscape restoration, energy transition “going green”

Revitalized multilateralism

A revitalized approach to multilateralism forges new voluntary agreements which are open, inclusive and networked



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Healthy humans need healthy ecosystems



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