

# Call for policy briefs for the UN World Public Sector Report 2017

## The role of Public Administration for an integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

### *An opportunity to contribute*

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This is a call for contributions from scientists and researchers in the form of policy briefs – concise, factual, and open access – that highlight issues, research findings, trends and solutions. Preparations for the 2017 edition of the World Public Sector Report 2017 (WPSR), to be published by December 2017, are now underway. The Report will focus on the role of public institutions and public administration for an integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The outline of the report is available at: [<https://publicadministration.un.org/en/Research/World-Public-Sector-Reports> ].

Briefs that meet the requirements of this call (see below) will be posted on the website of the 2017 World Public Sector Report, and their content will inform relevant chapters of the Report.

### *The World Public Sector Report*

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The World Public Sector Report is published by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) since 2001. From its inception, the WPSR has addressed a range of contemporary topics in public governance that significantly impact the United Nations Development Agenda. The forthcoming edition of the Report will examine the implications of the need for integration in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for public administration and public institutions at the national and local levels, highlighting challenges and opportunities involved as well as recent developments in public administration and development management practice that have aimed to enable integrated action. The Report will examine three dimensions of integration: horizontal integration, vertical integration, and participation and engagement. It will highlight how these dimensions are relevant to different SDGs and nexuses of issues, through the synthesis of country examples. Using this framework, the Report will look in depth at three themes: migrations, health, and countries in post-conflict situations. The selection of these themes aims to illustrate how public administration and public institutions can effectively address the linkages that exist among specific issues and other SDGs.

It is hoped that the Report will draw on inputs from a range of stakeholders, including the UN system, members of scientific communities from various disciplines and practitioners across the world.

### *Scope of the call for contributions*

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The aim of the policy briefs is to summarize or highlight salient findings or arguments. Briefs should address an issue, finding, or research topic with a bearing on how public institutions and public administration at the national and local levels, in a broad sense, can address the challenges of integration posed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. It is recommended to highlight a number of key messages from the current academic and practitioner debate for the attention of policy-makers. The focus should be on practical ways to promote integration, including dimensions such as planning, budgeting, participation, institutional set-up and incentives, and others. Contributions are welcomed both on cross-cutting issues (e.g., how to address horizontal or vertical integration), and on specific SDG areas or nexuses (e.g. how public administration has addressed linkages between water, waste and health).

### *Requirements*

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The briefs should be factual and clearly based on peer-reviewed literature. They should be **less than 2,000 words** in length. Tables or figures should all be captioned with source indicated. Please use footnotes instead of endnotes, for necessary explanations and asides. References should be in Harvard Citation Style, i.e. (Author, year) inserted where quoted in the text. All references should be listed alphabetically at the end of the brief.

### *Submission process*

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The brief (including supporting documents) should be submitted to [dpadm@un.org](mailto:dpadm@un.org) in **.doc or .docx format**, using email subject **WPSR 2017 Policy Briefs – [title of the brief]**. Please indicate your name and professional affiliation in the email.

The deadline for submissions is **30 August 2017**. However, interested contributors are invited to submit their briefs as soon as possible, so that they can be considered in the preparation of the WPSR 2017.

For more information on the Report, please [visit the webpage](#).