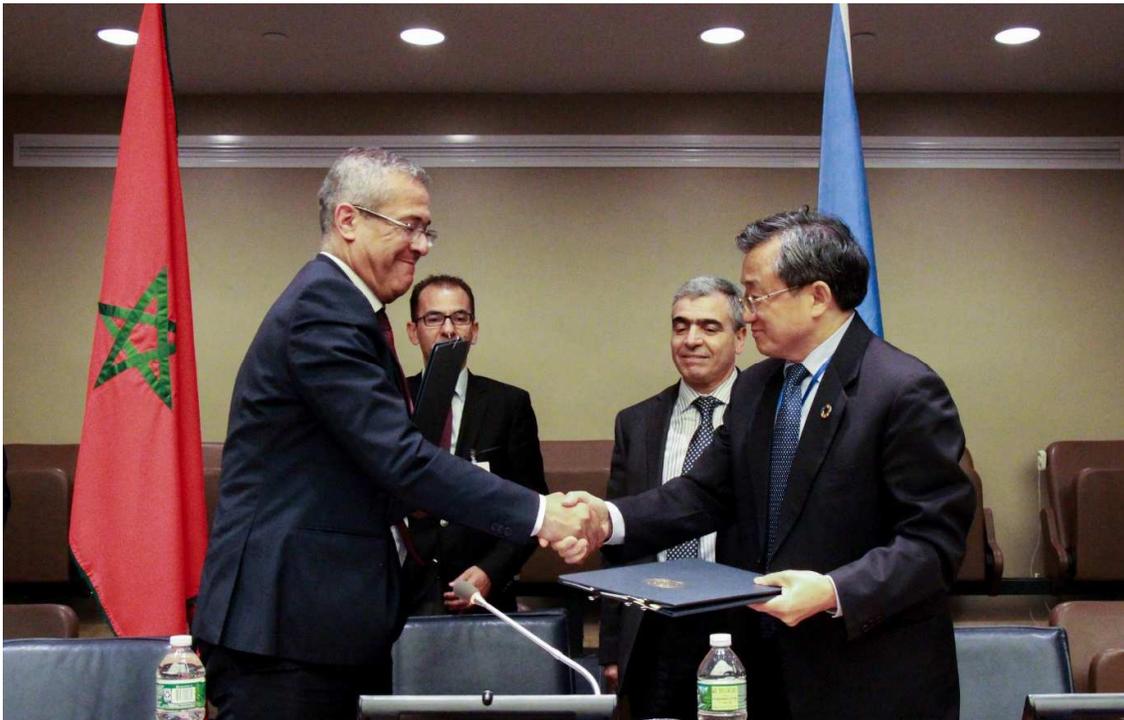


## UN Public Service Forum Panel Discussion

On 11 May 2018, a panel on the UN Public Service Forum (UNPSF) was held at UN Headquarters in New York. The panel brought together the current and several former host countries of the UNPSF to discuss how the Forum could be further leveraged as a global platform to promote policy dialogue, knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning on innovative approaches to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin and H.E. Mohamed Ben Abdelkader, Head of the Ministry of Administration and Civil Service Reform of Morocco delivered the opening remarks. H.E. Ben Abdelkader highlighted key features of the 2018 UN Public Service Forum to take place in Marrakech, Morocco from 21 to 23 June.



The panellists from Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, Bahrain and the Netherlands proposed a wide range of suggestions on how to further enhance the UNPSF. These included to: (i) emphasize the interlinkages between the role of public institutions and the SDGs in implementing the 2030 Agenda; (ii) focus more on inclusivity and participation, including through greater use of technology in sharing the content and outcomes of the Forum; (iii) organize study tours conducted by the host country to expand on capacity development opportunities; (iv) further promote innovation and the exchange of practices, including through the UN Public Service Awards; and (v) further promote partnerships for innovation in implementing the SDGs.

At the conclusion of the panel, the host country agreement ceremony took place through an exchange of letters signed by the USG Mr. Liu and by H.E. Ben Abdelkader, representing the Government of Morocco.



The event was co-organised by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN and the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

More information on the 2018 Forum: <https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa2018/>