



DPADM Update to CEPA Members: January - March 2018

Welcome to this year's first issue of the CEPA Bulletin!

With the 17th session of CEPA coming up this April, I am excited for the opportunity to engage your expertise around the interesting issues lined up for this year's session. Readying institutions and policies for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is crucial to effectively achieve the SDG targets. Progress can only be accelerated if the foundation is laid for strong effective governments that are accountable to their people and that ensure open government innovations and reforms at local and national level. Institutions and public administration must evolve at all levels to cultivate transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.

In this issue we feature some interesting recent UN activities.

The first International Forum on Migration Statistics was held in Paris and molded a community of users of migration statistics. Migration patterns today have fueled political debate and are top of the policy agenda which makes the improvement of migration data collection within countries ever more important.

At the 56th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD56) held at the UN Headquarters in New York, the commission recommended four draft resolutions to ECOSOC on ageing, future working methods, strategies for poverty eradication and Africa's development.

The ECOSOC Youth Forum brought together over 700 young people to the UN, under the theme "The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities". The forum addressed a range of issues including water and sanitation, sustainable energy, inclusive safe and resilient cities as well as technology and innovations to facilitate youth engagement.

DPADM, together with ESCAP and in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, held a side event during the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to launch the E-Government for Women's Empowerment Toolkit. The online toolkit has been developed through a joint DESA – ESCAP research project and represents the first region-wide toolbox to support the gender-mainstreaming of e-Government.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you that Ms. Marion Barthélemy has been appointed as Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination effective 1 March 2018. Serving as Director of the Statistics Division, I have been appointed the Officer-in-Charge of DPADM. I look forward to meeting and working with you all during the 17th CEPA session in April!

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CEPA related information

Official documents of the 17th session of CEPA

The official documents for the 17th CEPA session to be held from 23 to 27 April 2018 at the UN Headquarters in New York have now been issued in the six official languages of the UN and posted online. The documents focus on the themes for this year's session: Readying institutions and policies for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and Supporting the transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.

Links to all available documents for the 17th session can be found [here](#).

2018 UN Public Service Awards

DESA/DPADM received over 800 nominations for the 2018 UN Public Service Awards (UNPSA) out of which 335 were eligible for the first round of evaluation. Award recipients will be recognized during the Awards ceremony held during the 2018 UN Public Service Forum to be hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco from 21 to 23 June 2018. More information can be found [here](#).

48 countries to review progress towards SDGs during 2018 High-level Political Forum

As the main UN platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), will carry out in-depth reviews of progress on SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17, and their inter-linkages with other Goals. 48 countries will present Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) on the status of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The HLPF will be held from 9 to 18 July in New York. More information can be found [here](#).

Information on major UN developments and meetings

International Forum on Migration Statistics

“The number of international migrants is estimated to have reached 258 million in 2017, with South-South migrants outnumbering South-North migrants” highlighted Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, in his [opening speech](#) to the first International Forum on Migration Statistics. “Accurate information and evidence is critical to inform national and global migration debates” said Mr. Liu.

Migration is at the top of the policy agenda in many countries today and there is an urgent need to improve availability, comparability, timeliness and quality of international migration data. The International Forum for Migrations Statistics, co-organised by UNDESA, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) brought together producers, analysts and users of migration statistics to create a community focused



on migration measurement issues. The Forum was held in Paris from 15 to 16 January. More information can be found [here](#).

56th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD56)

CSocD56, the commission responsible for the social development pillar of global development, adopted measures by government officials and civil society leaders that included the creation of social protection systems to help uplift the millions of people still under the poverty line. “At the global level, we have experienced impressive reductions in extreme poverty. Significant progress has also been made in improving access to schooling and healthcare, promoting the empowerment of women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and indigenous populations,” said UN Deputy Secretary-General Ms. Amina Mohammed at the opening of the Commission. “However, the drop in extreme poverty remains uneven across regions, within countries and between various social groups.” The CSocD56 session took place at the UN Headquarters from 29 January to 7 February and concluded by recommending four draft resolutions to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), on ageing, future working methods, strategies for eradicating poverty and Africa’s development. More information can be found [here](#).

ECOSOC Youth Forum

The ECOSOC Youth Forum that brought together over 700 youth advocates to discuss how the youth can be further engaged as drivers of the SDGs, took place at the United Nations Headquarters from 30 to 31 January. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs highlighted in his [closing statement](#) the importance of youth engagement to the implementation of the SDGs and encouraged the youth to continue working with policy-makers and governments to ensure that their voices are heard. The forum addressed experiences of youth working in the area of the right to water and sanitation, youth-led contributions to energy access, renewable energy solutions and energy efficiency towards improving resilience in rural and urban communities. Other experiences included how youth have adopted responsible and sustainable consumption and production patterns for more resilient communities as well as other crucial work including youth-led social entrepreneurship, research and innovation. More information can be found [here](#).

Events organized by DESA/DPADM and other major developments

2018 UN Public Service Forum

UNDESA/DPADM, in collaboration with the Ministry of Administration and Civil Service Reform of the Kingdom of Morocco, is organizing the 2018 UN Public Service Forum which will be held Morocco from 21 to 23 June. The forum will bring together senior decision makers to discuss how to transform governance and innovate the way governments, institutions and public administrations are organized and work to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will also look at how governments can become more effective, inclusive and accountable as committed in SDG 16. The forum will also provide the opportunity to promote enhanced cooperation and partnerships. The 2018 UNPSA winners awards ceremony will be held on June 23 (UN Public Service Day) as part of the UNPS Forum. More information can be found [here](#).



Side-Event during the [62nd Commission on the Status of Women](#)

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