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HLPF Side Event & Workshop: “Capacity-Building in the context of the 2030 Agenda - The role of Civil Servants in a Multi-Stakeholder Environment”

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CONCEPT

The side event, jointly organised by the United Nations Systems Staff College Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development (UNSSC) and the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), brings together six schools of public administration from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa to discuss capacity-building formats to support national implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The perspectives of the organizing partners will be shared and reflected with representatives from the public sector, civil society, academia and the private sector, who will share insights from their research and practice.

The event starts from the insight that civil servants increasingly need to act as brokers and facilitators for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in a multi-stakeholder environment. The role of civil servants and the required skills, competencies and mind-sets that contribute to their work as agents of transformation will therefore be at the heart of the debate. In this context special emphasis will be placed on new approaches to facilitate the collaborative partnership of civil servants with diverse stakeholders, which can shift mutual perceptions and increase synergies, as well as innovative methods to transmit the integrated and transformative nature of the Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

In this way, the aims of the side events are twofold:

First, the event serves the purpose to share perspectives and concrete examples from diverse stakeholders with regards to successful interactions between civil servants and other stakeholders related to SDG implementation. At the same time, the event will help identify bottle necks and hurdles for meaningful collaboration and develop approaches to overcome them.

Second, participants will jointly develop specific ideas and recommendations for national administration schools to inform capacity development curricula for civil servants.

The side event on 11 July will be followed by an internal workshop on 12 and 13 July. The workshop serves the purpose to develop a roadmap for further MGG activities on capacity building of the public sector for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In this context, the participants will start designing a joint pilot course for civil servants in a multi-stakeholder environment.

PROGRAMME

JULY 11, 2018

10 am – 1 pm: [HLPF Learning and Training SIDE EVENT](#)

UN Headquarters, 405 E 42nd Street (46th St & 1st Ave), New York, NY 10017, Room S2724, 27th floor

‘Special Events - SDGs Learning, Training & Practices’ Side Event, United Nations System Staff College Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development (UNSSC) and German Development Institute (DIE)
“Capacity-Building in the context of the 2030 Agenda - The role of Civil Servants in a Multi-Stakeholder Environment”

- 10:00 Welcome and introduction: aims of session, methods (DIE & UNSSC)
- 10:15 Introductory note by Prof. Margaret Kobia (tbc), MGH Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Principal author of the recent CEPA paper on [Building the awareness, competencies and skills of civil servants at the national and local levels](#).
- 10:30 Working with multi-stakeholder processes: Experiences and success stories for SDG implementation
- Input by Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum
- Followed by dialogue with representatives from public administration (Lolita Jackson, Network Relationships NYC Office of the Mayor), private sector, civil society and multi-stakeholder networks
- 11:00 Interactive Q & A with participants on first findings: Knowledge, skills, and attitude of civil servants to successfully engage in a multi-stakeholder environment
- 11:30 Role & potential of training for public servants
- Input by Prof. Dr. Harsh Sharma, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)
- Followed by discussion with representatives of other public administration schools
- 11:45 Group work in small teams with representatives of public administration schools on recommendations of the side event’s participants to public administration schools
- 12:30 Presentation of recommendations and conclusions
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JULY 12, 2018

9 am – 5 pm: **WORKSHOP “Training civil servants for implementing the 2030 agenda in a multi-stakeholder environment – recommendations and pilot course design”**

Industry City, 220 36th Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY 11232

1. Welcome and introduction
 2. Follow-Up Side Event
 3. Roadmap for future MGG activities
 4. Development of a pilot course
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JULY 13, 2018

9 am – 12 pm: WORKSHOP “Training civil servants for implementing the 2030 agenda in a multi-stakeholder environment – recommendations and pilot course design”

German House, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, 871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, East River Room, 22nd floor

1. Welcome address by Dr. Andreas Pfeil, German Mission to the UN
2. Presentation of “Global Initiative of Schools of Public Administration: Mobilizing and equipping public servants to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
3. Operationalisation of Roadmap for future MGG activities

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and United Nations System Staff College Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development (UNSSC) together with Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Confederation of Indian Industry Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CII-ITC) (tbc), National Institute of Public Administration, Indonesia (NIPA), National Institute of Public Administration, Mexico (INAP), National School of Government, South Africa (NSG), National School of Public Administration, Brazil (ENAP), Party School of Communist Party of China Central Committee (CPC), Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) as well as Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI).