



COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



The Committee

- 24 members nominated by the Secretary-General in their personal capacity
- Advises ECOSOC by reviewing trends, issues and priorities in governance and public administration related to the 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the SDGs

CEPA 24th session (7-11 April 2025) focused on Governance and institutional perspectives on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs



Key messages and recommendations in 2025

Governance frameworks for an inclusive, sustainable future

Staying the course towards the Goals requires an urgent shift towards comprehensive systems thinking that closes gaps in analyzing interactions across policy domains, integrates a long-term vision of society into SDG planning and reporting, strengthens multilevel governance strategies, and enables conditions for scientists to conduct high-quality, independent research and effectively engage in policy processes



Collaboration and partnership

Redouble efforts to promote SDG awareness across the whole of government and the whole of society while promoting transformational leadership that emphasizes coalition-building, social values and high ethical standards



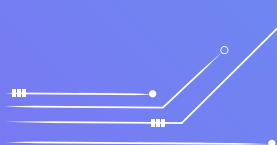
Capacity-building for sustainable development

Strengthen public sector capabilities through integrated institution-building strategies, anticipatory governance, risk management and peer learning, and apply the principles of effective governance for sustainable development across all public institutions to support the implementation of all SDGs



Balancing innovation and public interest in the use of AI

Ensure transparency and accountability of artificial intelligence systems in public administration, including by encouraging supreme audit institutions to leverage artificial intelligence and develop common approaches to auditing its use



Fostering inclusive institutions at all levels

Strengthen inclusive institutions and reduce inequalities through holistic people-centred policies that prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable, including through targeted attention to mental health support in post-conflict countries and more effective governance to prepare for and respond to extreme heat events



Promoting effective public financial management

Addressing shortcomings in sustainable public finance would benefit from a comprehensive approach to public financial management reform, increased attention to the proper management of emergency funding with limits on its use for non-emergency purposes, and embedding of commitments to the SDGs in budgetary and financial processes



Developing a competent and capable public sector workforce

To perform a broad spectrum of functions and deliver public services, governments should actively align skills with evolving needs and pursue strategies to attract and retain workers of all ages and backgrounds. A wide-ranging social dialogue should also be considered to reinforce a core motivation of public sector workers while strengthening responsiveness of the public sector to the needs of society



Resources



- [Principles of effective governance](#)
- [CEPA strategy guidance notes](#)
- [CEPA expert papers](#)
- [ECOSOC resolution on the report of the Committee on its 24th session](#)

Upcoming

CEPA 25th session
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