



CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE DAY (23 JUNE)



The United Cities and Local Governments of Africa and its Partners are organizing an Hybrid Conference on:

“Joining efforts to promote Sustainable Innovation in Africa's Public Service”

on Monday 21 June, 2021 from 01:00pm to 05:00pm, Rabat Local Time (UTC+1).

On Zoom : Celebration of the United Nations Public Service Day

Link to register in advance for this meeting:

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Concept note

Having agreed and adopted the Africa 2063 strategy with its seven Aspirations in March 2015, Leaders of African Countries joined the rest of the world Leaders and adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 SDGs in September the same year. With the adoption of these transformational strategies, African governments fully embraced the global ambition of transforming Africa's Development for the well-being of the African people. The implementation and achievement of these ambitious transformational strategies and goals have preoccupied Governments since 2016.

The content of both the 2030 Agenda and the Africa 2063 strategy are transformational in intent. The 2063 strategy which expresses seven Aspirations containing values and principles more or less similar to those contained in the 2030 Agenda **is focused on transformation**. In adopting it the Leaders of Africa were “deeply conscious that Africa in 2015 (stood) at a crossroads and (were) determined to transform the continent and ensure irreversible and universal change of the African condition” (Africa 2063 strategy 2015). Given the values, principles, goals and targets it set, the 2030 Agenda is “a supremely ambitious and transformational vision” as the title of the UN General Assembly Resolution, “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” shows.

The resolve for transforming the world and Africa contained in the above-mentioned strategies is echoed in many development strategies at regional and national levels in Africa. However, the transformation will not happen without consistent and sustainable innovative changes to transform the public service in the way it works and in the services it delivers.

Governments of African countries, in their efforts to transform the lives of the African people, must intensively and extensively **promote innovation in the public service**. Without success in innovating the public services the planned transformation will be difficult (if not impossible) to achieve.

The Covid-19 pandemic which has been raging on since December 2019 has made this point clearly. Continuous innovation in the public service to make service delivery not only effective but also equitable to benefit all peoples in Africa, especially the poor and vulnerable, is critical to achieving Africa's Aspirations expressed in the 2063 Strategy and the SDGs.

Celebrating the Africa Public Service Day provides an opportunity and a platform for calling on all African governments to sustain promotion of innovation in the public service focusing on service all people effectively and equitably. It provides a moment to reflect on what it will take to have intensive and extensive promotion of innovation in public sector institutions in Africa including:

- transformational leadership at all levels of the public service,
- developing competences of public servants,
- managing human resources efficiently,
- changing attitudes and mindsets of public servants to focus on the ethos of service to the people,

- changing approaches and work methods to promote collaboration and partnerships in service delivery,
- developing ICT infrastructure and skills to support effectiveness,
- anchoring transparency and accountability in the delivery of public service,
- humanness and resilience in the public service, etc..

The United Cities and Local Governments of Africa(UCLG-Africa) through its two Branches and Professional Networks of Territorial Managers, used to take the opportunity of the United Nations Public Service Day to not only celebrate this Day, but also to inform, raise awareness, share good practices and knowledge, join efforts among its Community, Networks and Partners.

In this regard, UCLG-Africa will organize an hybrid Conference on Monday 21 June, 2021 on “Joining efforts to promote Sustainable Innovation in Africa's Public Service”.

Main Objective:

Celebration of the African Public Service and Local African Human Capital, with a focus on the transformation dynamic.

Date and Time:

On Monday 21 June, 2021 from 01:00pm to 5:00pm, Rabat Local Time (UTC+1).

On UCLG-Africa Zoom Plateform :

Link to Register to the Conference:

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Working languages: Arabic, French, English, and Portugese

Our Partners:

- Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government(DPIDG) of UNDESA, New York.
- The Members and Networks of UCLG-Africa.
- The African Association for Public Administration and Management(AAPAM).
- The African Public Service Human Resource Management-Network (APS-HRMNet).
- The Anchoring Institutes and Partners of ALGA of UCLG-Africa.
- University of Stellenbosch/School of Public Leadership, South Africa.
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and FIU University, Miami, USA.

Target Groups

- The Governments Representatives.
- The Local and Regional Governments Representatives.
- The International Organizations.
- The Public Servants, in particular the Local and Regional Civil Servants.
- The Civil Society Organizations.
- The Academia, Universities and Reseach Centers.
- The African Network of Experts and Reseachers.
- The students...

Draft Agenda

Time	Activities
12:30	Welcoming and installation of the Honorable Guests, Speakers and Participants
01:00pm - 01:30pm	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Representative of UCLG-Africa. - Dr John Mary Kauzya, Representing the Directorate of Public Institutions and Digital Governance, UN-Department for Economic and Social Affairs, New York (confirmed). - The Representative of UCLG (TBC) - The Representative of the General Directorate of Territorial Collectivities (DGCT) of the Ministry of the Interior (TBC). - The Representative of the Department of Administrative Reform (TBC). - The Representatives of the National Associations of Territorial Collectivities of Morocco (ARM, AMPCPP, AMPCC) (TBC).
01:30pm-02:00pm	Our KeyNote Speakers How we can better transform African Public Service ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr John Mary Kauzya, UN-DESA/DPIDG, New York. - Prof. Geert Bouckaert, Belgium (TBC).
02:00pm - 02:30pm	Message of Solidarity (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IISA-AISIA - ASPA-FIU - AAPAM - APS-HRMNet - African Union of Architects. - Public Service International (PSI)
02:30pm-03:15pm	African Mayors Engagement to transform Leadership and Human Resource Management 5 Mayors from the 5 Regions (TBC).
03:15pm-03:30pm	Q&A
03:30pm-04:30pm	African Territorial Managers Voices : what they expect from their Leaders and Administration ? 5 Territorial Managers from the 5 Regions (TBC).
04:30pm-05:00pm	Wrap-up