

2009/18

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/40 of 19 December 2002, 2003/60 of 25 July 2003, 2005/3 of 31 March 2005, 2005/55 of 21 October 2005, 2006/47 of 28 July 2006, 2007/38 of 4 October 2007 and 2008/32 of 25 July 2008, and also General Assembly resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996, 56/213 of 21 December 2001, 57/277 of 20 December 2002, 58/231 of 23 December 2003, 59/55 of 2 December 2004, 60/34 of 30 November 2005 and 63/202 of 19 December 2008, all on public administration and development,

Taking note with appreciation of the pioneering work of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration, Finance and Development in supporting Member States with analytical research, advocacy and advisory and training services for public administrations in the areas of human capacity development, e-government development and citizen engagement during the past sixty-one years, since its inception in 1948,¹

Taking note with appreciation of the work done by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration at its eighth session, including the papers on the human factor in capacity-building and development, mainstreaming health issues and human capacity-building in public administration and the United Nations online glossary in governance and public administration, and for its continual support for the work of the Economic and Social Council concerning the promotion and development of public administration and governance among Member States,

Recognizing that especially because the conditions and context of development, growth and governance have changed, public administration priorities, including capacity-building for growth and development and ownership of national development, still remain critical cross-cutting issues in addressing the current global financial crisis, climate change and gender equality challenges, as well as for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recognizing with appreciation the substantive contributions made by the current members of the Committee in strengthening public administration capacity at the regional, national and local levels,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session,² on the need for continual capacity-building for development, at national and subnational levels, and that the Secretariat continues to enhance its support for capacity-building³ in the public sector;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the input by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration to the 2009 annual ministerial review on the theme “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health”;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to give due recognition to innovative public sector initiatives by Member States through the flagship

¹ See the 2005 World Summit Outcome (General Assembly resolution 60/1), para. 11.

² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 24 (E/2009/5).*

³ See the 2005 World Summit Outcome (General Assembly resolution 60/1), para. 22 (f).

work of the United Nations Public Service Day and Public Service Awards in support of the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to further enhance its support for capacity-building through analytical research, advisory services and online and offline training, emphasizing trust building, citizen engagement, human resources and institutional development;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat, in the light of the fact that the current economic and financial crisis is a daunting challenge to public administration, to enhance its important work for the development of public sector institutions and resources for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, by further developing its analytical and advisory capacity and further integrating research and analysis with the normative and operational work and by continuing to work with other partners in developing joint products;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat, in order to facilitate the advocacy and the implementation of the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society, to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development, the Internet Governance Forum and the Global Centre for Information and Communication Technologies in Parliament, and the implementation of the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society⁴ on e-government-related issues;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to work with relevant partners, especially schools of public administration and research institutes worldwide, and further develop and maintain a global knowledge base at national and subnational levels, within the United Nations Public Administration Network, of administrative strategies, public policies, expert networks, best practices and lessons learned in the areas mentioned above with the overarching objective of promoting efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and participation in the public sector and to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

8. *Approves* the convening of the ninth session of the Committee.

*42nd plenary meeting
29 July 2009*

⁴ See A/C.2/59/3, annex.