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Transformational Leadership and Transforming Public Servants' Mindsets for the Sustainable Development Goals – *Asia-Pacific*



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Global to Regional Agenda on Public Administration School Engagement

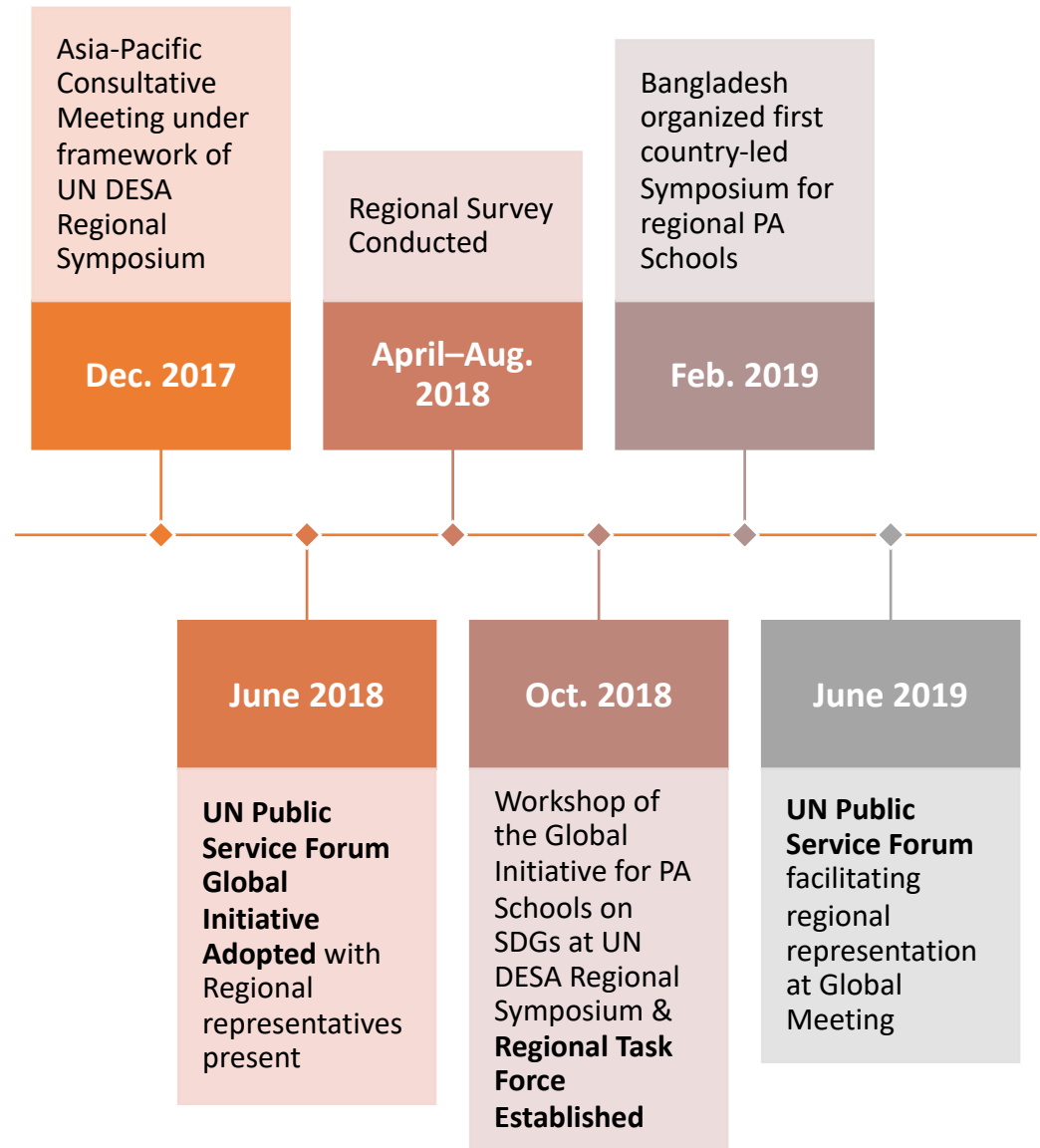
Global Initiative was officially
launched during the June 2018
UN Public Service Forum - Morocco

Governments called for 3 key follow
up actions for regions:

- **SDG Competencies** Guidance Framework
- **Curriculum models and cases** from regions or countries on current SDG training for civil service; and
- **Mini-module or short training curriculum** on the SDGs that national public administration schools and training institutes can contextualize



Regional Engagement with Public Administration Schools and Civil Service Commissions





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Results Thus Far

April-May 2018
Baseline Survey
with PA Schools
Mapping
Regional Civil
Service Training
and Knowledge
on SDGs

*Shaping Public Service Mindsets for
the Sustainable Development Goals
(SDGs) in the Asia-Pacific Region*

**Report of Survey Results Mapping
Regional Civil Service Curricula for
the SDGs**

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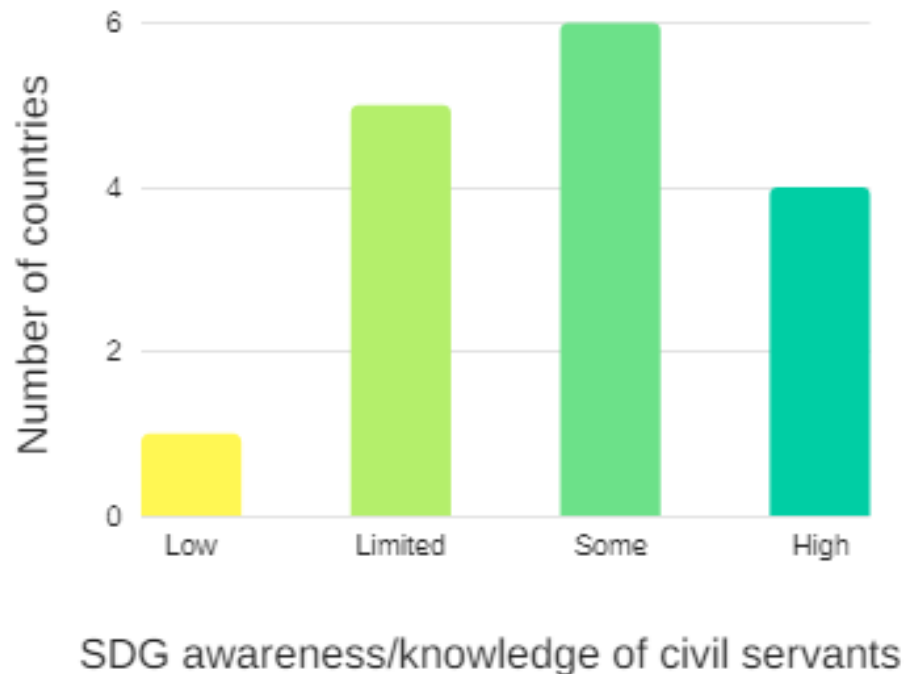


26 countries surveyed, 16 countries responded: Bhutan, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Samoa, Vanuatu, Brunei, Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, Mongolia, China, Republic of Korea, Japan



Results thus far...

2018 Survey – Awareness of Public Administration in Region on SDGs



High awareness

China, Japan, Thailand, **Vanuatu**

Some awareness

Brunei, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

Limited awareness

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Mongolia, Republic of Korea



Results thus far...

According to regional PA schools - What topics matter most for Civil Service Training on SDGs?

Priority topic	No. of countries	Names of countries
Changing public service mindsets	8	India, Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore , Thailand, Vanuatu, Viet Nam
Accountability and institutional strengthening	7	Brunei, India, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam
Core functions to plan and implement SDGs	5	Bhutan, India, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Vanuatu
Localizing the SDGs	5	Bhutan, Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam



Results thus far...Outcomes of the October 2018 Workshop – Incheon, RoK

- ✓ Curriculum consultation
- ✓ Competency framework for the SDGs
- ✓ Adoption of the Regional Task Force
 - **10 countries:** *Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam, Samoa and Vanuatu (3 SIDS)*
 - Asian Association of Public Administration



“the initiative will indeed bring the heads of schools of public administration at one place and give them the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge of other institutions.”



How have we built capacity among SIDS?

- **Learning Conference on Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region**
23-24 January 2019, Shanghai, PRC, 7 SIDS
- **Regional Symposium on Strengthening the Capacities of Public Institutions and Developing Effective Partnerships to Realize the 2030 Agenda**
24-26 October 2018, Incheon, RoK, 11 SIDS
- **Practitioner-to-Practitioner Forum on Strengthening Capacities of Public Administration in Island States**
20-24 August 2018 Colombo, Sri Lanka, 14 SIDS
- **Executive Development Course on Digital Government for Transformation Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies – The Singapore Experience**
2-6 April 2018, Singapore, 9 SIDS





How have we built capacity among SIDS?

*"When we came back...we began developing a country strategy for SDGs, including on **how to relate country strategies to local level development**...we initiated work on our **VNR review process and on localizing the SDGs**, and also began working on the **PNG Medium-Term Development Plan with the National Statistical Office**".*

– Papua New Guinea, 2018 Island States Forum

*"The Forum was a great experience on understanding the issues of the SDGs and VNR preparation process...This has been helpful in our **2019 VNR preparation process**."*

– Mauritius, 2018 Island States Forum



Expressed Challenges among SIDS for Continued Capacity-Building

- **Institutional Coordination – Vertical and horizontal** across ministries and with local government, especially for NSOs, SDG coordination focal points, and data flow
- **Stakeholder engagement** – Strengthening dialogue skills and partnerships for implementation (Private Sector noted as most challenging sector to engage)
- **Resources** – to Monitor & Evaluate Progress (allocation in national budget), to implement programmes
- **Monitoring & Evaluation of Progress on SDGs** – data collection across government to evaluate progress
- **Communicating Progress** – tell the story of progress, presenting reports, dashboards, communication tools for decisionmakers and public





Next Steps and Priority Areas 2019

- **4-5 June 2019**
 - Expert Group Meeting on “The Future of Digital Government for Sustainable Development in Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and the Landlocked Developing Countries”
- **4-7 June 2019**
 - Workshop on Strengthening Capacities of Asia-Pacific Local Authorities to Build Resilient Societies through Disaster Risk Reduction in Sustainable Development Strategies, Jeju, Republic of Korea, in collaboration with UNISDR, UNITAR and CIFAL Jeju
- **July 2019**
 - Back-to-back with the HLPF on Public Sector Capacities to Implement the 2030 Agenda in SIDS with focus on VNR countries
- **September 2019**
 - Planned scoping mission of DA Project 1819G on institutional arrangements to implement the SDGs with a focus on innovation and public service delivery for Fiji and Vanuatu (2018-2021) and follow up missions in the course of 2020



Next Steps and Priority Areas 2019 (cont.)

- **June - December 2019**
 - **Scoping missions to SIDS** in the Asia-Pacific on institutional arrangements for strengthening policy coherence, following up on individual requests from SIDS
- **November 2019**
 - Regional Symposium on Building an Effective, Inclusive and Accountable Public Administration for the Implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with one or two sessions dedicated to SIDS, Incheon, Republic of Korea
- **December 2019**
 - Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange on Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions and Innovation in **Public Service Delivery in SIDS**, drawing on issues identified throughout 2019



Thank you!

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