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**1. Regional Workshop on e-Governance to Enhance Reforms and Public Service Performance in Africa, Accra, Ghana, 22-25 November 2004**

The workshop is being organized by CAFRAD and the Government of Ghana, as a follow-up to the “e-Africa 2002: Regional Workshop on Building e-Governance Capacity in Africa”, Johannesburg, 28-31 October 2002, and the “e-Africa 2003: Consultative Meeting on e-Governance”, held in Tangier (Morocco), 20-22 October 2003. These meetings were organized within the framework of the e-Africa Initiative for Good Governance: Building e-Governance Capacity in African Countries, in partnership with UNDESA/DPADM, and funded by the Government of Italy, under the banner of NEPAD.

The aim of the Accra meeting is to review the state of e-governance in African countries, examine the challenges and pave the way for new opportunities. It will be the occasion, like in the two first meetings on the same subject, to share knowledge and experiences and also, to determine means and ways of collaboration through regional, sub-regional and national networking.

Participants in the workshop are expected to be high officials in charge of designing, implementing and managing e-governance systems, and policy makers responsible for reforming, restructuring and modernizing public service and governance.

For more information please visit:

[http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference\\_id=1761](http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=1761)

**2. Follow-up of the 42nd Meeting of the Governing Board of CAFRAD**

Further to the decisions of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board and Executive Committee of CAFRAD, held between 14 and 15 June 2004 in Tangier, Morocco, CAFRAD is preparing a comprehensive Strategic Plan titled “New Strategy for the Redynamization of CAFRAD”.

This document will be discussed by a forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of CAFRAD that is scheduled to take place in December 2004.

CAFRAD is seeking inputs and contribution from Member States and institutional partners of the Centre.

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**3. Restitution and Review Workshop on the study and proposal to establish a Public Sector Management Training Programme in Africa**

From 21 to 22 September 2004, the Ag. Director-General of CAFRAD Dr. Simon Mamosi Lelo took part in the above mentioned workshop organised by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) on Public Sector Management Training. The aim of the workshop was to review and comment a study and a proposal commissioned by ACBF on the subject of the workshop. After two intensive works, a final draft program on Public Sector Management Training was adopted. The program will be implemented in some institutions to be selected. The duration of the program is estimated at 12 months for Master’s degree level.

Participants to the workshop came from various countries and institutions in Africa and elsewhere

#### **4. Follow-up of the International Workshop on Innovative Applications of ICTs for Local Governance in Africa**

In preparation of the African Development Forum-ADF 2004, which is focused on the subject of Governance for Progressing Africa, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), convened the “International Workshop on Innovative Applications of ICT for Local Governance in Africa” (7-9 June 2004).

The objective of the workshop was to initiate the move away from anecdotal analysis of strengthening local governance towards a more rigorous, evidence and outcome-based, analysis of developing trends and implementation of ICT in local governance.

The workshop, attended by about 60 participants from Africa and elsewhere, examined various aspects of ICT as a tool for strengthening local governance in African countries. In addition, the workshop analysed the links between local governance initiatives and national and regional ICT policies and plans, such as the African Information Society Initiative (AISI).

The workshop aimed at assisting African countries and stakeholders to implement the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Plan of Action and prepare for the WSIS 2005 in Tunis. In this regard, in addition to provide an inventory of the research

needs of practitioners working in the development field, the workshop discussed case studies of ICT applications in the context of local governance, together with a consideration of technological and governance issues affecting local governance in Africa.

Mr Gianluca Misuraca, Adviser in Governance and Public Administration at CAFRAD, was invited as Keynote Speaker to present the preliminary results of the Research on ICTs for Local Governance in Africa, that he is currently conducting for IDRC and UNECA, within the framework of the Acacia and Connectivity Africa Programme Dissemination Activities, part of the Partnership on ICTs for Africa - PICTA.

One of the main output of the workshop was the proposal of setting a Research Agenda for ICT and Local Governance in Africa. After identifying and categorizing research issues, it was proposed to establish a Network of Institutions and practitioners to develop and conduct a Research to analyse the impact of ICT on Local governance, through evaluating projects and initiatives and producing case studies. It will also involve the definition of a monitoring and evaluation system and the identification of guidelines (Road Map) for implementation of ICT Projects at local government level. In order to guarantee an effective coordination and high-level political dissemination of results, it was proposed that CAFRAD will lead and coordinate the activities of the Network.

For more information please visit:

[http://web.idrc.ca/en/ev-58388-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://web.idrc.ca/en/ev-58388-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)

and

[http://www.uneca.org/aisi/picta/PICTA\\_bulletin/pb34.htm](http://www.uneca.org/aisi/picta/PICTA_bulletin/pb34.htm)

**5. Consultative Meeting on Public Sector Leadership Capacity Development in African Countries (Follow up to the Kampala Workshop) 27 September – 1 October 2004 Johannesburg, South Africa**

The overall objective of the consultative meeting was to review the draft Program, finalize and submit it to the Chairperson of the Pan African Conference of Ministers of Civil Service. The specific objectives are as follows:

- Take advantage of the presence of Public Sector Human Resource managers in a Workshop on Public Sector Restructuring to:
  - (i) solicit and receive further input as well as build stronger consensus on the Program from the managers who will largely be responsible for its implementation;
  - (ii) put the draft Program into the context of Public Sector Restructuring and Human Resource Management efforts;
- Examine the draft Program (prepared by CAFRAD, UMI and UNDESA);
- Provide more detailed inputs on the Program, especially on programmatic activities;
- Work on various aspects of the implementation of the Program (timing, budget, etc).
- Develop a framework and a network for continuous activities in public sector leadership development in Africa

For more Information about the [workshop](#)

**6. Fourth African Development Forum (ADF) on Governance for Progressing Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11-15 October 2004**

Between 11 and 15 October 2004, Mr Simon Mamosi Lelo, Acting Director General of CAFRAD, and Mr Gianluca Misuraca, Adviser in Governance and Public Administration at CAFRAD, participated in the Fourth African Development Forum (ADF) on Governance for Progressing Africa. In addition to broad discussion on governance challenges in Africa, the Africa Governance Report (AGR) was presented by UNECA/DPMD. CAFRAD contributed to the section of the AGR on Morocco.

Mr Misuraca, invited by IDRC and UNECA/DISD, within the framework of the Acacia and Connectivity Africa Programme Dissemination Activities, part of the Partnership on ICTs for Africa – PICTA, participated also in the Meeting on Africa's Preparation to the WSIS Phase II (12 October 2004), and the ADF IV ICT Focus Group Pre-Event Meeting and Meeting 12 and 13 October 2004). In this meeting, Mr Misuraca was Keynote Presenter on "Local governance perspective in Africa", also announcing the "Local governance and ICTs Research Network for Africa (LOG-IN Africa Research)", and contributing to the preparation of the recommendations and Focus Group Consensus Statement.

For more information:

<http://www.uneca.org/adf/>  
<http://www.uneca.org/agr/>  
[http://www.uneca.org/adf/documents/speeches\\_and\\_presentations/adf4ictfgR\\_eport.ppt](http://www.uneca.org/adf/documents/speeches_and_presentations/adf4ictfgR_eport.ppt)

[http://www.uneca.org/adf/documents/speeches\\_and\\_presentations/Pres\\_ADF-IV\\_FG-ICT\\_Addis\\_131004\\_GM-EN-%5Bdef-131004%5D.ppt](http://www.uneca.org/adf/documents/speeches_and_presentations/Pres_ADF-IV_FG-ICT_Addis_131004_GM-EN-%5Bdef-131004%5D.ppt)

#### **7. Training Workshop on Strengthening International Institutional Partnership, Cairo (Egypt), 4-7 October 2004**

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, (Cairo), organized a training Workshop on Strengthening International Institutional Partnership.

The workshop was held in Cairo (Egypt), 4-7 October 2004 and whose general objective was to build capacities for project preparation and implementation. The meeting focused on the financial management and the budgetary control of the project financed by IDRC.

Participants came from institutions receiving project grants from IDRC: Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Morocco, Sudan, The Gambia, Nigeria and Ghana.

The meeting was attended by about 25 participants, the majority were Financial Managers/officers and some Project Leaders.

CAFRAD was represented by Ms. Lizette Michael

#### **8. Workshop on e-Government in Morocco: realities and perspectives, Ifrane, Morocco, 14-16 June 2004**

Organized by the Alakhawayn University in Ifrane, the "Workshop on e-Government in Morocco: realities and perspectives", served to discuss the status of e-Government in Morocco among high-level practitioners, and to launch the e-Fez Project funded by the

International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The e-Fez Project aims at developing a pilot e-Government system for the City of Fez that will allow citizens to request and receive governmental services in an easy and efficient way.

The workshop was attended by about 60 participants from national and international institutions.

Mr Gianluca Misuraca, Adviser in Governance and Public Administration at CAFRAD, was invited to participate in the workshop and make a presentation on "Using ICTs to reinvent government services in Morocco". His presentation takes advantage of the results of the "Study of Assessment of the Public Administration in Morocco", conducted recently by Mr Misuraca in collaboration with Ms Lizette Michael of CAFRAD, within the framework of the first phase of activity of the UNDESA Programme "Innovation in Public Administration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region - INNOVMED".

For more information:

<http://www.alakhawayn.ma/>  
[www.unpan.org/innovmed](http://www.unpan.org/innovmed)

#### **9. Vacancies**

##### **World Bank**

Position: Economists (2)  
Closing date: 10 December 2004

The World Bank's Development Research Group is recruiting up to two recent Ph.D.'s (completed within the last three years). Candidates from any field whose research exhibits a clear and empirically-oriented focus on the problems of economic development are encouraged to apply. More than 70 PhD staff are active in the Research Group in areas including finance,

macroeconomics, health and education economics, causes and consequences of poverty, rural development, environmental and labor economics, industrial organization, and political economy. Successful candidates will have strong recommendations from graduate school faculty and established potential to undertake top-quality research, publishable in top journals. Research occupies at least 2/3 of staff time. Staff are also expected to assist other parts of the World Bank in addressing challenges that arise in day-to-day work with Bank clients. In assessing candidates, we therefore consider aptitude and experience in providing such assistance.

Qualified candidates may apply on-line at [www.worldbank.org/careers](http://www.worldbank.org/careers). Please note that you will need to register before submitting your application. See <http://lnweb28.worldbank.org/HRS/careers.nsf/postings/R200409E009?OpenDocument>

### **Transtec**

TA for the PMU of the Reintegration Programme for Returnees and Displaced People – REPLACEMENT – URGENT Liberia – Procedures/contracts and information systems specialist (PCIS) - 14/10/2004 - 01/11/2004

Technical Assistance 'Higher Institute of Business Administration' (HIBA) - Syria - Interim Team Leader / Advisor to the Dean - 01/10/2004 - 10/12/2004

Projet d'appui à l'état de droit en République du Congo "Démocratie et Etat de droit" - République du Congo - Coordonnateur Etat civil - 19/08/2004 - 29/10/2004

Projet d'appui à l'état de droit en République du Congo "Démocratie et état de droit"- République du Congo - Ingénieur civil/architecte en bâtiment - 19/08/2004 - 29/10/2004

Projet d'appui à l'état de droit en République du Congo "Démocratie et état de droit" - République du Congo - Coordonnateur droits de l'homme et société civile - 19/08/2004 - 29/10/2004

Projet d'appui à l'état de droit en République du Congo "Démocratie et état de droit" - République du Congo - Coordonnateur général - 19/08/2004 - 29/10/2004

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