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Statement

African Management Development Institutes Network (AMDIN) signs agreement with United Nations to support continental schools of government

The African Management Development Institutes Network (AMDIN) has signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations (UN) to exchange expertise and share experiences and lessons learned in public administration to support management development institutes, schools of government and public administration training institutes in the African continent.

AMDIN is an African continental platform for public sector practitioners and academics to promote public administration training, research and development. A total of 20 management development institutes/public sector training institutions or schools of government in Africa are members of AMDIN.

The agreement was signed by AMDIN and the UN represented by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG). The DPIDG supports member states of the United Nations in special situations to strengthen their capacities to advance effective, accountable and inclusive governance and public institutions for sustainable development, including through innovation and digital government.

The two parties, AMDIN and UN DESA, held discussions to explore areas of cooperation on the sidelines of the 25th meeting of the UN Committee of Experts in Public Administration which took place at the UN Headquarters in New York on 13-17 April 2026. The talks have culminated in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

AMDIN and UN DESA have agreed to cooperate in the implementation of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) project, to exchange expertise and share experiences and lessons learned in public administration. Specific subject areas to be addressed in UNPAN include institutional arrangements for policy coherence, transformational leadership and equipping public/civil servants with the capacities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, transparency, public accountability and integrity, innovation and delivery of public services and digital government.

AMDIN President Mr Tombola Muke said the Network will derive immense benefit from this historic partnership with the United Nations. “We are delighted at the conclusion of this agreement, within a short space of time since the discussions in New York. It demonstrates that AMDIN and UN DESA are of one mind with regards to promoting effective, inclusive and accountable public institutions in Africa. We look forward to working together to derive benefits for public servants and institutions within the continent. This also takes us a step further towards the

achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals specifically goals 16 and 17, to build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions, and to promote knowledge exchange and the dissemination of best practices,” said Mr Muke, who is also the Director-General of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), the national school of administration of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mr Juwang Zhu, Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs said: “AMDIN has demonstrated its commitment to advancing effective, accountable, and inclusive public institutions. We are delighted to enter into this agreement and look forward to a fruitful partnership that will benefit public servants and public institutions in the African continent”.

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