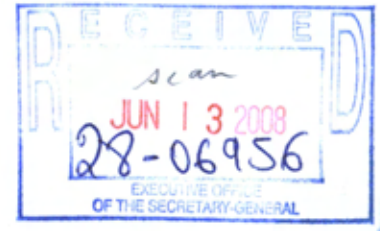


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Note to the Secretary-General

Mission to Brussels - 9 and 10 June 2008



1. I traveled to Brussels in my new capacity as Under-Secretary-General for Management to attend the second EC-UN seminar "Reinforcing EU-UN Active Partnership through Administrative Cooperation" held on 10 June 2008 (please find attached the agenda of the event).
2. The seminar constitutes one of several modalities of cooperation foreseen in the agreement between the European Commission (EC) and the UN to share information and best practices in the areas of administration and management, internal control, audit, investigations and ethics. The agreement was signed in October 2006 by the Deputy Secretary-General, Mark Malloch Brown, on behalf of the UN, and Vice-President Kallas and Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner on behalf of the EC.
3. The seminar has been for the UN a very fruitful opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned with the EC on topics that are very relevant for the UN reform agenda: test, competitions and recruitment; accountability, risk management and audit; humanitarian aid procedures and challenges; delegation of financial control; staff mobility; ICT/ERP; flexibility mechanisms in post-conflict situations and measuring performance.
4. Representatives of several departments and offices from the UN Secretariat participated in the seminar: DM (OUSG, OHRM and OPPBA), OCHA, OIOS, CITO as well as the UNDP office in Brussels.
5. In the margins of the seminar I also met with several senior officials of the EC: Mr. Kallas, Vice-President of the EC, Mr. Chêne, Director-General for Administration, Mr. Landaburu, Director-General for External Relations, Mr. Richelle, Director-General for Europe-Aid and Cooperation, and Ms. Souka, Deputy Director-General for Administration in charge of Human Resources.
6. The trip was an invaluable opportunity to introduce myself in my new capacity as USG/DM and discuss with the representatives of the EC how to strengthen the relationship between the two organizations in the area of management reform, pursue the collaboration and explore new modalities of cooperation such as staff exchanges and training.
7. On behalf of the UN, I have invited Mr. Kallas and other senior officials to attend the third seminar to be held in New York in November 2008. Some topics relevant to both organizations have already been identified, such as security, simplification of administrative processes, procurement and ethics; other will be determined in the

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following weeks in close coordination with the EC and other offices and departments of the UN Secretariat.



Angela Kane
12 June 2008

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Nambiar
Mr. Kim

**EC UN Seminar : Reinforcing EU-UN Active Partnership Through
Administrative Cooperation
10 June 2008**

AGENDA

09.00-09.30 Arrival and coffee

09.30 - 10.00 Welcome speech by **S. Kallas/A. Kane** (CCAB 0D)

Session I: Administrative Co-operation

10.00 – 12.30 workshop 1: Tests, competitions and recruitment (CCAB 0C)

Towards a new framework for staff selection in the EU Institutions

Presentation by **D. Bearfield** (EPSO)

Competitive Examinations and Tests in the UN Secretariat

Presentation by **M. Pelsise** (OHRM)

Talent Management Framework

Presentation by **C. Pollard** (OHRM)

Q & A and discussion.

Chairman : **D. Bearfield** (EPSO)

10.00 – 12.30 workshop 2 : Accountability, risk management audit and Ethics (CCAB 0D)

10.00-11.15: Accountability and Internal Control Standards /Risk Management

- Development of the ERM and Internal Control Framework for the UN Secretariat
Presentation by **G. Kyriacou** (OPPBA)
- Accountability Architecture at the UN
Presentation by **N. Hurtz-Soyka** (OUSG/DM)
- Accountability instruments (including both AMP and AAR processes) and ICS/RM
Presentation by **F. Merchan Cantos** (IAS)

11.15-12.30: Audit and Ethics

- Audit (strategic planning, overall opinion, reporting, follow up Audit Committees)
Presentation by **F. Merchan Cantos** (IAS)
- Ethics (COM communication and action plan, audit foreseen in 2008)
Presentation by **B. Jansen** (ADMIN)
- Internal Audit (risk based work planning)
Presentation by **D. Knutsen** and **F. Ndiaye** (OIOS)

Q & A and discussion.

Chairman : **F. Merchan Cantos** (IAS)

Session II: Policy and operational Co-operation

10.00 – 12.30 workshop 3: Session on humanitarian aid procedures and challenges (CCAB 1B)

1. How DG ECHO's new contractual instruments will further strengthen the EC-UN collaboration in the field of humanitarian aid?

2. DG ECHO's Thematic Funding in support of strengthening the global humanitarian response capacity

Presentation by **H. Mosselmans & W. Van Hattum** (DG ECHO)

UN presentation

Presentation by **G. Putman-Cramer** (OCHA)

Q & A and discussion

Chairman : **H. Mosselmans** (DG ECHO)

10.00 – 12.30 workshop 4 : Implementation in a devolved environment - how far to delegate financial control (CCAB 1C)

Implementation in a devolved environment - how far to delegate financial control.

Presentation by **V. Bandeira De Lima Sax & M. Nikowska** (DG AIDCO)

Delegation of financial authority within the United Nations Secretariat

Presentation by **G. Kyriacou** (OPPBA)

Q & A and discussion

Chairman : **L. Bagur** (AIDCO)

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

Session I: Administrative Co-operation (CCAB 0D)

14.00-16.00 workshop 5 : Staff mobility (management and non management)

The Mobility Framework in the Commission

Presentation by **A. Fracchia-Fernandez, F. Garcia Ferreiro, M. Mouligneau & T. Corrie** (DG ADMIN)

Mobility Framework in the UN

Presentation by **N. Avedon** (OHRM)

Q & A and discussion about possible future cooperation on best practices exchange and about Management Best Practices (Shared services, Management skills sets required today in administration)

Chairman : **I. Souka** (DG ADMIN)

14.00-16.00 workshop 6 : ICT/ERP (CCAB 0C)

Information system for human resource management

Presentation by **Ph. Bierlaire** (DIGIT)

ICT Strategy for the United Nations Secretariat and the ERP Project

Presentation by **Mr. S. Choi** (CITO)

Human Resources ICT strategy

Presentation by **O. Khan** (OHRM)

Q & A and discussion

Chairman : **D. Deasy** (DIGIT)

Session II: Policy and operational Co-operation

14.00-16.00. workshop 7 : How much flexibility in post conflict situations ? (CCAB 1B)

The experience of the Commission with the Rapid Reaction Mechanism and the Stability Instrument

Presentation by **E. Auer** (RELEX)

Post conflict instruments, especially in the experience of UNDP/BCPR

Presentation by **M. Villar** (UNDP Brussels)

Q & A and discussion

Chairman : **C. Berger** (RELEX)

14.00-16.00. workshop 8 : Measuring performance (CCAB 1C)

Presentation of how we assess and improve the quality of operations

Presentation by **F Zaccheo & C Marijnissen** (AIDCO)

Discussion of the methodology tested to aggregate the results of external aid (Standard indicators)

Presentation by **G Doucet** (AIDCO)

Measuring performance: senior managers compacts at the UN

Presentation by **J. S. Childerley** (OUSG/DM)

Results-based management approach at the UN

Presentation by **E. Owusu** (UNDP Brussels)

Q & A and discussion

Chairman : **G. Doucet** (AIDCO)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.15 Debriefing (' on Administrative Co-operation by **A. Scriban** and on Policy Co-operation by **C. Stathopoulos**
Q & A and discussion (CCAB 0D)

17.15 – 17.30 Conclusions and closure by **A. Kane & C. Chêne** (CCAB 0D)