

## Provisional Program

Thursday, April 13, 2016	
08.30-09.00	Registration, morning coffee & meet-and-greet
09.00-09.15	Opening ceremony
09.15-09.30	Group photo
09.30-09.45	Coffee break      Press briefing
09.45-12.30	Plenary Session: High-level Pan-Asian Dialogue: Good governance & SDGs
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Concurrent sessions
15.30-16.00	Coffee break & promotional side interviews      Signing of MoUs
16.00-17.30	Concurrent sessions
18.00-20.00	Welcome reception
Friday, April 14, 2016	
09.00-10.30	Concurrent sessions
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	Concurrent sessions
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Closing ceremony
15.00-18.00	Excursion (Astana City Tour)

Conference venue: **Marriott Astana Hotel**  
Address: 2 Dostyq Street  
Tel. +7 (717) 262 0770

## ABOUT AAPA

The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) was established in 2010 with the aim to expand and improve research and academic exchange on public administration and public policy in the Asian region. Prior to it, a number of Asian scholars formed the Asian Public Management Forum and had annual meetings for several years since 2001 which paved the way for the establishment of AAPA.

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## About the Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana

The Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana is an institutional platform for exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of civil service that encompasses 36 countries and 5 international organizations. Website: [www.regionalhub.org](http://www.regionalhub.org)

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# 2017 AAPA Annual Conference

Marriott Astana Hotel

Astana, Kazakhstan

April 13-14, 2017

The conference is organized by the joint efforts of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), the Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana (ACSH), and the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

## Conference Theme

New Challenges for Public Administration and Governance in Asia: Harnessing Opportunities within the Context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

### Sub-themes:

- The sustainable future of public administration and public governance in Asia;
- Challenges of local governance for meeting SDGs;
- Excellence in public management and challenges of performance and delivery;
- Public administration in the digital age;
- Global competitiveness and public administration, and implications for education and science;
- Multi-stakeholder cooperation for inclusive and innovative public services;
- Building partnership for civil service excellence focusing on SDGs 16 and 17

The AAPA Award Committee will select the best paper(s) presented at the annual conference. The best paper awardee(s) will be announced during the closing ceremony and the certificate of accomplishment will be presented by the AAPA President to the authors/presenters. To be considered for the Best Paper Awards, the following eligibility must be met: (1) all submission must be a "full paper," and abstract and PPT will not be considered for the awards; (2) presenters have to complete the registration process along with the payment of the AAPA annual membership fee; (3) authors need to present the paper at the conference; and (4) all papers should be original and submitted in English.

## AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

For international travellers, Air Astana company offers direct flights to Astana or Almaty from a number of locations. For more, please visit: <http://www.airastana.com>

Travelers are expected to arrange their own airport transfer and transportation within the city. Official taxi is the recommended mode of transportation to/from airport and for travelling around the city and can be found right outside the Astana International Airport.

More information about the Astana International Airport can be found here: <http://en.astanaairport.kz/>

The estimated taxi fee from the Astana International Airport to the city is about 2000-3500 KZT (8-10 USD). A public taxi can be found at the entrance field to the airport. Average taxi fare is 700-1500 KZT (3-5 USD) inside the city.

In a case if you have booked the hotel by yourself, you may also contact the hotel guest relations services to book a paid taxi to/from airport meeting.

These are the recommended taxi companies:

1) "**Saryarka Taxi**"  
Tel.: +7 (7172) 34-11-11  
Mobile: +7 (701) 534-11-11

2) "**Eco Taxi**" taxi  
Tel.: +7 (727) 3 900 500  
Mobile: +7 (777) 672 7777  
Please note that operators speak Russian only.

3) **Uber** services are also available in Astana.

## ACCOMMODATION

For your convenience and safety, **we recommend you to stay at the Astana Marriott Hotel**. Price for a single room per night is **95 USD** (special discount rate). **Please contact local organizers for reservation purposes at [olzhas.bayanov@undp.org](mailto:olzhas.bayanov@undp.org) or [diana.sharipova@undp.org](mailto:diana.sharipova@undp.org)**

Recommended hotel	Price per night	Location	Distance from venue
Park Inn by Radisson Astana	54 USD	8 A Saryarka Avenue	10-15' (min) by car
Hotel Kazzhol Astana	50 USD	213 Balkantau av	15' by car

## REGISTRATION

The registration fees will be as follows:

Students 100 USD  
Non-students 150 USD

Registration fee (inclusive of \$50-membership fee for AAPA) should be paid on site with US dollar in cash at the 3rd floor registration desk on 13 April 9am-10am or 14 April 09:30am-10am.

## VISA AND INSURANCE

All foreigners entering Kazakhstan must have a passport valid for not less than 6 months. Participants who require a visa to enter Kazakhstan must apply for it before leaving their home country. For assistance in documents to support the visa application, please contact Mr. Olzhas Bayanov ([olzhas.bayanov@undp.org](mailto:olzhas.bayanov@undp.org))

Participants are encouraged to arrange the travel insurance on their own.

## WEATHER

The month of April in Astana is characterized by very rapidly rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 5°C to 13°C over the course of the month, exceeding 18°C or dropping below -0°C only one day in ten. Therefore, it is advised to carry warm clothing with you.

## MEALS

Coffee break, lunch and a welcoming dinner will be provided during the conference by the ACSH.

## SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing excursion will be offered to participants by local organizers on the second day of the conference.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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## CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

Kazakhstan's national currency is Tenge (KZT). Approximate exchange rate is for January 2017 is 1 USD = 332,06 and is subject to change. Exchange bureaus are available at hotels, banks and Astana International Airport. Most hotels and stores usually accept major credit cards.

