**Concept Paper**

**Cooperation Program on Public Governance**

**Overview**

Building effective, inclusive, and accountable public institutions is an essential tool for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16 “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development” and for solving common challenges. In line with this, the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as MOIS) has contributed to strengthening public institutions and accelerating public governance innovation with the governments of partner countries. The MOIS has organized this Cooperation Program, launched in 2016, in collaboration with 27 countries. The cooperation program is designed to share knowledge and experience in various areas of public governance such as government innovation, digital government, disaster management, and local development to explore the way forward for future government with sustainable innovation.

The Cooperation Program on Public Governance will feature:

1. cooperation forum on public governance
2. high-level bilateral meeting
3. working-level bilateral meetings by relevant ministries or public institutions

**Program Outline**

**1. Cooperation Forum on Public Governance**

The ministries of both countries would jointly organize a cooperation forum on public governance. The forum will explore how innovative systems/policies can solve social problems and improve public service delivery, state-citizen relations, and furthermore people’s quality of life.

The presentations will be done by the ministries/public institutions of both countries relevant to each theme. In addition to Korean expert, the MOIS expects partner countries respectively invite their experts to make presentations as well. The speakers and participants will share their experiences of public governance systems/policies such as background, challenges, good practices, effects, and future plans.

**2. High-level Bilateral Meeting**

The high-level officers of the MOIS and the ministry in charge of public governance will have a bilateral meeting. This meeting is intended to strengthen the cooperative relationship between the two countries and share important agendas on international cooperation in public governance. The high-level meeting will be held at an appropriate time and suitable place during the program period. It can be organized in parallel with the forum as well.

**3. Working-level Bilateral Meeting**

The participating ministries or public institutions may arrange additional working-level meetings with their relevant counterpart. The working-level meeting aims to have an intensive discussion on the specific policies and systems introduced in the forum. Through the meeting, relevant counterparts of both countries will deepen their understanding and discuss follow-up cooperation.

**Requests for the Ministry of Partner Country**

The MOIS will cordially request the ministry in charge of public governance of the partner country to co-host the Cooperation Program on Public Governance.

To jointly develop and facilitate the program, the MOIS expects the counterpart ministry to carry out the following roles:

1. plan and coordinate the program with MOIS(schedule, cooperation areas, etc.);
2. organize the forum by engaging the relevant ministries/public institutions and high-level officials, managing participants for their attendance (invitation, communication, etc.), and supporting the presentations of participants of partner country;
3. arrange the high-level meeting (the venue, time, agenda, etc.) in consultation with MOIS;
4. support the working-level meeting between the ministries/public institutions of both countries.

All the processes to organize the forum and working-level meetings will be carried out in consultation with the MOIS.