

2021 DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPECT TO KEY SECTOR POLICIES IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM

SECTOR WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM

SWG FUNCTIONALITY

- In 2021, no changes were made to the rules of procedure and the decision for formation, which are key documents that govern operation of this sector group. **The need to amend the rules of procedure** was reiterated by SWG members, i.e. both representatives from institutions and from civil society organizations. MISA's website **does not host information** related to work of this sector group.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

- **Twelve (12) civil society representatives** participate in SWG Public Administration Reform (28% of SWG members), with the status of **members**. On MISA's initiative, two civil society organizations that are SWG members will participate in **operational meetings** as civil society representatives.

CSO CAPACITY

- CSOs represented in SWG Public Administration Reform have a rather **technical role, instead of giving meaningful contribution** to SWG work. Therefore, civil society representatives assessed this approach as discouraging and indicated that unless changes are made, they do not see the point of their future participation in this sector group.

EFFECTS FROM SWG WORK

- In 2021, SWG Public Administration Reform **did not hold any plenary session**. Initially, SWG meeting was scheduled for 7 July 2021, but was later postponed. **Seven (7) operational meetings** were organized for the purpose of drafting and finalizing IPA III Action Document.

2019

1 x meetings:

18.11.2019

2021

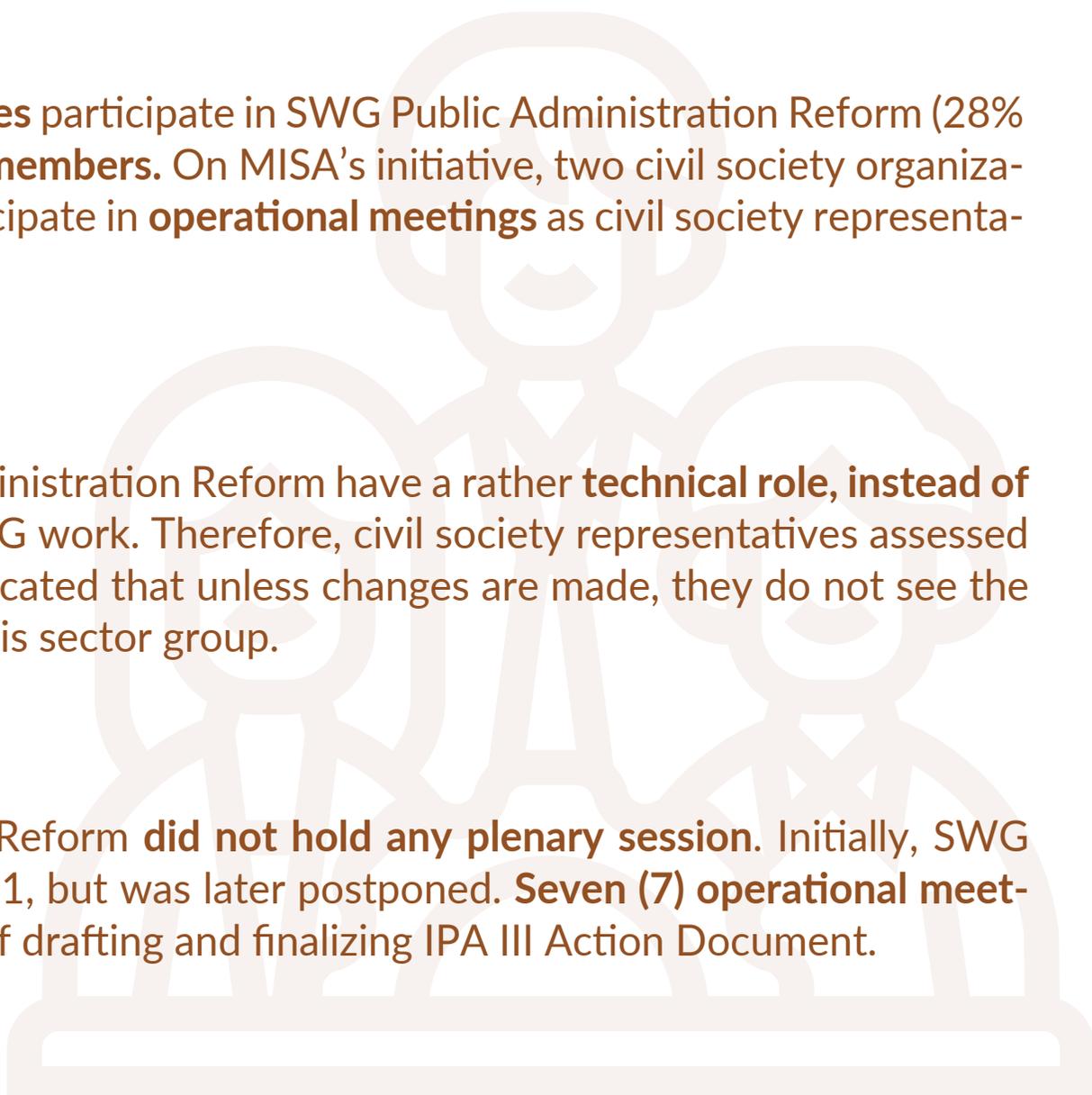
No plenary sessions held

2020

2 x meetings:

30.06.2020

27.11.2020



KEY SECTOR POLICIES

In 2021, MISA did not adopt new strategies, laws and programs in the field of PAR. The single relevant document concerns the Proposed **Law on Amending the Law on Introduction of Quality Management System and Common Assessment Framework for Performance and Service Provision in Public Service**.

2021 was the penultimate implementing year for the five-year **Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022** and **Action Plan**. In June 2021, MISA published its **fourth semi-annual report** on implementation of the strategy's action plan for the period January-June 2021. As regards implementation track record in respect to activities anticipated under the action plan for the period February 2018-June 2021, the report notes that among 200 activities, 97 are implemented, 24 are underway and 79 are not initiated in time.

In June 2021, MISA published the **Draft National Strategy on Information and Communication Technologies 2021-2025** on ENER. Key priority under this document is enhanced digital infrastructure of the government through formation of the Digital Agency, establishment of the Joint Government Data Centre and development of the National Optical Transport Network.

In September 2021, after having completed the drafting process, MISA published the proposed laws on **public sector employees** and **administrative officers**, both aimed at addressing problems that have emerged in implementation of existing legislation adopted five years ago.

The process for adoption of the long-awaited **Law on Senior Management Service** continued in the course of 2021. The main goal of this law is to reduce political influence and to strengthen capacity of senior management officers. In September 2021, the draft law was posted for comments on ENER.

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