

Synopsis of the publication Contemporary Issues in Public Administration

The changing global dynamics have necessitated a revision of policy, legal and regulatory frameworks, a reordering of administrative and management practices and procedures within Public Administration. This revolution that now characterizes Public Administration, has been driven by what is known as the Public Sector Reform Initiative.

The articles in this publication are directed at offering insights into the reform process, which are considered to be central to improving and enhancing the workings of Public Administration in the 21st Century.

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" Globalization underscored the need, particularly in small island developing states, for government's and their supporting institutions in the public service, to manage the process of change both carefully and skillfully. Governments will therefore have to periodically review, restructure and readapt their institutions and ways of doing business to meet the changing demands of globalization. This means that the public service cannot continue to hold tenaciously to the traditional ways of executing government business. It must be prepared to undergo change, even if such change is to be considered radical. Failure on the part of the public service to do this, could seriously undermine the country's capacity to adjust effectively to the changing demands of globalization and liberalization."

(The Hon. Billie Miller, former Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados)