International Perspectives on Public Administration in the 21st Century:
Current and Future Challenges

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BRAZILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE
• The candidates that want to be effective public servants must take the civil service entrance examination.

• The commissioned functions are nominated by public authorities (without entrance exam).

• Career progression (usually) due to time.

• Small salary variation between entry level and maximum level in career.
BRAZILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

Adverse selection

- Difficult to attract skilled government employees who are up to the job.
- Young often steer clear of government work because of pervasive stereotypes that Brazil and its unbridled bureaucracy are corrupt.
Hard to discharge people

• After nomination, the new Public Servant is subjected to the probational period. For two years, the servant is evaluated by the immediate chief. After the period, the approved servant is considered *stable* and the non-approved are dismissed.

• A stable servant may not be dismissed, except due to judged sentence or disciplinary administrative processes.
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What’s keeping young people from rolling up their sleeves and joining the public service?

“These young workers don’t know of the opportunities available in public management”  Joice Toyota – CEO at Vetor Brasil
Vetor Brasil is a platform that places top-performing, impact-driven university graduates in public-service jobs for one-year programs. Think of it as Teach for America for government work.

- 400+ trainees
- In 24 states (out of 27)
- 30 public partners (City, State and Federal)
- 26 year old on average
- Top tier selection process (6 steps)
CURRENT CHALLENGES

What are the obstacles to keep public servants happy and motivated with their work?

• Frequent and abrupt changes in leadership
• Hard-to-measure achievement
• Strong civil-service rules
• Constraints on the use of financial incentives
CURRENT CHALLENGES

HOW TO MOTIVATE PEOPLE

Public servants in managerial positions

- Commissioned functions (apointees): 26%
- Assigned from other government: 7%
- Effective Public Servants: 67%

Source: FJG 2017
PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT WILL BE ENTITLED TO RETIREMENT

How to Motivate People

Source: FJG 2017
CURRENT CHALLENGES

Prepare the next generation of leaders within Rio de Janeiro´s City Hall.

• Competitive and transparent selection process
• Training focused on management and leadership skills
• Integration of people in different departments
• Professional coaching
• Performance appraisal and bonus payment
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FUTURE CHALLENGES
### Future Challenges

#### Millennials

1. Job-Hopping (mobility)
2. Speed (enthusiastic)
3. Tech Savviness (78%)
4. Crave for feedback
5. Jobs that have a social impact

#### Baby-Boomers

1. Lifelong Career
2. Hardworking/patient
3. Tech (4%)
4. Not used to constant feedback
5. Like privacy
FUTURE CHALLENGES

Stop hiring like it’s 1999...

The public sector is still hiring like it did decades ago, and this needs to change. Beyond developing existing talent, we need to identify new skills that are needed for the future of work.

By leveraging new tools to find and attract the right people, we can find, place and develop employees in positions they enjoy and even excel at, and maximize their potential, while promoting innovation and advancement within the organization.