In the first workshop of this series, we will review the general structure of most organizations and provide some strategies for navigating bureaucracy.

Issues such as dealing with uncertainty, managing relationships, organization politics, and work pressure will be discussed. Additionally, participants will learn why more and more organizations value adaptability as a key skill in their employees and how to make meaningful contributions in any work environment.

Speaker: Dennis Lazarus

Dennis Lazarus has a 25 year career in international development in various capacities within the United Nations Development Programme (UNP). He has served in Afghanistan as Deputy Country Director as well as serving in other duty stations in various capacities in India, Indonesia, Lesotho, New York, Papua New Guinea and Somalia. He led teams to operationalize support for major international disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes and floods. In addition, he enhanced partnership development by improving communication and negotiating complex issues, which improved working relationships with host governments, vendors, donor partners and other organizations.