The task faced by many nonprofit organizations such as United Nations’ (UN) agencies is rewarding, yet complex. In a climate of increased demand for enhanced accountability and transparency, the ambition to create a better world is often hampered by complex or non-standardized business processes, or IT systems that are too complex or expensive to build, maintain or upgrade.

Governments and private donors are, in fact, increasingly asking such organizations to demonstrate their ability to improve their operations, reduce their overlaps and implement seamless inter-agency collaborations, so as to make the most efficient use of their contributions.

The state of art ERP systems and IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) compliance are both crucial components in meeting these demands.

UNiversePath is an “off-the-shelf” solution based on the SAP S/4HANA platform, specifically developed by Capgemini for organizations such as the UN, aimed at delivering IPSAS compliance and introducing operational excellence in their processes.
The UNiversePath solution helps agencies achieve IPSAS compliance quickly and with minimum disruption to business operations, while simultaneously enabling cross-agency, common processes for enhanced core business operations and quick and effective decision making.

What is the UNiversePath solution?

Capgemini’s UNiversePath is an “off-the-shelf” solution that has been validated through extensive and highly successful collaboration with a variety of UN agencies. The solution is built on best-of-breed SAP S/4HANA technology for the public sector and addresses “core” processes such as Grants, Budget, Projects, Procurement, Logistics, Finance, Asset Accounting, Treasury and Statutory Reporting, as well as Donor Reporting and Human Resources.

Designed and developed to help make the vision of “One UN” a reality, Capgemini’s UNiversePath solution is built on one, common backbone that provides a solid foundation for any intergovernmental or nonprofit agency. It is underpinned by a harmonized model and processes designed to ensure that all different types and sizes of agencies are able to achieve IPSAS compliance. The solution has been designed to be compatible with a variety of different business and operating models, thus permitting agencies to retain their own operating autonomy while enabling cross-agency collaboration and enhanced interoperability.

The UNiversePath solution is sufficiently flexible to be used in a range of different implementation strategies. While larger agencies can adopt the solution as a core foundation module with the possibility of future expansion through the addition of dedicated specific components, smaller agencies can benefit from a “Template-Rollout” implementation approach and even from an “ERP as a Service” model, both on premise or in cloud (IaaS or SaaS). This facilitates a rapid implementation and frees agencies from the burden of owning and operating the underlying IT applications and infrastructures.
What are the benefits of implementing UNiversePath?

Agencies choosing to implement the solution will benefit from:

**Fast, cost-effective, low-risk implementation.** The solution is templated, highly industrialized and has been proven by auditors, SAP and our running clients. The solution is accompanied by a tried-and-tested, industrialized transition model to ensure a smooth and risk-free transition from the existing system to the new operating model.

**Seamless alignment of front- and back-end systems.** Regardless of the state of the existing ERP and technology landscape, the UNiversePath solution can be seamlessly integrated.

**Efficiencies and benefits of shared service model.** One, common solution creates the potential to benefit from the efficiencies and best practices of a shared-service model. At the same time, the flexible and adaptable nature of the UNiversePath solution ensures the specificity of each agency is recognized and respected.

**IPSAS compliance and improved transparency on finance reporting (e.g., donations) and processes.** IPSAS Statements 1 to 5 are an integral part of the solution, as are key reports to donors.

**Improved visibility and agility.** Real-time visibility into logistics processes (e.g., shipping of goods) enables enhanced decision-making capabilities and improves the agency’s ability to react to changing circumstances.

Why Capgemini?

Capgemini has one of the strongest ERP practices in the world and has a proven track record in helping public sector organizations achieve their business objectives. The Public Sector is one of the major focus industries for Capgemini globally.

Capgemini is a long-term partner of many UN agencies around the world. The lessons learned and best practices developed during these successful, collaborative relationships have enabled Capgemini to design and build the UNiversePath solution. This, combined with our passion for sustainable information and fully transparent collaboration, means Capgemini is perfectly positioned to guide and support such agencies on their transformation journey and path to IPSAS compliance.

Capgemini’s Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Approach

In today’s unpredictable business environment, the need for responsible business practices is more critical than ever. We believe that corporate responsibility and sustainability deliver added value to our clients, employees, shareholders, business partners and the communities in which we live and operate.
Center of excellence
Capgemini in Italy, together with its India hub, is recognized Group-wise and by its partners as the reference system integrator for nonprofit agencies, thanks to a unique footprint of experience in this context. We have been working for more than 10 years in about 20 different UN agencies and this experience has been distilled into a fully pre-configured ERP solution, dedicated to this kind of agency business model (from fundraising to budget planning and tracking, through procurement, up to cash and all associated reporting). Additionally, we have built a model and architecture called “Agency-as-a-Platform” as target vision of how any agency can digitally engage its ecosystem including beneficiaries, donors, cooperating partners, governments, other agencies.

We have a team of about 100 dedicated resources who can boost quality of our solutions and that are supporting the digital transformation of several agencies in many areas: from ERP to service design, digital platforms, user experience and data insights.

Capgemini participation in UN initiatives
Capgemini Group joined the UN Global Compact in 2004. The UN Global Compact principles related to human rights, the environment, labor rights, and anti-corruption represent a natural step in the evolution of Capgemini’s focus on corporate responsibility and sustainability, and have been fully embraced in Capgemini’s Code of Ethics.

Capgemini is currently engaged in the following initiatives:

• Caring for Climate
• Science Based Targets
• Women’s Empowerment Principles

For more information, please visit: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/participants/1722-Capgemini-SE.

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• Provides SAP related services in 30+ countries.
• Is a leader in SAP S/4HANA project delivery and also delivered the first live SAP HANA client project.
• Has won multiple SAP Pinnacle Awards over the years.
• Has 50+ years of global cross discipline experience.

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