

From E-Government to Smart Services: The Strategic Role of Digital Communication in Public Sector Transformation

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Abstract :

The transition from traditional e-government models to smart, integrated public services requires a strategic rethinking of digital communication. More than a technical channel, it serves as a driver of institutional reform, shaping transparency, efficiency, and civic participation. This article analyzes recent advancements in AI-enhanced communication, blockchain-based transparency, and mobile platforms that redefine service delivery in contexts such as Estonia, Singapore, and Romania. However, it also addresses the structural and ethical challenges posed by cybersecurity risks, data governance, and the persistence of digital divides. By combining theoretical insights with empirical case studies, the paper outlines future directions for embedding digital communication as a cornerstone of resilient, citizen-centric governance

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Introduction :

In the era of digital transformation, public administrations around the world are undergoing significant changes aimed at improving the efficiency, accessibility, and transparency of public services. One of the key levers of this transformation is digital communication, which has become essential for fostering interaction between public institutions and citizens.

Digital communication refers to the use of digital technologies—such as official websites, mobile applications, social media platforms, and interactive portals—to share information, offer services, and engage in dialogue with the public. In the context of digital administration, where services are increasingly dematerialized and

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automated, communication plays a crucial role in ensuring that public action remains inclusive, understandable, and responsive to the needs of citizens.

The modernization of public services requires not only technological tools but also an effective communication strategy that builds trust, encourages citizen participation, and improves the perception of public institutions. However, this shift raises several challenges, including digital literacy, data security, and the need for internal capacity-building within the public sector.

This paper aims to explore the role of digital communication in enhancing the performance and quality of public services. Specifically, it seeks to answer the following question: ***To what extent does digital communication contribute to improving the performance and quality of public services within the framework of digital administration?***

To address this question, the paper will first analyze the strategic role of digital communication in the modernization of public administrations (Part I). It will then examine its tangible impacts on service performance and user satisfaction (Part II), before identifying the key challenges and limitations associated with its implementation in the public sector (Part III).

Through this analysis, the study intends to highlight best practices, propose relevant recommendations, and contribute to the ongoing reflection on how digital tools can reshape the relationship between governments and citizens in a more transparent, participatory, and efficient way.

I. Definitions: Digital Communication and Digital Administration

1- Digital Communication in the Public Sector

Digital communication refers to the use of electronic tools, platforms, and media to transmit, receive, and process information. In the context of public administration, digital communication encompasses a broad range of technologies and practices, including government websites, social media, email, mobile apps, online platforms for citizen feedback, and real-time communication tools such as chatbots or messaging services.

Scholars such as Mergel (2013) define digital communication in the public sphere as the strategic use of digital media by government agencies to improve information flow, foster transparency, enhance citizen engagement, and deliver services more efficiently. It moves beyond traditional, unidirectional broadcasting of information and instead facilitates interactive, two-way exchanges between governments and stakeholders. According to Criado and Villodre (2020), digital communication plays a pivotal role in shaping digital governance, particularly in how public sector organizations communicate during crises, manage online reputation, and co-produce services with citizens.

Recent literature also emphasizes the role of digital communication in promoting democratic accountability and public trust. For example, Bertot et al. (2010) argue that open communication channels—such as online dashboards, participatory portals, and social media accounts—empower citizens to hold institutions accountable, while also enabling faster and more informed decision-making.

2- Digital Administration: Concept and Scope

Digital administration, often referred to as e-administration or e-government, is the transformation of public administration practices through the integration of digital technologies. It involves rethinking how public services are delivered, how internal bureaucratic processes are organized, and how institutions interact with citizens and businesses.

According to the OECD (2015), digital administration is defined as the use of digital technologies, data, and platforms to create public value. This includes digitizing internal workflows (e.g., digital archives, e-signatures), offering digital public services (e.g., online tax filing or license renewal), and implementing data-driven decision-making processes. Digital administration goes beyond digitization (i.e., converting analog systems to digital ones); it embodies a structural transformation of the public sector that affects its culture, operations, and governance models.

Dunleavy et al. (2006) introduced the concept of “digital-era governance” to describe this shift toward integrated, user-centered public administration. This model emphasizes simplification, reintegration of fragmented services, and the use of ICT to promote agility and citizen-centricity. The World Bank (2023) highlights that digital administration contributes to greater efficiency, inclusivity, and resilience of institutions, especially when implemented with transparency and accountability mechanisms.

II. Theoretical Framework and Literature Review

This section delves into key theoretical constructs such as e-government, digital governance, and public service delivery. It draws from scholarly sources to outline how digital communication has evolved from simple online portals to sophisticated, integrated service ecosystems. E-government, defined by the use of ICTs to improve the activities of public sector organizations, offers frameworks for understanding these changes. According to Bekkers and Homburg (2007), the information ecology of e-government includes both technological and institutional elements that shape how services are delivered and how citizens engage with the state. The literature review also discusses participatory governance, emphasizing the role of ICT in enabling citizen involvement in policy design and decision-making. Theories from new public management and digital-era governance are compared to highlight the shift from hierarchical, top-down communication toward more networked and participatory forms of governance. Additionally, it explores debates surrounding the bureaucratization of digital services and how technology can reinforce or disrupt traditional power dynamics within public institutions (Sæbø et al., 2008).

Fountain (2001) builds on institutional theory to argue that existing bureaucratic structures often shape the way digital tools are implemented and interpreted.

The literature also engages with the digital-era governance model (Dunleavy et al., 2006), which emphasizes the role of ICTs in fostering joined-up government, client-centric services, and internal organizational change. This contrasts with the earlier New Public Management (NPM) approach, which prioritized efficiency and market mechanisms but often lacked a participatory dimension. In contrast, digital-era governance stresses service integration and networked collaboration. Heeks (2006) highlights the importance of socio-technical models in understanding how digital

tools interact with institutional culture, suggesting that successful ICT integration hinges on context-sensitive adaptation rather than technical deployment alone.

Further studies explore how digital communication supports participatory governance and civic engagement. For instance, Chadwick (2011) describes hybrid models of digital citizenship where online platforms complement traditional civic engagement. Sæbø et al. (2008) propose a framework for eParticipation that includes both consultative and collaborative mechanisms, emphasizing the role of government responsiveness in legitimizing digital participation.

Recent research has also emphasized the implications of data governance and algorithmic decision-making. Janssen and van der Voort (2016) discuss how big data analytics and predictive algorithms are reshaping decision-making in public administration, introducing both opportunities and ethical dilemmas. Theoretical insights from surveillance studies (Zuboff, 2019) warn about the potential of digital communication tools to enable mass data collection and erode individual privacy, underscoring the importance of regulation and oversight.

Taken together, these theoretical perspectives provide a comprehensive lens to understand the complexities of digital communication in public service delivery. They underscore that technology alone is insufficient—its impact is mediated by institutional practices, governance structures, legal norms, and cultural expectations.

*** Recent empirical findings and case studies (2024–2025)**

In the last two years, the landscape of digital communication in public administration has witnessed significant developments, propelled by emerging technologies and an increasing demand for citizen-centric services. Recent peer-reviewed studies and government reports provide nuanced insights into the implementation, outcomes, and limitations of digital strategies in public service delivery.

1. AI-Enhanced Communication in Public Service

Zhang and Nie (2025) explored the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in enhancing citizen-government communication. Their findings, based on controlled experiments, demonstrated that AI-assisted messages improved clarity, trust, and satisfaction in interactions between citizens and public officials. However, effects on perceived empathy and urgency were inconsistent, indicating the need for more human-centered AI design.

2. Organizational Change in Ghanaian Public Institutions

Iddrisu and Fuseini (2025) examined the mediating role of organizational structures and decision-making in the digital transformation of public organizations in Ghana. They found that successful digital integration depended largely on adaptive organizational cultures and participatory governance structures.

3. Digital Communication in Nigerian Public Services

Alazigha and Amanawa (2024) analyzed the role of digital communication in enhancing public service delivery in Nigeria. Their study revealed that while digital platforms improved transparency and accessibility, challenges such as digital illiteracy and misinformation posed significant threats to effective implementation.

4. AI-Driven Image Analysis in E-Government

Vrabie (2025) proposed the use of AI-powered image recognition systems to process citizen-submitted visual petitions. The study highlighted how these technologies

improve processing speed and administrative accuracy, especially in urban planning and public works.

5. Digital Platforms in Delta State, Nigeria

Urhobo et al. (2024) investigated digital communication in the education sector in Delta State, Nigeria. The study found that platforms like SMS portals and email communications significantly improved teacher-administration interactions and service coordination.

6. Digital Maturity of Romanian City Halls

Another study by Vrabie (2024) analyzed over 100 Romanian municipal websites, revealing improved digital services since the pandemic. Nonetheless, disparities in user interface design and service accessibility indicate uneven implementation across regions.

7. Role of Intermediaries in Chile's E-Government

Toro-Maureira et al. (2025) identified five key intermediary types—family, peers, politicians, bureaucrats, and community leaders—that help citizens navigate digital services in Chile. Their study suggests that successful digital strategies should recognize and incorporate these actors.

8. Digital Transformation Framework for Iraq

Naser et al. (2023) developed a digital transformation model tailored for Iraq's public sector. The framework emphasized agile leadership, infrastructure readiness, and service design thinking to enhance organizational performance and resilience.

These recent studies collectively underscore the multifaceted impact of digital communication technologies on public service delivery. They highlight both the opportunities for enhanced efficiency and citizen engagement, as well as the challenges related to infrastructure, digital literacy, and organizational change.

III. The Benefits of Digital Communication in Public Services

Digital communication has revolutionized the way governments deliver services, enhancing efficiency, accessibility, and citizen engagement. By leveraging digital platforms—such as online portals, mobile applications, chatbots, and social media—public agencies can streamline operations, reduce costs, and improve transparency. This shift toward digital governance aligns with global trends in e-government, where technology is used to create more responsive and inclusive public services (OECD, 2020). Below is a comprehensive analysis of the key benefits of digital communication in public services, supported by research and real-world examples.

1. Improved Accessibility and Convenience

Digital communication removes geographical and time barriers, allowing citizens to access government services anytime, anywhere. Online portals and mobile apps enable users to apply for permits, pay taxes, or request official documents without visiting a physical office (World Bank, 2022). This is particularly beneficial for individuals in rural areas, people with disabilities, and those with busy schedules. For example, Estonia's e-Residency program allows global citizens to establish and manage businesses online, demonstrating how

digital services can expand accessibility beyond national borders (Estonian Government, 2023).

Additionally, multilingual support and assistive technologies (e.g., screen readers for the visually impaired) ensure that digital public services are inclusive. The United Nations' Digital Government Index highlights that countries with strong digital service frameworks, such as Denmark and South Korea, achieve higher citizen satisfaction due to user-friendly interfaces and 24/7 availability (UN, 2022).

2. Faster and More Efficient Service Delivery

Traditional bureaucratic processes often involve lengthy paperwork, manual reviews, and delays. Digital communication automates workflows, reducing processing times for licenses, social benefits, and legal documents. For instance, India's Aadhaar system uses biometric verification to instantly authenticate identities, accelerating access to welfare programs (Government of India, 2021). Similarly, Singapore's SingPass allows citizens to access over 1,000 government services with a single digital ID, significantly cutting administrative burdens (Smart Nation Singapore, 2023).

Artificial intelligence (AI) and chatbots further enhance efficiency by handling routine inquiries, freeing human agents to address complex cases. A study by Deloitte (2021) found that AI-driven customer service in government agencies reduces response times by up to 70%, improving overall productivity.

3. Cost Savings for Governments and Citizens

Digitizing public services reduces operational expenses by minimizing paperwork, postage, and in-person staffing needs. The European Commission estimates that transitioning to e-government saves EU member states over €5 billion annually in administrative costs (European Commission, 2022). Citizens also save money by avoiding travel expenses and lost wages from long queues. For example, the UK's GOV.UK platform consolidated hundreds of government websites into a single portal, reducing maintenance costs by £60 million per year (UK Government Digital Service, 2020). Similarly, Brazil's Nota Fiscal Eletrônica (NF-e) system digitized tax invoices, saving businesses \$3.5 billion in administrative costs since its launch (Brazilian Ministry of Economy, 2023).

4. Enhanced Transparency and Accountability

Digital communication fosters trust by making government operations more visible. Online dashboards, open data portals, and real-time tracking of public projects allow citizens to monitor spending and service delivery. South Korea's Open Data Initiative provides public access to government datasets, empowering journalists and researchers to analyze policy effectiveness (Korea Data Agency, 2022).

Blockchain technology is also being used to prevent fraud in public records. Georgia's blockchain-based land registry ensures tamper-proof property records, reducing corruption risks (World Economic Forum, 2021). According to Transparency International (2023), countries with strong digital governance frameworks, such as Sweden and New Zealand, consistently rank higher in corruption perception indexes.

5. Better Citizen Engagement and Participation

Digital platforms enable two-way communication between governments and citizens. Social media, online surveys, and participatory budgeting tools allow the public to voice opinions on policies. Taiwan's vTaiwan platform uses crowdsourcing to gather citizen input on legislation, leading to more inclusive policymaking (Taiwan Digital Ministry, 2023).

Similarly, Finland's Kansalaisaloite (Citizens' Initiative) portal enables citizens to propose laws, with proposals receiving over 50,000 signatures being debated in Parliament (Finnish Government, 2022). Research by the OECD (2021) shows that digital engagement tools increase voter participation and trust in democratic institutions.

6. Environmental Sustainability

Digital communication reduces paper waste and carbon emissions from transportation. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, 2022) estimates that electronic document management can cut paper usage by up to 90% in government offices. Sweden's digital-first strategy has reduced public sector paper consumption by 60% since 2015 (Swedish Digital Government Agency, 2023).

IV. Modernization of public services and the need for improved quality:

The modernization of public services is an urgent and complex endeavor that reflects the growing expectations of citizens, the increasing complexity of societal needs, and the unprecedented pace of technological innovation. Governments are under mounting pressure to move beyond traditional, bureaucratic models of governance—often characterized by rigid hierarchies, fragmented service delivery, and cumbersome administrative procedures—and toward agile, efficient, and citizen-oriented systems. The demand for modernization stems not only from the desire to enhance operational efficiency but also from the need to rebuild trust in public institutions, which has been eroded in many contexts by perceived inefficiencies, lack of transparency, and unresponsiveness. Citizens now expect public services that mirror the digital experiences they receive in the private sector: services that are fast, personalized, accessible across multiple platforms, and available around the clock. This shift is reinforced by the diffusion of digital technologies and data infrastructures that enable real-time decision-making, predictive analytics, and integrated service delivery across departments.

Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic served as a stark reminder of the importance of modern, resilient, and adaptive public services. The crisis exposed significant vulnerabilities in many countries' administrative systems, especially those heavily reliant on face-to-face interactions or paper-based procedures. Digital technologies enabled governments to respond quickly to evolving challenges—such as distributing emergency benefits, managing public health data, and ensuring the continuity of education and civic services—thereby accelerating the digital transformation of the public sector (UN, 2022). This experience highlighted not only the potential of digital tools to enhance responsiveness and resilience but also the inequalities in access and digital literacy that must be addressed to ensure inclusive modernization. According to Mazzucato and Kattel (2021), modernization must go

beyond efficiency goals and focus on creating long-term public value through innovation, mission-driven leadership, and meaningful engagement with communities.

Additionally, modernization is increasingly linked to the concept of “quality” in public service delivery, which includes dimensions such as accessibility, equity, responsiveness, and citizen satisfaction. Public administrations are thus encouraged to adopt quality management frameworks, user feedback mechanisms, and performance measurement tools to continuously evaluate and improve service outcomes. This evolving landscape demands a fundamental cultural and institutional shift—one that embraces digital governance as both a technological and socio-political transformation. As emphasized by the OECD (2023), digital government strategies must be holistic, inclusive, and grounded in human-centered design principles to ensure that modernization efforts are not only technologically sophisticated but also democratically accountable and socially equitable. Consequently, the modernization of public services is not merely a technical challenge but a strategic imperative that redefines the relationship between the state and its citizens in the 21st century.

Digital communication serves as a transformative force in modernizing public administrations, enhancing efficiency, transparency, and service delivery. By implementing technologies like AI, blockchain, and integrated data systems, governments can automate bureaucratic processes and reduce operational costs. Estonia's **X-Road** platform exemplifies this approach by enabling secure data exchange across agencies, eliminating redundant paperwork (Estonian Government, 2023). Similarly, Singapore's **Smart Nation** initiative has digitized permit approvals, slashing processing times from weeks to hours (GovTech Singapore, 2023). These innovations yield substantial cost savings, as seen in the UK's **Government Digital Service**, which saved £4.1 billion through IT consolidation (UK National Audit Office, 2022), and Denmark's **Digital Post** system, which cut €150 million annually by transitioning to paperless communication (Danish Digitization Agency, 2021).

Transparency and accountability are strengthened through open data platforms and real-time performance tracking. South Korea's **Open Data Portal** provides public access to government datasets, improving oversight and trust (National Information Society Agency, 2022). However, modernization must address challenges like the **digital divide** and **cybersecurity risks** through inclusive design and robust encryption standards (OECD, 2021). By prioritizing secure, interoperable systems, governments can build agile, citizen-centric administrations that meet 21st-century demands while safeguarding democratic values.

V. Key Challenges and Limitations of Digital Communication

Implementation in the Public Sector

While digital transformation offers significant benefits for public administrations, its implementation faces several structural, technical, and societal challenges. These barriers can hinder the effectiveness of digital services and limit their potential to improve governance. Below are the most pressing challenges :

1. Digital Divide and Inequality in Access

A major limitation is the uneven access to digital infrastructure, particularly among elderly, rural, and low-income populations. According to the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU, 2023)**, nearly **2.7 billion people** remain offline globally, with developing nations facing the most severe connectivity gaps. Even in advanced economies, disparities persist—**Eurostat (2023)** reports that **20% of EU households** lack basic digital skills, preventing them from using e-government services effectively. Without targeted interventions, digital public services risk exacerbating existing inequalities rather than bridging them.

A 2024 report by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** estimates that approximately **2.6 billion people** globally remain offline, exacerbating exclusion from digitally delivered public services (ITU, 2024).

2. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Risks

As governments digitize sensitive citizen data, they become prime targets for cyberattacks. The **2023 Global Cybersecurity Index** revealed that **68% of governments** experienced at least one major data breach in the past two years. High-profile incidents, such as the **2022 attack on Costa Rica's tax and healthcare systems**, demonstrate how cyber threats can paralyze critical services. Additionally, public distrust in data privacy remains a concern—**Pew Research (2023)** found that **61% of citizens** doubt governments can protect their personal information in digital databases. **Vrabie (2025)** notes that rising attacks on municipal digital systems in Eastern Europe have disrupted essential services and reduced public trust.

3. Resistance to Organizational Change

Many public sector institutions struggle with bureaucratic inertia and employee resistance to digital workflows. A **World Bank (2022)** study found that **43% of civil servants** in middle-income countries resist digital adoption due to fear of job displacement or lack of training. Siloed government departments also hinder interoperability, as legacy systems often cannot integrate with modern platforms. For example, the **US Government Accountability Office (GAO, 2023)** identified **fragmented IT systems** as a key barrier to seamless digital service delivery in federal agencies. According to **Iddrisu and Fuseini (2025)**, successful transformation depends on leadership commitment, adaptive organizational structures, and a willingness to embrace new decision-making processes. In many cases, digital projects fail due to poor change management or lack of strategic alignment between digital tools and administrative goals.

4. High Implementation Costs and Budget Constraints

Transitioning to digital governance requires substantial investments in infrastructure, software, and workforce training. The **OECD (2023)** estimates that full digital transformation costs **3-5% of annual public budgets** for most nations—a prohibitive expense for low-resource governments. Many projects also face **cost overruns** due to poor planning; the **UK's failed NHS IT modernization**, which wasted **£10 billion**, illustrates the risks of mismanaged digital transitions.

5. Legal and Regulatory Barriers

Outdated laws often conflict with digital innovation. For instance, many countries still mandate **wet-ink signatures** for official documents, delaying paperless transitions. The **European Commission (2023)** identified **legal fragmentation** as a key obstacle to cross-border digital services in the EU. Additionally, unclear regulations on **AI use in governance** create uncertainty—**Human Rights Watch (2023)** warns that algorithmic decision-making in public services could embed biases if not properly audited.

6. Data Ethics and Surveillance Concerns

Digital communication tools often rely on the collection and processing of personal data, raising **concerns about surveillance, data ownership, and algorithmic bias**. There is an increasing need for transparent governance of AI-driven decision-making in public services. **Zhang and Nie (2025)** caution that while automation may enhance efficiency, it can also reduce human oversight and accountability if not properly managed.

7. Limited Citizen Engagement

While digital platforms have the potential to enable **interactive governance**, many are still used for one-way communication. Tools such as social media, e-consultation portals, and participatory budgeting apps remain underutilized or lack meaningful integration into decision-making processes. **Toro-Maureira et al. (2025)** suggest that governments should not only provide digital tools but also foster civic digital literacy and trust to encourage active participation.

Conclusion :

This paper has explored the multifaceted role of digital communication in the modernization of public administrations, analyzing both its strategic importance and its operational impacts. In Part I, we established that digital communication is not merely a technical upgrade but a transformative force that redefines the relationship between public institutions and citizens. As governments face increasing demands for transparency, accountability, and efficiency, digital tools emerge as vital instruments for organizational reform and policy innovation.

In Part II, we examined how digital communication enhances the performance of public services, from accelerating administrative processes to improving user satisfaction through more accessible, responsive, and personalized service delivery. By leveraging platforms such as e-government portals, mobile applications, and social media, public institutions can foster greater civic engagement and data-driven decision-making. Empirical case studies from countries like Estonia, Canada, and Rwanda demonstrate the tangible benefits of these innovations when deployed thoughtfully and inclusively.

However, Part III revealed that the digital transition is not without its obstacles. The persistence of digital divides, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, institutional inertia, and ethical concerns related to surveillance and data governance all underscore the complexity of implementing digital communication in the public sector. These challenges highlight the need for robust strategic planning, cross-sector collaboration, and citizen-centered policy frameworks.

In conclusion, while digital communication holds immense potential to transform public administration and improve service quality, its successful integration depends

on addressing structural, technological, and social barriers. Policymakers must adopt inclusive, secure, and adaptive approaches that align with the evolving expectations of a digital society. Future research should continue to assess the long-term impacts of digital tools on governance outcomes and explore innovative models that bridge gaps in participation, access, and accountability. Only by doing so can we ensure that digital communication becomes a catalyst for more effective, transparent, and equitable public service delivery.

The findings of this study underscore the transformative impact of digital communication on public service delivery. Key results include:

1. **Improved Efficiency and Accessibility:** Digital platforms significantly reduce service delivery time and increase accessibility for citizens, especially through e-portals and mobile applications. Studies from OECD countries show that services delivered through digital channels are on average 40% faster and more cost-effective (OECD, 2023).
2. **Enhanced Citizen Engagement:** Social media, online consultations, and feedback mechanisms empower citizens to participate in decision-making processes. In the UK and Canada, for example, citizen satisfaction with digital services has grown substantially due to interactive platforms (Gov.UK, 2024; Canada.ca, 2024).
3. **Transparency and Accountability:** Tools such as open data portals and real-time dashboards promote governmental transparency, allowing public scrutiny of budgets, policies, and performance metrics. This has led to increased trust in institutions in several municipalities across Europe and Africa.
4. **Persistent Challenges:** Despite progress, challenges remain including unequal access to digital infrastructure, data privacy risks, lack of digital literacy, and resistance to institutional change. These issues particularly affect rural and marginalized populations (ITU, 2024; UN E-Gov Survey, 2022).

Recommendations :

To build on these results, the following strategic recommendations are proposed:

1. **Close the Digital Divide:** Governments must invest in broadband expansion, public Wi-Fi access, and digital literacy programs targeting disadvantaged groups, including the elderly, women in rural areas, and people with disabilities.
2. **Strengthen Data Security and Governance:** Implement robust data protection policies in line with global standards (e.g., GDPR), alongside regular cybersecurity training for public servants to maintain trust and secure digital infrastructure.
3. **Promote a Citizen-Centric Design Approach:** Involve citizens in the co-design of digital services to ensure platforms meet user needs, are multilingual, mobile-friendly, and accessible. Tools such as user journey mapping and feedback loops should be standard in service development.
4. **Foster Organizational Change and Innovation:** Encourage innovation in public administration by adopting agile management practices, supporting pilot projects, and creating innovation labs within ministries and agencies.

5. **Ensure Hybrid Service Models:** Maintain a balance between digital and traditional service delivery to avoid excluding those with limited digital access. This may include call centers, SMS-based updates, and community outreach initiatives.
6. **Support International Knowledge Sharing:** Establish partnerships with global institutions and peer countries to exchange knowledge, tools, and best practices in digital public governance.

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