



United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on
Knowledge Systems for Development**

New York, 4 – 5 September 2003

Agenda

Day One

9:30 – 9:45

Opening Session: Welcome and Introduction to the Meeting

(15 minutes)

Speaker: Mr Guido Bertucci, Director, DPADM/UNDESA ([Text](#))

Speaker: Mr. Jerzy Szeremeta, Chief, Knowledge Management Branch, DPADM/UNDESA

9:45-11:00

Session I: The Knowledge Society

Keynote Presentation

“The Knowledge Society: Theoretical and Historical Underpinnings”

(35 minutes)

Speaker: Dr. Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University ([Text](#))

Discussant

“Rethinking Ethics of Development: A Human Centred Knowledge Agenda”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Dr. K Gill, Brighton University

General Discussion

(Approximately 15 minutes)

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 13:30

Session II: National Knowledge Systems

Keynote Presentation

“Futures of Knowledge for Development Strategies: Moving from Rhetoric to Reality”

(35 minutes)

Speaker: Mr. Paul Dufour, IDRC

Discussant

“Beyond National Knowledge Systems: Designing a Framework for Knowledge Societies of the Future”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Dr. Shalini Venturelli, American University

Discussant

“Knowledge Based Estonia”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Kristi Hakkaja, Estonia Research and Development Council ([Text](#))

General Discussion

(Approximately 35 minutes)

13:30-15:00

Lunch

15:00- 16:15

Session III: Measuring Knowledge Assets

Keynote Presentation

“Measuring National Knowledge Assets of a Nation: Knowledge Systems for Development”

(35 minutes)

Speaker: Dr. Yogesh Malhotra, Syracuse University ([Text](#))

Discussant

“Measuring Knowledge Assets: Malaysia’s Knowledge Imperative Index Version 2”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Dr. K.J. John, MIMOS, Malaysia ([Text](#))

16:15-16:45

Break

16:45-17:30

General discussion

(Approximately 45 minutes)

Day Two

9:30 – 11:30

Session IV: Knowledge in the Public Sector

Keynote Presentation:

“Knowledge Management for Government: Enhancing the Quality of Public Service”

(35 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Maria Wimmer, Linz University ([Text](#))

Discussant

“Myths and Findings: Results of the OECD Knowledge Management in Government Survey”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Elsa Pilichowski, OECD ([Text](#))

Discussant

“Information Sharing: Toward Collaborative Governance”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: Mr. Donald Lenihan, Crossing Boundaries, Canada ([Text](#))

General Discussion

(Approximately 35 minutes)

11:30 – 12:00

Break

12:00– 13:00

Session V: Conclusions and Recommendations on the Role of the UN

Presentation of conclusions:

“What have we Discovered? What have we Agreed?”

(25 minutes)

Speaker: UNDESA

Discussion and closing of the Workshop