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
(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