

United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network / Canada Forum

Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada (18-20 February 2004)

Agenda

Wednesday 18 February 2004

Afternoon **Arrival of the participants**

7:00 – 9:00 **Welcoming Wine and Cheese / Networking of the participants**

Thursday 19 February 2004

9:00 – 10:30

Opening Session

- ◆ Welcoming by **Mr. Ralph Bromley**, President, Hope for the Nations and **Mr. Nick Arkle**, UN representative of Hope for the Nations
- ◆ Opening Speech by the Deputy Mayor of the City of Kelowna, **Mrs. Sharon Shepherd**
- ◆ Opening Address by **Mr. Stockwell Day**, M.P. Foreign Affairs Critic and Vice Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee for Parliament
- ◆ Opening Remarks by **Mr. Werner Schmidt, MP**
- ◆ Opening Statement by **Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui**, Chief NGO Section/UNDESA
- ◆ Introduction of the participants

10:30 – 11:00

First Plenary Session

Update on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

- ◆ Power Point Presentation on the MDGs and the role of NGOs by: **Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui**, Chief NGO Section/UNDESA

11:00 – 11:15

Networking Break

11:15 - 12:45

Second Plenary Session

Presentation on the Network and its role in developed countries with Canadian NGOs

- ◆ Power Point presentation on UN- NGO- IRENE and NGO Capacity Building within Participatory Governance by: **Mrs. Najet Karaborni**, Senior Inter-Regional Advisor, UNDESA and UN-NGO-IRENE Project Coordinator

- ◆ Q & A

12:45 – 2:00

Networking Lunch/Exhibits

2:00 – 3:30

Third Plenary Session

Presentation on Organizational Convergence: Why is there strength in diversity to achieve common goals? By: Lance Wallnau

3:30 – 4:00

Networking Break

4:00 – 5:15

Fourth Plenary Session

**Brainstorming and Open Discussion with Canadian NGOs on the Canadian Network role and potential to contribute to the work of ECOSOC in implementing the MDGs : Proposals to set up a strategic action plan for the UN-NGO-IRENE/Canada
Facilitator: Najet Karaborni**

5:00 – 5:30

Closing Session

- ◆ Closing Remarks by **Hanifa Mezoui**

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Preparatory Workshop to the ECOSOC HLS of June 2004
On
“Resources Mobilization and Enabling Environment for Poverty
Eradication in the Context of the Implementation of the Programme of
Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010”

Friday 20 February 2004

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| 09:00 – 10:15 | Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introduction by: Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui◆ Youth Forum Recommendations for the HLS◆ Introduction of participants |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Networking Break |
| 10:30 – 1:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Formation of 4 Working Groups
◆ Working groups on Canadian NGO contribution to the ECOSOC HLS of 28-30 June 2004 including Identification of priority action fields and LDCs for Canadian NGOs’ intervention
Facilitator : Najet Karaborni |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Networking Lunch |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | Plenary session: Reports of the 4 Working Groups and formation of two drafting committees (one for the HLS and one for the UN-NGO-IRENE)
Facilitator: Najet Karaborni |

3:30 – 5: 00

Meetings of the two Drafting Committees:

- ◆ **Drafting Committee 1** to draft a Canadian NGO statement to the ECOSOC HLS Meeting of June 2004
 - ◆ **Drafting Committee 2** to draft an executive summary report for the UN-NGO-IRENE/Canada
- Facilitator: Najet Karaborni**

5:00 – 6:30

Closing Session

- ◆ Presentation of the first draft statement of the Canadian NGO (main issues to be addressed in LDCs, recommendations and proposals)
- ◆ Presentation of the Executive summary of UN-NGO-IRENE/Canada
- ◆ Discussions and Adoption
- ◆ Summary and Conclusion of the Forum **by: Najet Karaborni and Nick Arkle**