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Draft Agenda

Symposium on the Comparative Analysis of National Research Systems

**16-18 January 2008
UNESCO, Headquarters, Fontenoy Room XI**

16 January Afternoon

14.30 Registration

15.00 Opening

Chair: Georges Haddad, Director, Division on Higher Education

Welcome remarks:

Nicholas Burnett, Assistant Director-General for Education

Walter Erdelen, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences,

Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Berit Olsson, Director, SAREC/Sida, Sweden

15.30 Special Initiative: Presentation of Project Results 2006-7

I. Mapping National Research Systems: Methodology and Template

Presenters

Johann Mouton, Centre for Research on Science and Technology, CREST,
University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Roland Waast, Institut pour la Recherche sur le Développement, IRD, Paris

16.30 *Coffee break*

II. Mapping National Research Systems: Other Approaches

Chair: Mary-Louise Kearney, Director, Secretariat, UNESCO Forum on
Higher Education, Research and Knowledge

17.00 Presentation of Review Methodology Applied by OECD

Gang Zhang, Principal Administrator (for outreach), Directorate for Science,
Technology and Industry OECD

17.30 Presentation of the NEPAD Project on Science and Technology

Presenters

Philippe Kuhutama Mawoko, Programme coordinator NEPAD Office of
Science and Technology, Pretoria, South Africa

Claes Brundenius, Research Policy Institute, Lund University, Sweden

17.50 Open Discussion on Options of Different Methodology Approaches

18.20 Information about the Project: Online Access to Research in the Environment

Presenter: **Paul-Bendiks Walberg**, OARE Project Director, CBCS Deputy
Director, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University

18.30 Closure of the Day

Cocktail

- 17 January** III. Regional Presentations
- 09.00 Regional Presentation Africa
Country Reviews
Chair: Joseph Massaquoi, Director UNESCO/Nairobi
- Presentations:
Commentator: **Jacques Gaillard**, IRD, France
Discussant: **Frank Teng Zeng**, CREST, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- Discussion
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 Regional Presentation Arab States
Country Reviews
Chair: Tony Marjoram, Capacity building and Science and Engineering Education Section, Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO
- Presentations
Commentator: **Sari Hanafi**, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Discussant: **Wail Benjelloun**, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, University, Mohammed V – Agdel, Rabat, Morocco
- Discussion
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 14.30 Regional Presentation Asia
Country Reviews
- Chair: Asa Olsson**, Secretariat, UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge
- Presentations
Commentator: **Venni Venkata Krishna**, JNU, New Delhi, India
Discussant: **Tony Marjoram**, Engineering Programme, Division Basic Sciences, UNESCO
- 16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.30 Regional Presentation Latin America and the Caribbean
Country Reviews
- Chair: Christina von Furstenberg**, Chief, Policy and Cooperation in Social Sciences Section, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO
- Presentations
Commentator: **Daniel Villavicencio**, UNAM, Mexico
Discussant: **Pablo Kreimer**, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Argentina
- 18.00 Closure of the Day

18 January IV Final Remarks and Conclusions

09.00 Presentation of the Template to Assess Research Systems

Chair: Mary-Louise Kearney, Director, Secretariat, UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge.

Presenters: **Johann Mouton and Roland Waast**

Commentator: **Rigas Arvanitis, IRD, France**

10.00 Discussion

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Conclusions and Final Remarks by the Rapporteur General

12.00 Closure of the Symposium

12.00 Special Session: Comparison of Assessment Methodologies for “Research” and “Health Research” Systems

Co-chairs: Mary-Louise Kearney, Director, Secretariat, UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge and **Mary Anne Burke**, Global Forum for Health Research

15.00 Closure of the Special Session

Rapporteurs

Rapporteur General:

Lazar Vlasceanu, Deputy Director, Centre for Higher Education in Europe (CEPES), Bucharest, Romania

Assistants to the Rapporteur General: **Richard Bell, Ana Paola Coppola, Isabel Tejada**

Friday 18th January 2008 12h00 – 15h00: Special Session

Comparison of Assessment Methodologies for “Research” and “Health Research” Systems

Co-chairs:

- Mary-Louise Kearney, Director, Secretariat, UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge
- Mary Anne Burke, Global Forum for Health Research

This special session aims to compare and contrast methodologies for assessment of overall national research systems with those employed within the special context of health research systems.

Such issues are particularly important because much research that impacts on health is more traditionally viewed as basic science, engineering or agriculture, among many other fields. Furthermore, health-related research plays a major role in the research systems of low and middle income countries, and can also be a significant driver for development across the health, education and economic sectors.

The Council on Health Research for Development, the Global Forum for Health Research, and the World Health Organization are all involved in work on health research system assessment, which will feed into the 2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health (to be held in Bamako, Mali in November 2008). This will be the first international conference to situate "research for health" in the broader, multi-disciplinary sense within the context of the national research system as a whole.

Short 10 minute presentations will describe the methodologies used in current work. This will be followed by facilitated discussion with all participants to share experiences and lessons learned relevant across the different contexts encountered.

- **Ania Grobicki, Bamako 2008 Secretariat**
Overview of the 2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health
- **Mary Anne Burke, Global Forum for Health Research**
Global expenditures on research for health: Data and challenges
- **Ritu Sadana, WHO-HQ**
Health Research Systems Analysis: A mapping and benchmarking toolkit for low and middle income countries
- **Dr Issa Sanou, WHO-AFRO**
National Health Research Systems in the African Region: Stewardship, financial flows, resources, and research output and application
- **Andrew Kennedy, COHRED**
The COHRED approach to National Health Research System Assessment and Development

Note: This special session is open to all participants in the Symposium and to interested UNESCO staff. Lunch will be provided.

