

## MINUTES

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE INTERSECTORAL PLATFORM ON ANTICIPATION AND FORESIGHT

17 April 2009

#### **I. Participation**

The meeting was chaired by Hans d'Orville, ADG/BSP. Present were also: Axel Plathe (CI); Tony Marjoram (SC); Philippe Ratte (CLT); Ana Elisa Santana Afonso (AFR); Michael Millward (DIR/SCG); Saturnino Munoz Gomez (DIR/BPI); Faye Adda (BB); Sanye Gulser Corat, Linda Tinio, Jacques Plouin, Caroline Descombris (BSP).

#### **II. Introduction by ADG/BSP**

The agenda of the meeting was adopted and the minutes of the previous Steering Committee meeting were approved without amendments.

#### **III. Update on the preparation of the next UNESCO Future Forum on “Prospects of knowledge acquisition and sharing” - 11 May 2009, UNESCO Headquarters**

ADG/BSP and the representative of CI presented the progress made in the preparation on the session of the Future Forum on the theme “The Future of Knowledge Acquisition and Sharing”. Changes to the programme as it stood were made as well as new suggestions of panelists. Details of the communication plan of the event were discussed.

#### **V. Other Matters**

Other projects were discussed: ADG/BSP presented 2 sessions of the Future Forum away from Headquarters, one to be held in Seoul within the framework of the World Civic Forum focusing on the impact of the financial and economic crisis (5-8 May 2009) and the other in Montreal within the framework of the International Economic Forum of the Americas/Conference of Montreal focusing on bioethics (8-11 June 2009). ADG/BSP informed the steering committee that Mr Martinez-Palomo, Chair of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee, suggested by SHS and Mr Luc Montagnier agreed to participate in the Forum to be held in Montreal.

New features were proposed to the consideration of the members of the steering committee:

- complement the Future Forum format with a series of lectures by eminent personalities;
- create a foresight page in the UNESCO Courier;
- assist developing countries with databases in UNESCO's fields of competence.

#### **VI. Next meeting**

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