



Seminar on Innovations in Official Statistics

Friday, 20 February 2009

Conference Room 3

United Nations, New York

Chairpersons: Mr. Geoff Bascand, Government Statistician, Statistics New Zealand
Ms. Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician, United States of America

Morning Session, 10:00 – 13:00

10:00-10:10 **Welcome Remarks by Chairs and Director of UNSD**

10:10-11:00 **Keynote Speech on Innovations in Official Statistics**
Ms. Heli Jeskanen-Sundstrom, Director General, Statistics Finland

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

Session I: **Innovations in Governance**

11:15-13:00 **Panel Discussion (based on inputs from countries)**
Mr. Mike Hughes, Director of National Statistics and Policy, ONS, United Kingdom
Mr. Ben Kiregyera, Director, African Centre for Statistics, UNECA
Ms. Jirawan Boonperm, Deputy Secretary General, NSO, Thailand

13:00-14:00 **Lunch break**

Afternoon Session, 14:00 – 17:30

Session II: **Innovations in Data Collection and Management**

14:00-14:40 **Keynote Speech on Innovations in Data Management**
Mr. Keith Collins, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, SAS Institute

14:40-15:40 **Panel Discussion (based on inputs from countries)**
Mr. Geert Bruinooge, Deputy Director General, Statistics Netherlands
Mr. Geoff Bascand, Government Statistician, Statistics New Zealand
Ms. Wong, Wee-Kim, Chief Statistician, Statistics Singapore

15:40-16:00 **Coffee break**

Session III: **Innovations in Data Dissemination**

16:00-17:00 **Panel Discussion (based on inputs from countries)**
Mr. Thomas L. Mesenbourg, Jr., Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau
Mr. Eduardo Sojo Garza-Aldape, President, INEGI, Mexico

17:00-17:30 **Concluding Session - Summary by Chairs**