

A Commemorative Event for the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Seminar on the Evolution of National Statistical Systems

23 February 2007

Chair: Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician, Office of Management and Budget, United States of America

9.00 – 9.15 Opening session

Paul Cheung, Director, United Nations Statistics Division

9.15 – 10.30 Keynote presentation

Evolution of National Statistical Systems-Trends and Implications

Dennis Trewin, former Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Discussants: Pali Lehohla, Statistician General, Statistics South Africa
Hermann Habermann, former Deputy Director, US Census Bureau

Discussion

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00–13.00 Panel Discussion:

Changing the National Statistical Systems: Driving Forces and Response

Panelists: Karen Dunnell, National Statistician and Registrar General
Office for National Statistics-United Kingdom
Gosse van der Veen, Director General, Statistics Netherlands
Gilberto Calvillo Vives, Presidente, Instituto Nacional de Estadística,
Geografica e Informatica-Mexico
Masahiro Horie, former Vice-Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication-Japan

Discussion

13.00-14.15 Lunch

14.15-16.15 Panel Discussion:

Prospects and Risks for the Future : How to Manage Uncertainties?

Panelists: Eduardo Pereira Nunes, President, Fundacao IBGE-Brazil
Heli Jeskanen-Sundstrom, Director General, Statistics Finland
Romulo Virola, Secretary General, National Statistical Coordination Board-Philippines
Hans Rosling, Professor, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Discussion

16.15-16.45 Coffee break

16.45- 17.45 Summing up and Open Forum

Ben Kiregyera, Chairman, Uganda Bureau of Statistics
Hallgrimur Snorrason, Director General, Statistics Iceland