

# Expert Meeting “Knowledge Societies: The Way Forward”

1 – 2 March 2010  
UNESCO Headquarters, Paris  
Bonvin Building, Room XV

## **Provisional Agenda**

(Please note that the participation of some invitees is yet to be confirmed)

### **Day I – Monday 1 March 2010: Sharing Insights on Knowledge Societies**

9-9.30 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
9.30-9.45 a.m.	<b>1) Welcome and Introduction: UNESCO’s approach to building inclusive Knowledge Societies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO</i></li></ul>
9.45-10 a.m.	<b>2) Constructing sustainable Knowledge Societies to meet development goals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman, UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID)</i></li></ul>
10-10.30 a.m.	<b>3) Tracing the trajectory of the Knowledge Societies concept</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr David Souter, Visiting Professor, University Strathclyde</i></li></ul>
10:30-10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45 a.m. -12.30 p.m.	<b>4) Fostering transformations toward Knowledge Societies</b> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ms Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Managing Director, Compass Rose Sdn Bhd</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr Henry Chasia, Executive Deputy Chairperson, e-Africa Commission</i></li><li>• <i>Mr S. Senthilkumaran, Programme Director (IEC), M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation</i></li><li>• <i>Mr Bruno Lanvin, INSEAD</i></li><li>• <i>Ms Mitakshara Kumari, Associate Director, Price Waterhouse Coopers India</i></li></ul> <p><b>Q &amp;A: All</b></p>
12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2-2.30 p.m.	<b>Session 4) continued</b>
2.30-3.30 p.m.	<b>5) Group discussion: Critique of the Knowledge Societies concept</b> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr Janis Karklins, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia, UNESCO</i></li></ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Marc Luyckx Ghisi, Dean, Cotrugli Business Academy</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Denise Kirkpatrick, Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning, Teaching and Quality, The Open University</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Narimane Hadj Hamou, Assistant Chancellor for Academic Development, at Hamdan Bin Mohammad e-University (tbc)</i></li> </ul>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3:45-5 p.m.	<b>Session 5) continued</b>
5 -5.30 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
5.30 -7 p.m.	<i>Reception (Room B13.36, Bonvin building, 13<sup>th</sup> floor)</i>

## Day II – Tuesday, 2 March 2010: Laying the Foundations for Knowledge Societies

9:00-10.30 a.m.	<p><b>6) Operationalizing inclusive Knowledge Societies</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Hans D’Orville, ADG/BSP (tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Jean Francois Soupizet, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Alfonso Molina, Professor, Technology Strategy at the University of Edinburgh, and Scientific Director of the Fondazione Mondo Digitale</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Bertrand de la Chapelle, Special Delegate for Society of Information</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp;A:</b> All</p>
10.30-10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45-12 p.m.	<b>Session 6 (continued)</b>
12-1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	<p><b>7) UNESCO’s Information for All Programme (IFAP) template to develop national e-strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Boyan Radoykov, Programme Specialist, Information and Communication Sector</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp;A:</b> All</p>
2.30 -2.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
2.45-4.30 p.m.	<p><b>8) Lessons learned: The way forward</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman, UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <p>All</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks by Mr Abdul Waheed Khan</i></p>

This meeting will be conducted in English.