WBI Knowledge for Development (K4D)

Forthcoming FY05 Conferences and Workshops

All Events are by Invitation Only

November 2004

South-South Innovation Workshop - Knowledge-Based Development, Monterrey, Mexico, November 18 - 19, 2004

Two-day workshop focusing on a pragmatic policy agenda for innovation-based development. Over 400 participants invited - practitioners and high-level policy-makers from Mexico, Korea, UK, Ireland, India, Chile. This workshop is a follow-up to the study-tour to Chile held in March 2004, organized by CONACYT and Fundacion Chile, Santiago, Chile. Contact: Yevgeny Kuznetsov, WBIPKD

December 2004

International Seminar and Study Tour to Korea on turning technology into business - December 6-9, 2004, Seoul, Korea

The South-South Exchange Program on Innovation is a series of study tours and conferences to promote face-to-face exchange between top policy makers of semi-industrialized economies working in the area of innovation. The next in the program will be held on Dec. 6-9 in Korea. The study tour and conference will bring together around 20 high-ranking policymakers and private sector leaders from Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Russia, Argentina, India, and Korea to focus on building efficient innovation organizations. This seminar is being organized jointly by the World Bank Institute and by the Korea Development Institute (KDI). Contact: Il Whan An, WBIPKD

Diaspora of Highly Skilled Labor Force, December 9, 2004, Mexico City, Mexico

Workshop of Mexican policy makers and private sector. The group is seeking to establish a network of Mexican diaspora high achievers in US and Europe to promote innovation and knowledge-driven FDI into Mexico. This series of workshops will be held on a monthly basis through FY 05. Contact: Yevgeny Kuznetsov, WBIPKD

China Lifelong Learning Conference, December 15 – 17, Shanghai, China

The China Lifelong Learning Forum will be held in partnership with the National Educational Development Research Center of MOE, China, the Educational Association for International Exchange, and the Shanghai Pudong Authorities. Over twenty international speakers and domestic speakers will make presentations, and some 500 participants from central and local governments, business sectors, think tanks, and civil society will attend the forum. The purpose of this forum is to discuss the key issues in
building China's lifelong learning system, including the architecture, roles of the government and private sector, financing, the importance of learning communities and organizations, certification, accreditation and qualifications, and the role of distance learning. The Forum will present international best practices and examples. The results of the forum will be used as inputs for the WBI AAA work on China LLL. **Contact:** Douglas Zeng, WBIPKD

**January 2005**

**Mexico’s Challenge of Knowledge-Based Competitiveness: Towards a Second Generation NAFTA Agenda - Week beginning January 16, 2004, Mexico**

This conference will be attended by senior government officials and policy makers, representatives of the private sector, academia, the media and others, to discuss the findings and recommendations of the K4D Report “Mexico’s Challenge of Knowledge-based Competitiveness: Toward a Second-Generation NAFTA Agenda”. **Contact:** Yevgeny Kuznetsov, WBIPKD

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**February 2005**

**Global Innovation Policy Dialogue, China and India – Mid-February, 2005**

This GDLN-based workshop will focus on innovation issues in China and India. There will be two GDLN sessions held over two days, bringing together international experts and best practices with politicians, policy makers, researchers and others in the two countries. **Contact:** Jean-Eric Aubert, WBIPKD

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**March 2005**

**Global Innovation Policy Dialogue, Mediterranean Region– Mid-March, 2005**
This GDLN-based workshop will focus on innovation issues in the Mediterranean region. There will be two GDLN sessions held over two days, bringing together international experts and best practices with politicians, policy makers, researchers and others in the countries across the region.

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**April 2005**

**Seminar on Knowledge, Competitiveness and Development Strategies for Maghreb Countries, April 18 – 22, 2004, Tunis (with the Joint Africa Institute)**

This high level seminar is designed to help key policy makers in the Maghreb countries explore and implement appropriate knowledge and innovation policies to boost competitiveness. The seminar will show how the “knowledge economy” approach applies to medium and low-income countries and it will illustrate with concrete examples from Maghreb countries the types of specific policy actions that might be taken to improve the business and innovation environment, the ICT infrastructure, and education and training programs. A large part of the seminar will be devoted to exchanges of experiences among participants. Topics to be discussed will include introducing knowledge economy into broader development strategies, building on the local dimension: e.g. competitive cities and clusters, and developing the competitiveness of the private. **Contact:** Jean-Eric Aubert, WBIPKD

**Global Workshop on Diasporas of Highly Skilled Labor Force, Buenos Aires, Argentina April 26 and 27, 2005**

International conference to distill and share best practice in leveraging Diasporas of Highly skilled workers to promote innovation in home countries. **Contact:** Yevgeny Kuznetsov, WBIPKD

**May 2005**

**India and the Knowledge Economy: Leveraging Strengths and Opportunities, May, 2005**

Building on the November 9, 2004 workshop, WBI in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the World Bank's Delhi office, will hold a workshop in India to facilitate the dissemination of WBI Report on India and the Knowledge Economy. It is planned to hold the workshop several times in different states of India to widen
dissemination and participation. Participants will include policymakers as well as representatives of private sector and civil society. **Contact:** Anuja Utz, WBIPKD