

1. Title:

UNESCO Future Forum “Exploring the Dynamics of Knowledge Societies: Using the Future to Shape Transformative Policies”

2. Date and Time

27 February 2013, 9:30 am to 1pm

3. Venue:

UNESCO Headquarters, Room XI

4. Concise session description and agenda:

The aim of this Future Forum is to use the latest thinking about knowledge societies, including the frameworks that enable rigorous definitions of the changing nature of knowledge stocks, flows and processes, so as to produce up-to-date images of future of knowledge societies. By improving the quality of the images used to describe tomorrow’s knowledge societies this Future Forum will sharpen the recommendations for enabling transformative, post-industrial knowledge societies today. In particular the discussions will focus on the relationship between new forms and processes for generating knowledge (content) and the institutional conditions at local, regional and global levels. At the forefront in this Forum will be the special role of UN agencies and international governance systems in establishing the transparency, trust, access, and open connectivity needed to make good on the promise of knowledge societies.

The session will consist of keynote speeches and commentary by discussants, followed by panel discussions and an open discussion with the audience.

5. Names of the organizer(s) of the workshop and their affiliation to various stakeholder groups:

Riel Miller, Chief of the Foresight Section, Bureau of Strategic Planning

6. Names and affiliations of the panelists and the remote moderator:

Keynote speakers: **Don Tapscott**, Author of “Wikinomics” and **Pankaj Ghemawat**, Professor of Global Strategy at IESE Barcelona and author of “World 3.0”

Discussants:

Nicolas Colin – Author of “L’âge de la multitude”, Inspecteur de Finance, Professor at Sciences Po

Izumi Aizu – Deputy Director at the Institute for HyperNetwork Society

Mihaela Ulieru – President, IMPACT Institute for the Digital Economy

Stefaan Verhulst – Chief of Research, Markle Foundation

Ana Carla Fonseca – Special Advisor for the Creative Economy for the UN (UNDP/UNCTAD) – *TBC*

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