

KNOWLEDGE FORUM May 22, 2003

9:00 - 10:00 AM Opening Plenary: Global Lessons on Community-driven Development

Chair: Mr. Omuraliev, Minister of Local Self-Government,, Kyrgyzstan

Keynotes Speakers:

- *Mr. Stan Peabody*, Social Development Unit of the Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
- *Ms. Aikan Mukanbetova*, United Nations Development Programme, Kyrgyzstan

The speakers will outline the key concepts behind community-driven development, lessons learned from around the world in implementing these approaches and the challenges ahead. These presentations are intended to stimulate discussion with the Forum participants and set the tone for the more specific themes which will be addressed later in the parallel sessions.

10:00 – 10:15 AM Coffee break
10:15 AM - 12:15PM Community Empowerment Perspectives: A Conversation

Representatives of a variety of different stakeholder groups will help present their views, approaches, incentives and challenges they face in achieving greater community involvement in social and economic development programs. Each of the panelists will be asked to answer the same three questions to contrast their perspectives, and then the participants will be invited to respond to any of the presenters.

Questions which the panelists may be asked include:

- 1) How do you think you (i.e. local government, private sector, etc.) are encouraging community members to take more responsibility for their own development?
- 2) Give one or two noteworthy examples where communities have mobilized to initiate, implement and sustain their own development projects. What lessons does this teach others about how to implement successful projects with a “community-driven” approach?
- 3) What is not being done that would take advantage of the potential energy and spirit of communities?

Chair: Media representative

- Mr. Oleg Katsiev – Internews Kazakhstan

Panelists:

1. Central government representative
 - Mr. Tolib Nazarov, Deputy Chairman Kukumat of Khovaling Region, Tajikistan
2. Local government representative
 - Gulsun Chynybaeva – head of Tamga ayil-okmotu, Kyrgyzstan
3. NGO

- Ms. Pamela F. Husain, Country Director of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Azerbaijan
4. Community leader
- Ms. Sakina Almamedova, Chairperson of Labor and Social Development at the Ministry of Labor, Uzbekistan

12:15 – 1:30PM Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 PM Parallel Sessions

The goal of these working group sessions is to discuss the practical issues of implementing community initiatives and to recommend ways of addressing challenges and making progress in harnessing the energy of communities. Therefore, the format for the sessions is intended to stimulate maximum interaction and problem-solving by participants. Participants should be able to leave the Forum with concrete ideas for action that they can implement when they return to home. There will be no formal presentations of projects. Instead, the participants in each session will be asked to answer three questions for their group and report the answers to these questions back in a plenary discussion.

Session A: Building Partnerships in Delivery of Community Services

This session will examine ways in which community-based organizations can work in partnership with local governments, regional and central governments, the private sector, and others to deliver important community services.

Discussion questions:

1. What advantages do community-based organizations have in the delivery of public services in comparison to government and how can they promote these advantages?
2. What are some examples of strong partnerships between community-based organizations and other partners and what can other communities learn from these examples?

Facilitator: Mr. Sahib Mamedov, Save the Children, Azerbaijan

Resource People: Mr. Charles Undeland, Urban Institute, Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Gennadiy Rusanov, People's Voice Project, Ukraine

Shadow Rapporteur: Mr. Christopher Anderson, Save the Children, Azerbaijan

Session B: Comparing Participatory Project Development Approaches

This session will attempt to highlight the main differences between various methodologies and tools used in participatory project development and their strengths and weaknesses. Participants will discuss their experiences with implementing these approaches and recommend ways in which future efforts can capture the best elements of each approach.

Discussion questions:

1. What are the main participatory project development approaches used in your communities?
2. What are the lessons learned from the use of these approaches?

3. What should future users of these approaches keep in mind when implementing their own participatory techniques?

Facilitator: Mr. Erkinbek Kasybekov, Counterpart Sheriktesh, Kyrgyzstan

Resource People : Mr. Kiomiddin Davlatov, Director, Center Razvitie, Tajikistan
Mr. Simon Forrester, INTRAC, Kyrgyzstan

Shadow Rapporteur: Mr. Dmitry Vasilkov, Counterpart Sheriktesh, Kyrgyzstan

Session C: Coalition Building and Informal Networks

This session will examine ways in which community-based organizations can build networks of members, clients, partners and supporters to enhance their impact. Discussion will focus on incentives which organizations can use to attract members, innovative structures/models for network development, and other key issues which allow local organizations to tap into resources both within and beyond their communities.

Discussion questions:

1. What roles can community members play in CBOs?
2. What incentives can be used to attract the interest of community members to get involved?
3. How can the voice of the poor and marginalized groups be better incorporated into the work of community organizations, specifically women?

Facilitator: Ms. Janna Rysakova, Counterpart Consortia Central Asia, Kazakhstan

Resource People: Mr. Jura Latipov, Chairman Parents-Teachers Association, Tajikistan
Mr. Bobur Turdiev, Program Coordinator, Counterpart Uzbekistan

Shadow Rapporteur: Ms. Dilorom Atabaeva, Director, Counterpart Tajikistan

Session D : Micro-credit and Small-scale Business Development

This session will focus on the range of different approaches which communities can take to developing income-generating activities. These approaches include the use of credit unions, micro-finance facilities, entrepreneurship training, and other activities.

Discussion Questions:

1. What role can credit play in helping small enterprises to develop in your communities?
2. How can communities mobilize to support the development of private enterprise?
3. What kinds of support services do small enterprises need in order to become more successful?

Facilitator: Ms. Dildora Alimbekova, Chairwoman, Business Women's Association, Uzbekistan

Resource People : Ms. Larisa Yurikova, Credit Union in Navoi region, Uzbekistan
Mr. Michael Hackenbruck, Manager Social Investment, BP, Azerbaijan

Shadow Rapporteur: Ms. Charos Maksudova, Network Coordinator, Business's Women Association, Uzbekistan

Session E: Communication Strategies for Community Outreach

This session will examine the flow of communications in a community and look at the relative impact of different media in reaching target groups. These issues will be examined from the

perspective of how media can be used to deliver services, as well as ways in which it can be used to promote services and build demand.

Discussion questions:

1. What role can the media play in increasing awareness of public services and promoting CBO activities?
2. How can the media be used to deliver CBO programs such as public education on health issues, etc?
3. How do communities radio programs foster communication among themselves and with authorities?

Facilitator: Mr. Ismatullo Ismatuloev, Food and Agriculture Organization, Tajikistan
Resource People: Ms. Marianne Ohlers, UNICEF Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Oleg Katsiev, Internews, Kazakhstan
Shadow Rapporteur: Mr. David Mikosz, World Bank

3:00 – 4:00 PM Concluding Plenary - Report Back from Parallel Sessions

The Facilitators from each of the parallel sessions will present a five minute summary of the conclusions which emerged from their group discussions.

Chair: Mary McNeil, World Bank Institute