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Agenda

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2007

Opening Session

- 9.15 – 9.30 Welcome, *Thandika Mkandawire*, Director, UNRISD & *Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy*, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
- 9.30 – 10.00 Social Policies in Small States – Research Proposal, *Naren Prasad*, Research Coordinator

Session 1 Presentation of Thematic Papers (I)

- 10.00 – 10.30 Power of jurisdiction as a tool for promoting social policies, *Godfrey Baldacchino*
- 10.30 – 11.00 Social cohesion as a tool for promoting social policies, *Jane Jenson*
- 11.00 – 11.15 Discussion
- 11.15 – 11.30 **C O F F E E B R E A K**

Session 2 Presentation of Thematic Papers (II)

- 11.30 – 12.00 Welfare regimes and social policies, *Geoffrey Bertram*
- 12.00 – 12.30 Consensual democracy and social corporatism as tools for promoting social policies, *Helen Hintjens*
- 12.30 – 12.45 Discussion
- 12.45 – 14.30 **L U N C H**

Session 3 Presentation of Country Studies – Indian Ocean Countries

- 14.30 – 14.50 Seychelles, *Liam Camping*
- 14.50 – 15.10 Mauritius, *Shyam Nath*
- 15.10 – 15.30 Discussion – Summary of the findings from the Indian Ocean Countries

Session 4 Presentation of Country Studies – Caribbean Countries

- 15.30 – 15.50 Barbados, *Andrew Silvester Downes*
- 15.50 – 16.10 Trinidad and Tobago, *Patrick Kent Watson*
- 16.10 – 16.30 Guyana, *Mark Kirton*
- 16.30 – 16.45 **TEA BREAK**
- 16.45 – 17.05 OECS Countries, *Christine Barrow* (Co-author *Aldrie Henry – Lee*)
- 17.05 – 17.25 Jamaica, *Neville Duncan*
- 17.25 – 17.45 Discussion – Summary of the findings from the Caribbean Countries
- 17.45 **END OF DAY ONE**

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2007

Session 5 Presentation of Country Studies – Pacific Countries

- 9.00 – 9.20 Tonga and Samoa, *Desmond Uelese Amosa* (Co-author *Saia Kami*)
- 9.20 – 9.40 Tuvalu and Kiribati, *Fakavae Taomia* (Co-author *John Connell*)
- 9.40 – 10.00 Fiji, *Paresh Kumar Narayan*
- 10.00 – 10.20 Vanuatu and Solomon Islands, *Biman Chand Prasad* (Co-author *Paul Kausimae*)
- 10.20 – 10.40 Discussion – Summary of the findings from the Pacific Countries
- 10.40 – 11.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 6 Presentation of Country Studies – African and Mediterranean Countries

- 11.00 – 11.20 Lesotho and Swaziland, *Benjamin Roberts* (Co-author *Julian May*)
- 11.20 – 11.40 Malta and Cyprus, *Frances Camilleri-Cassar* (Co-author *Andreas Theophanous*)
- 11.40 – 12.00 Discussion – Summary of the findings from the African and Mediterranean Countries
- 12.00 – 13.30 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 7 Next Steps – Discussion

- 13.30 – 15.30 General Discussion
- 15.30 – 15.45 **TEA BREAK**
- 15.45 – 17.30 Planning of output and timetable
- 17.30 **END OF DAY TWO**