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Harnessing Innovation: Fostering National Innovation for Global Development

31 March 2014, 1.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Venue: United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room 5, North Lawn Building

1:10 – 1:30 Introductory Remarks

Dr David Malone, Rector & Under-Secretary General, United Nations University

Mr Xie Xiaowu, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

Mr Tan Jialin, Deputy Secretary-General, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Prof. Huang Hansheng, President, Fujian Normal University

1:30 – 2:50 How Does Measurement of National Innovation affect Global Development?

A variety of methodologies for measuring how countries foster innovation have emerged over the last ten years. Different methodologies lead to different conclusions about how countries can strategically foster innovation, and what pathways to sustainable development are likely to be feasible in that country. This panel will consider current challenges in measuring innovation, and how different methodologies may impact inter-country comparison, global monitoring of innovation and public policy-making at the global level, including in the post-2015 context.

Moderator: *Dr David Malone, Rector, United Nations University*

Keynote Remarks: **Prof. Li Jianping**, Fujian Normal University, Chief Editor of *Report on World Innovation Competitiveness 2000-2012*

Prof. Kaye Husbands Fealing, National Academy of Sciences' Committee on National Statistics, co-editor of the National Research Council's *Capturing Change in Science, Technology, and Innovation: Improving Indicators to Inform Policy* (2013)

Dr Ignacio de Leon, Private Sector Development Specialist, Innovation Division, Inter-American Development Bank

Mrs Lucinda Longcroft, Head of the World Intellectual Property Organization Coordination Office in New York (TBC)

Q & A

2:50– 3:15 Coffee break

3:15 – 5:30 **Fostering Innovation in a Globalized Economy**

As the global economy becomes increasingly integrated and digitized, the balance of regulatory power amongst municipal governments, national governments, regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations and private sector bodies is rapidly shifting. To what degree do these changes challenge the utility of measuring ‘national’ innovation policy? Can our measurements of innovation policy be adjusted to accommodate these trends, and can any such adjustments help in the formulation of global responses to global public policy problems?

Moderator: Dr Pierre Mohnen, United Nations University, Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (MERIT)

Prof. Huang Maoxing, Fujian Normal University, College of Economics

Dr Michael Mandel, Chief Economic Strategist, Progressive Policy Institute

Prof. Pan Jiahua, Director of the Institute of Urban development and Environment, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Dr Zhao Xinli, Counselor, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China

Q & A

5:30 Close