

Latin-American Forum on Knowledge Based Development

TABLE 7

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

Session I. Knowledge Cities: Lessons Learnt and New Utopias

**First round: What are the main lessons learnt in
Knowledge Cities design and implementation?**

Contributions

- Debra Amidon. It has been an evolutionary process to get to K cities: 1. emphasis on techno polis putting together government, universities, NGO`s, academics; 2. Scientific Parks, Incubators, 3o Cluster and collaborative groups, 4o. K cities & regions. This evolution has 3 main momentums: one based on infrastructure, a second one based on technology (ICT) and a third momentum base on social interaction to build Knowledge.
- Leonel Guerra: World wide is exploring their own ways for Kcities but has to recognise: 1. that has been an evolution and 2o. There are more social links involved based on cultural bounds. 3o the most important issue is the free expression of values.
- Susana Hurtado. The k process is a social construction from learning process, and then the knowledge built with the learning and how people develop the knowledge by innovation. But the most important, is that innovation be for a better human well being.

- Doug: First we have to understand the motivation behind to become a K city, because the motivation contains the biases and preconception
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- Doug: K has to go beyond the elite. Facilitate input from all levels, particularly the front end. Can not focus only on economic growth and competitiveness but on sustainability and collaboration honouring the culture of the people.

Lessons: 1. motivation behind

Second round: What is the most distinctive characteristic of virtual city?

Contributions

- Ideal city could be virtual
- Susana. Every one care for the other
- Debra: Shifting the balance from individualist to collective benefit
- Doug: By access to everyone to communicate: to government, universities, community.
- Debra: Individual values and uniqueness. Collaboration rather to competitiveness: One to one in Monterrey: region to regions in Mexico; region to region in LA, region to region in world.
- Leonel: Kcity: Aim Sustainable Development by and for people by values: share commitment, leadership, common well, solidarity, subsidiarity and collaboration in Action!
- Leonel: bring dignity back to people: rights for health, education, safety.
- This is an evolving process is building Social Capital.

- Gabriel: goal: everyone to be happy. Build personal meaning of life with meaning of community.

Checking:

Give opportunity to people to give dignity back

Get this by having people contribute (build) then, they value themselves and value the others.

Third round: how could future Knowledge Cities be like and what would it take to make them happen?

Contributions

- Rosa Maria: First thing for future cities is to recognise the need to generate communities. In the future family as cell of society is not going to be the model any more. Therefore, K cities has to overcome the lonely that people will have as a common issue.
- Debra. That issue makes the importance of the first group statement: to care one for the other as society.
- How: to create as statement very clear, short and meaningful for the city. Then will require self-organisation and adaptability for changes.
- Javier: the purpose at the end, is to recover the meaning of the cities: to share our lives. Main issue is the people and their environment.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3

Session II. Knowledge Regions: The Knowledge Divide and Policy Options

First round: Is globalization propitiating or preventing an equitable knowledge distribution?

Contributions

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Second round: Who will dream and lead the generation of future knowledge regions?

Contributions

- Economic leads to Knowledge Regions –
- Network Effects leads to Economic Power
- Network Effects has to be managed
- Common interests
- Values
- Sharing
- Analogy and learning from Biology networks.
Technologies
- Special attention to Inhibitors: Isolation and Centralization

Third round: Are there limits to Knowledge-based Development? How far can we foresee?

Contributions

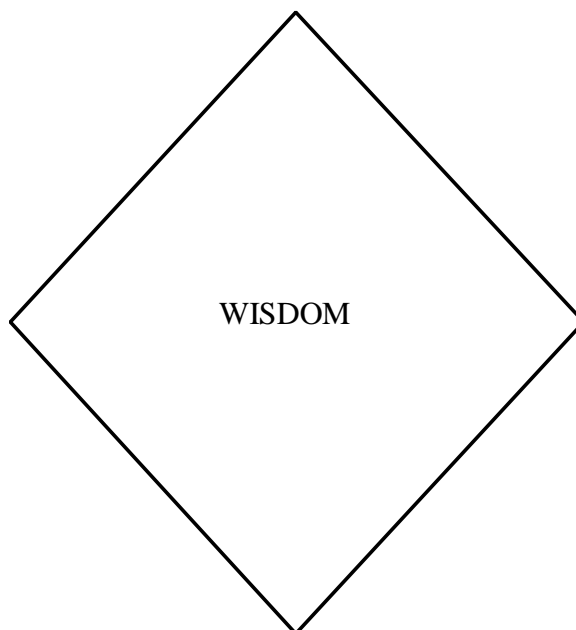
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Session III. Knowledge World: Futures and Responsibilities

First round: What are the most compelling visions of a Knowledge World?

Contributions

- Wisdom as the main goal
 - The Star Trek Utopia VS the Ancient Culture capitalization
 - Elements of Wisdom
1. Pain – Empathy – Passion
 2. Old and new – Community - Integrated
 3. Individual Motivation – Share - Freedom



Second round: What critical events are actually determining the emergence of a (non-)Knowledge World?

Contributions

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Third round: What can we do to create a Knowledge World?

Contributions

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