

OECD Seminar, Thursday 25 February 2016

Pite Havsbad, Piteå, Norrbotten, Sweden

THEME:

Demography, service delivery and supply of competence.

PROGRAM MORNING SESSION

JOINT OECD PANEL

Demographic Trends and Service Delivery

- 8:30 Welcome and introduction by the moderator:
José Enrique Garcilazo, Head - Rural Programme, OECD
- 8:40 **David Freshwater**, Professor Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky
- 9:00 **Sverker Lindblad**, Senior Adviser, Swedish Ministry of Enterprise
- 9:15 **Stephane Pronovost**, Chief of Research, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- 9:30 Comments by Regional representatives;
Erik Bergkvist, Region Västerbotten; **Risto Poutainen**, Regional Council of North Karelia; Norwegian representative.
- 9:40 Comments by **Marie-Chantal Girard**, Vice-President – Policy and Communications, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- 9:45 Discussion

10:15 Coffee break

THREE PARALLEL OECD PANELS

- 1. Developing skills and attracting competencies to support growth**
[educational attainment/participation, immigration, skills shortages and increasing workforce participation]
 - 2. Rural service delivery innovation in response to demographic change**
[integrated service delivery models, use of technologies and role of private/community in service delivery]
 - 3. Leadership and capacity building to support better governance and decision making**
[public sector skills/capabilities, community capacity building, including groups and business in decision making]
- 10:30 Introduction by OECD on the subject for the panel (moderating the panel):
- 1. Abel Schumann**
 - 2. Chris McDonald**
 - 3. José Enrique Garcilazo**
- 10:40 Interventions by regional (SE, FI, NO) representatives:
- 1. Anne Åberg**, Akademi Norr; **Veikko Seppänen**, Martti Ahtisaari Institute; Norwegian representative.
 - 2. Agneta Granström**, Norrbotten County Council; **Maarit Sireni**, University of East Finland; Norwegian representative.
 - 3. Christer Fröjdh**, Mid Sweden University; **Kristiina Jokelainen**, Regional Council of Lapland, Norwegian representative.

11:10 Comments by OECD expert:

- 1. David Freshwater**, University of Kentucky
- 2. Stephane Pronovost**, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Region
- 3. Marie-Chantal Girard**, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

11:20 Discussion

11:50 Wrap-up

12:00 Lunch

PROGRAM NSPA AFTERNOON SESSION; START-UP SESSION EUROPEAN FORUM NORTHERN SWEDEN

- 13:00 Welcome words from **Maria Stenberg**, Chair Norrbotten County Council, and **Erik Bergkvist**, Chair Region Västerbotten and Europaforum Norra Sverige (Swedish/English)
- 13:10 Regional development in Sparsely Populated Areas (English); **José Enrique Garcilazo**, Head - Rural Programme, OECD
- 13:30 Canadian strategies for regional development, the Quebec case (English); **Marie-Chantal Girard**, Vice-President – Policy and Communications, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- 13:50 EU perspectives on smart regional growth (English); **Mikel Landabaso**, Director Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development and Northern Europe, DG Regio, EU Commission
- 14:10 Conclusions from the morning panels to feed into the panel discussion (English), *OECD-representative*
- 14:15 Reflections from a Swedish national perspective (English), **Gunilla Nordlöf**, Director General, Tillväxtverket (Swedish Growth Agency)
- 14:30 Panel discussion with all the speakers (English)
- 15:20 End of NSPA OECD seminar part with welcome to next NSPA forum (EFNS continues)