

**International Conference on
*Ethnic Inequality and Public Sector Governance***

25-27 March 2004

Riga

**Organized by UNRISD, UNDP Latvia and Latvian Secretariat of Minister
for Special Assignments for Society Integration Affairs**

Provisional Agenda

Thursday 25 March

9.30 – 10.30 Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

Thandika Mkandawire – UNRISD Director

Gabrielle Kohler-- UNDP Resident Representative in Latvia

**(Name) – Special Assignments Minister for Society
Integration Affairs**

An overview of research issues and policy implications –
Yusuf Bangura – UNRISD Project Co-ordinator

10.30 – 10.50 Tea/Coffee Break

**10.50 – 12.30 Session One: Inequality and Public Sector Governance in
Unipolar Settings: Botswana, Lithuania and (Spain)**

Chair: **Francesca Cook – Governance & Conflict Prevention
Advisor, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre**

Speakers: **Onalenna Selolwane, Natalija Kasatkina**

10.50 – 11.35 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

11.35 – 11.45 Discussant: **Ralph Premdas**

11.45 – 12.30 General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

**14.00 – 15.40 Session Two: Inequality and Public Sector Governance in
Bipolar Settings: Fiji and Trinidad and Tobago**

Chair: **Max Ooft** –Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Sub-Office Suriname

Speakers: **Jonathan Fraenkel and Ralph Premdas**

14.00 – 14.45 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

14.45 – 14.55 Discussant: **Khoo Boo Teik**

14.55 – 15.40 General Discussion

15.45 – 16.05 Tea/Coffee Break

16.05 – 17.45: Session Three: Inequality and Public Sector Governance in Bipolar settings: Latvia and Belgium

Chair: **Mark McGillivray** – Senior Research Fellow/Project Director, WIDER

Speakers: **Artis Pabriks and Kris Deschouwer**

16.05 – 16.50 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

16.50 – 17.00 Discussant: **Wolf Linder**

17.00 – 17.45 General Discussion

Friday 26 March

9.00 – 10.40 Session Four: Inequality and Governance of the Public Sector in Tripolar Settings: Bosnia and Switzerland

Chair: **Falk Lange** – Senior Advisor, Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, OSCE

Speakers: **Florian Bieber and Wolf Linder**

9.00 – 9.45 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

9.45 – 9.55 Discussant: **Kris Deschouwer**

9.55 – 10.40 General Discussion

10.40 – 11.00 Tea /Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.40 Session Five: Inequality and Governance of the Public Sector in Tripolar Settings: Nigeria and Malaysia

Chair: **Artjon Shkurtaj** – Public Administration Officer, DESA Advisory Services

Speakers: **Abdul Raufu Mustapha and Khoo Boo Teik**

11.00 – 11.45 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

11.45 – 11.55 Discussant: **Niraja Gopal Jayal**

11.55 – 12.40 General Discussion

12.40 – 14.10 Lunch

14.10 – 15.50 **Session Six: Inequality and Public Sector Governance in Concentrated Multipolar Settings: Ghana and Kenya**

Chair: **Jean Mfasoni** – Political Affairs Director, African Union
Speakers: **Richard Asante** and **Karuti Kanyinga**

14.10 – 14.55 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

14.55 – 15.05 Discussant: **Onalenna Selolwane**

15.05 – 15.50 General Discussion

15.50 – 16.10 Tea/Coffee Break

16.10 – 18.15 **Session Seven: Inequality and Public Sector Governance in Fragmented Multipolar Settings: India, Papua New Guinea and Tanzania**

Chair: **Gay Rosenblum-Kumar** – Public Administration Officer,
DESA Advisory Services

Speakers: **Niraja Gopal Jayal**, **Ray Anere** and **Julius Nyangoro**

16.10 – 17.25 Presentation of research findings and policy issues

17.25 – 17.35 Discussant: **Karuti Kanyinga**

17.35 – 18.15 General Discussion

Saturday 27 March

9.00 – 9.40 **Session Eight: Ethnic inequalities and Development**

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr** – Director, UNDP Human Development
Report Office

Speaker: **Frances Stewart**

09.40 – 10.25 General Discussion

10.25 – 10.45 Tea/Coffee Break

10.45 – 11.35 **Session Nine: Ethnic Inequalities in Latvia/Baltic Region (to be confirmed)**

Chair: **Gabriele Koehler – UNDP Latvia Resident Representative**
Speaker: **Nils Muiznieks**

11.15 – 11.35 General Discussion

11.35 – 11.45 Closing Address
