

Measuring Volunteering Workshop

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Volunteer Measurement and the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies

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Salle F-3
Palais des Nations

July 2-4, 2007

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Day One: July 2, 2007

- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Why Measure Volunteering?**
Presentation: *Robert Leigh, UNV*
Discussion
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Lessons of Recent Experience: UNECE Experiment Group**
Presenters: UNECE Experiment Group Members
Chris Toppe, USA
Discussion
- 4:30 –5:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. **Issues in Volunteer Measurement: An Overview**
Presentation: *Lorna Bailie, Statistics Canada*
Discussion

Day 2, July 3

- 9:00 – 10:45 **Issue I: Conceptual and Definitional Challenges—Toward a Common Operational Definition**

Presentation: *Wojciech Sokolowski, Johns Hopkins*

Regional Perspectives:

Winnie Mitulla, Institute for Development Studies, Kenya
Tae Kyu Park, Yonsei University, Korea
Gustavo Verduzco, El Colegio de México, Mexico

Group Discussion
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

- 11:15 – 12:45 **Issue II: Key Aspects of Volunteer Work to Measure**
(numbers, amount, demographics, activity, field, value, institutional setting, motivations, impacts)
- Presentation: *Helen Tice*, Johns Hopkins
- Small Group discussion of aspects of volunteer work to measure
- 12:45 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:00 **Issue III: Alternative Survey Platforms and Methods: Advantages and Disadvantages for Volunteer Measurement**
(social surveys, labour force surveys, time-use surveys; data collection methods, eligible interviewees, etc.)
- Presentation of Issues: *Meta Zimmeck*, Volunteering England
- Small Group Discussion of Alternative Platforms and Methods
- 3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 5:30 **Issue IV: Instrument Design (Survey Content)**
(prompts, sequence, reference period, etc.)
- Presentation of Issues: *Michael Hall*, Imagine Canada
- Small Group Discussions

Day 3, July 4

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Issue V: Correcting Bias**
(Non-response bias, reporting bias, protocol induced bias)
- Overview of Issue: *Tom Dufour*, Statistics Canada
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Loose Ends, Summary and Conclusions**
- Overview: *Lester Salamon*
Discussion