

INVITATION

Purpose and Measurement of Wellbeing – Professor Enrico Giovannini

Tuesday 13 January 2015, 6.00 – 7.30pm, Committee Room 4, The Scottish Parliament

The seminar will feature an address and question & answer session from Professor Enrico Giovannini to discuss wellbeing and its measurement. Enrico Giovannini is a Professor of Economic Statistics at Rome University, former Minister of labour and social policies in the Italian Government and former Chief Statistician of the OECD.

Professor Giovannini is a renowned expert in the field of wellbeing and a member of the “Stiglitz Commission”. For his work on the measurement of societal well-being, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the President of the Republic of Italy and is a member of the Club of Rome.

You are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

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Programme

6.00pm	Welcome and Introduction – Scotland's Futures Forum
6.10pm	Purpose and Measurement of Wellbeing – Professor Enrico Giovannini
6.45pm	Question & Answer session
7.20pm	Closing Remarks – Charlie Woods, Director, Scottish Universities Insight Institute
7.30pm	Close

Register

If you wish to attend this event, please contact donald.jarvie@scottish.parliament.uk

Professor Enrico Giovannini is Co-chair of the “Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development” established by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Statistical Advisory Panel for the Human Development Report of the United Nations and Co-chair (with Prof Stiglitz) of the Strategic Forum on the measurement of well-being. He has been a member of many important international bodies: Chair of the Conference of European Statisticians, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Chair of the Board of the World Bank International Comparison Programme for the measurement of purchasing power parities worldwide, advisor to the European Commissioner for the Environment and member of the Board of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and of the UK Measuring National Wellbeing Advisory Forum. He has also been a member of the “Stiglitz Commission”, established by the French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Chair of the Global Council on “Benchmarking of Societal Progress” established by the World Economic Forum.

Scotland's Futures Forum (SFF)

Scotland's Futures Forum was created by the Scottish Parliament to help its Members, along with the wider community of Scotland, look beyond immediate horizons, to some of the challenges and opportunities we will face in the future.

Scottish Universities Insight Institute (SUII)

The Scottish Universities Insight Institute supports programmes of knowledge exchange which address and provide insight on substantial issues that face Scotland and the wider world.

Rethinking Wellbeing Initiative

For complex issues such as population health, multiple social deprivation, climate change and loss of biodiversity we need to consider the economy, society and environment holistically and in an inter-related manner. We need to break down silos in focus, design and measurement of effective public policies. In 2014/15 Scotland's Futures Forum is taking this forward in a practical way. Professor Giovannini's contribution is part of the overall wellbeing programme initiative.

Our main partner is the Scottish Universities Insight Institute. Six project teams were set up in early 2014 to look at different aspects of wellbeing. The SUII teams were guided by an umbrella strategy group which consisted of Scotland's Futures Forum, The Scottish Parliament, The Scottish Government, Carnegie UK Trust, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Audit Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, SCVO and Oxfam Scotland.

Programmes addressed key issues around social, environmental and economic wellbeing with the aim of making a contribution to the development of policy and practice in Scotland and elsewhere, including the development of Scotland's National Performance Framework, ‘Scotland Performs’.

The initial findings were discussed at a Parliament seminar in November 2014 and will be critiqued over winter.

Summaries of each of the programme's key insights can be found at
<http://www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Programmes/Wellbeing2014.aspx>

A summary overview of learnings to date is available at

http://www.davidhumeinstitute.com/images/stories/Seminars/Autumn_2014/Charlie_Woods_presentation.pdf