

Evaluation of *Paris21* Consortium Meeting, 22/23-06-2000

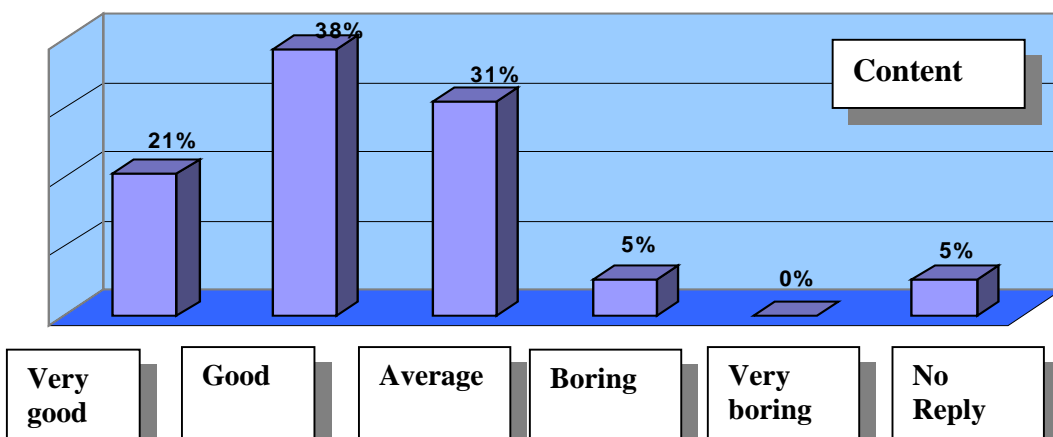
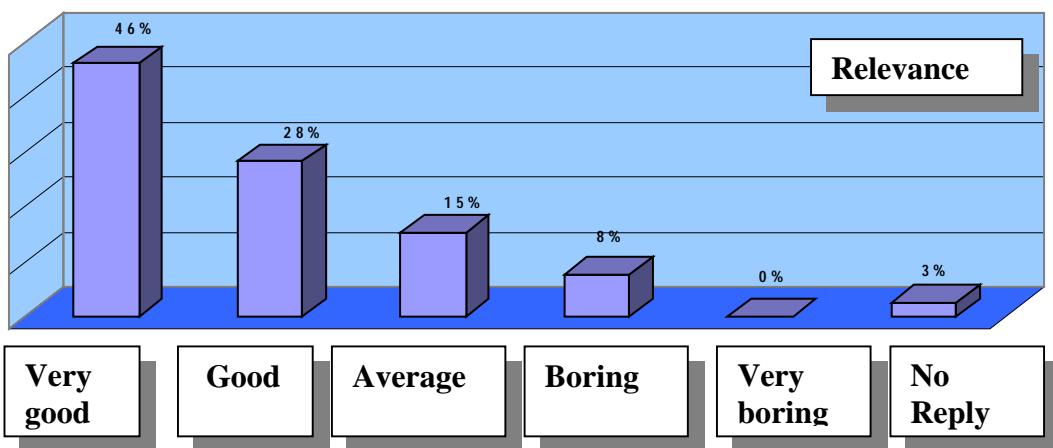
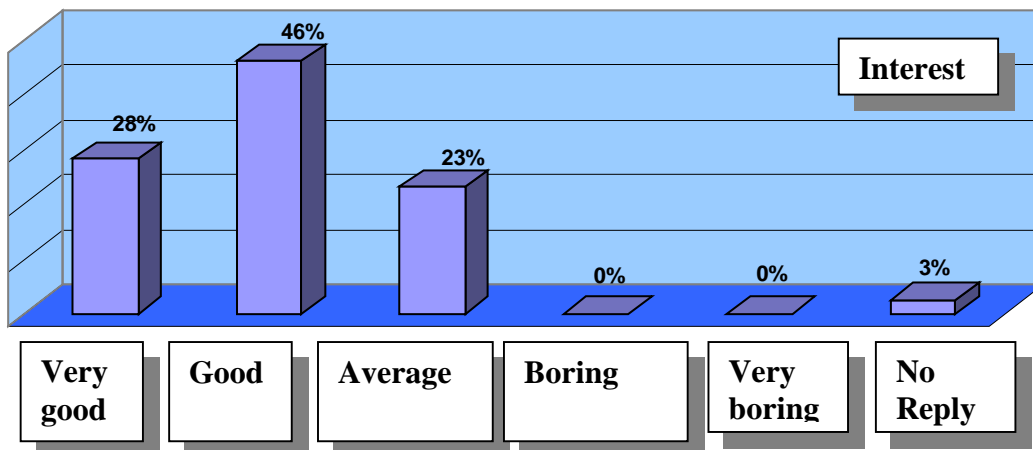
RESPONSE

The Feedback questionnaire was handed out to all participants on the afternoon of the second day of the Meeting. The results below give some indications of the effectiveness of the meeting, some advice on the conduct of future meetings, together with proposals on the frequency of future Meetings.

39 questionnaires were completed out of a total of about 50 distributed, a total of almost 80%. The following results are based on the 39 completed questionnaires.

BRIEF RESULTS ON THE CONTENT OF THE MEETING

The participants were asked to rank the Meeting from 1-5 according to Interest, Relevance and Content. The results illustrated in the graphs indicate that participants felt the agenda was relevant, the meeting evaluation of interest was reasonably good, but there is some room for improvement on the content of the presentations. Participants were not asked to rank individual sessions, but some of the remarks given suggest areas for improvement.



Many participants mentioned that the Agenda, although interesting, was ‘over-burdened’, and the programme lacked sufficient time for discussion. A looser agenda would have allowed more time for reactions and comments. More discussion was wanted for some of the presentations.

The presentations were found to be informative, but in some cases, too detailed. It was thought that more participation from Donor Countries was needed, and that they should play a larger role in the form of presentations. The secretariat suggests that the forthcoming regional meetings would be a good opportunity to redress this balance.

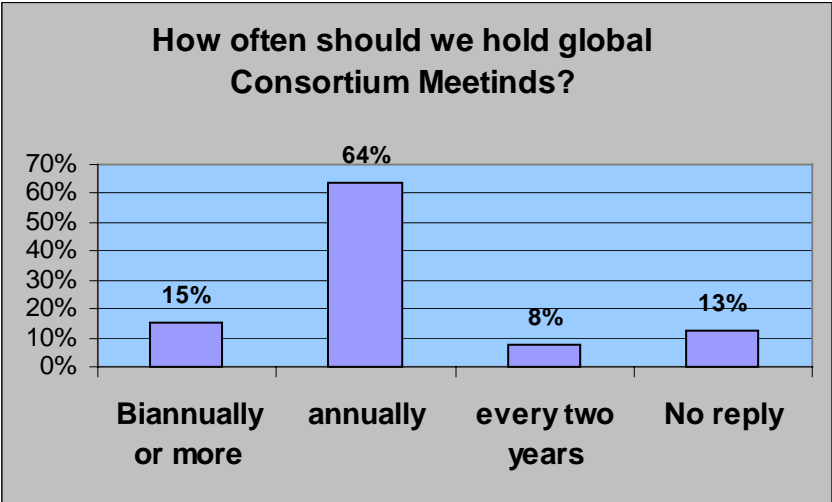
COMMENTS ON THE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The overall impression of the Paris21 Consortium Meeting was positive. Comments such as ‘difficult job well done’, ‘excellent job’ recurred in the comments for the secretariat. The majority of participants had positive things to say about the secretariat and about how the meeting was organised. (We will ensure to have an air-conditioned Meeting Room next time.) Participants suggested that the agenda should be circulated much earlier in advance of the meeting.

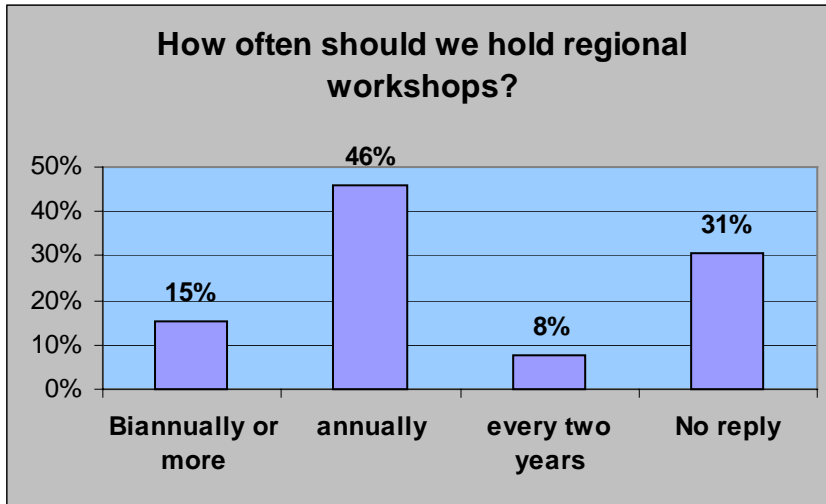
SOCIAL EVENTS

It was suggested that a welcome reception would have been a good means of participants introducing themselves to one another before the start of the meeting. An organised visit of Paris was also suggested by some of the participants who were visiting Paris for the first time and had little time available for visiting the capital. The lunch groups worked well as participants appreciated the time for group discussion. The light lunches went down very well.

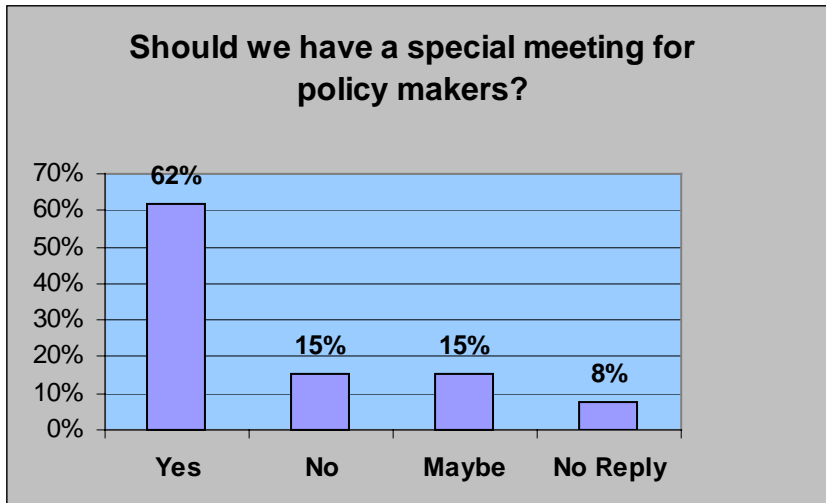
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS



64% of Participants suggested that Global Paris21 Meetings, such as this one, should be held annually. 15% felt they should be held more frequently



46% felt that regional workshops should be held annually, with **15%** suggesting biannually or more. Almost a third expressed no opinion, this may be because regional workshops are yet to be held by the consortium, and some participants may have felt the question to be premature.



A clear majority felt that a special meeting should be held for policy makers.

The secretariat thanks the meeting participants for their constructive comments, and will endeavour to take these views on board in so far as possible in forthcoming meetings.