Globalisation and rapid technological development have changed the way companies organise themselves and compete in the world market. Increasingly, "knowledge", "innovativeness", "flexibility" and "entrepreneurship" are key elements which are becoming equally if not more important for the success of global companies than traditional concerns about product mix, pricing strategy, distribution channels, branding etc.

In this context, the quality of a company's human resources is the key driver for sustained top level performance of a global company. The company alone cannot resolve all the issues related to the quality of its human resources. Instead, it has to rely on continued access to a pool of qualified human resources and on the provision of on-going training and development opportunities to fulfil its human resource requirements.

n-service management training, in contrast to general management education, is intended to meet specific operational demands. Therefore, management training has to be performance/problem oriented with a strong emphasis on performance improvement and bottom line impact. Management training, therefore, needs to be subject to the same quality rigor as is the case for the management of all other production processes.

It is in this context that an international conference has been organised to exchange experiences and best practices in the field of quality assurance of management training and continue education with a special focus on quality assurance of management related training of large size companies.

Organisers

China Training Centre, State Economic and Trade Commission, Chinese Government, Beijing.

Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND), Geneva.

ntended participants.

- Ø Managers responsible for human resource development and training within companies or government ministries
- Ø Managers in charge of training institutions or management schools
- Ø Quality specialists responsible for quality assurance within enterprises

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Day 1 (13 April, 2001)

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