

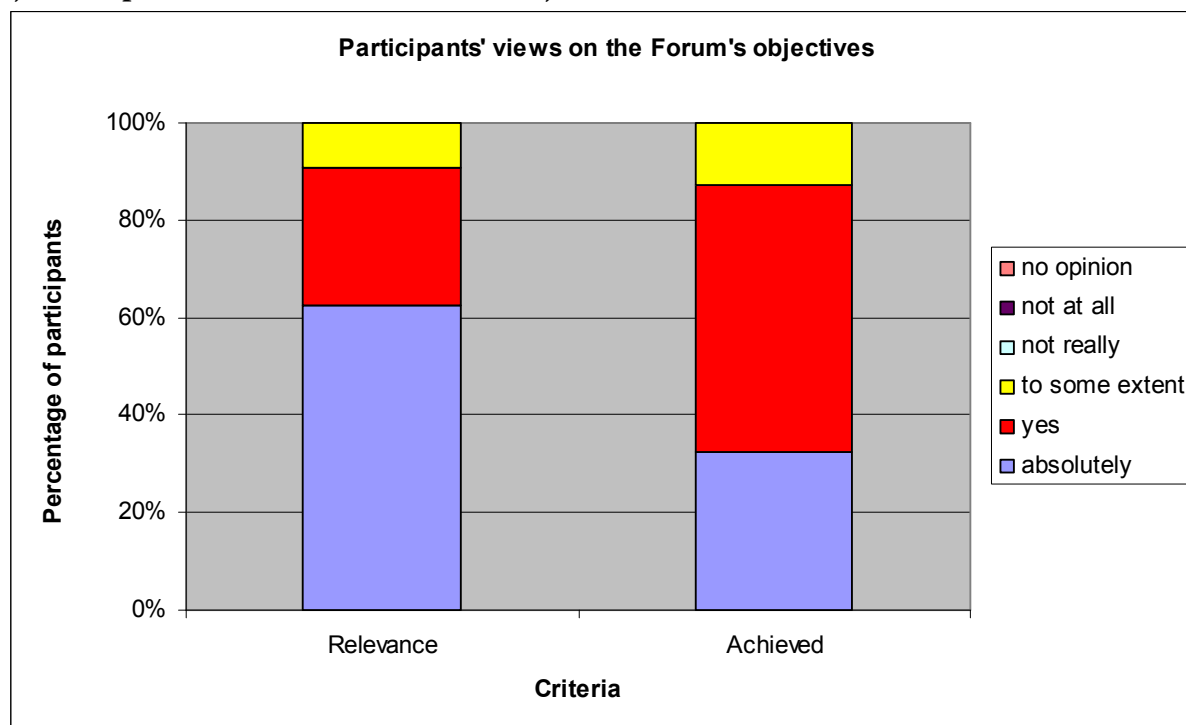
**Responding to the Economic Crisis –  
Coherent Policies for Growth, Employment and  
Decent Work in Asia and Pacific**

**Manila, Philippines, 18-20 February 2009**

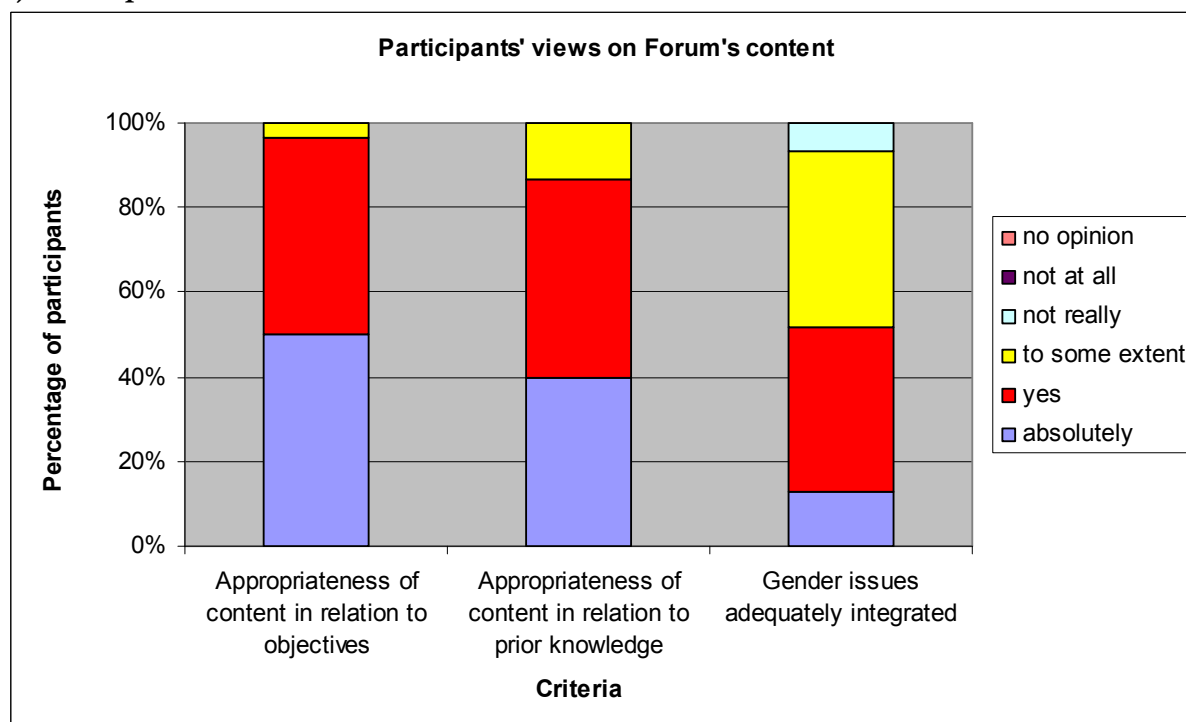
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**Coherent Policies for Growth, Employment and Decent Work**  
*InterContinental Hotel, Makati City, Philippines; 18-20 February 2009*

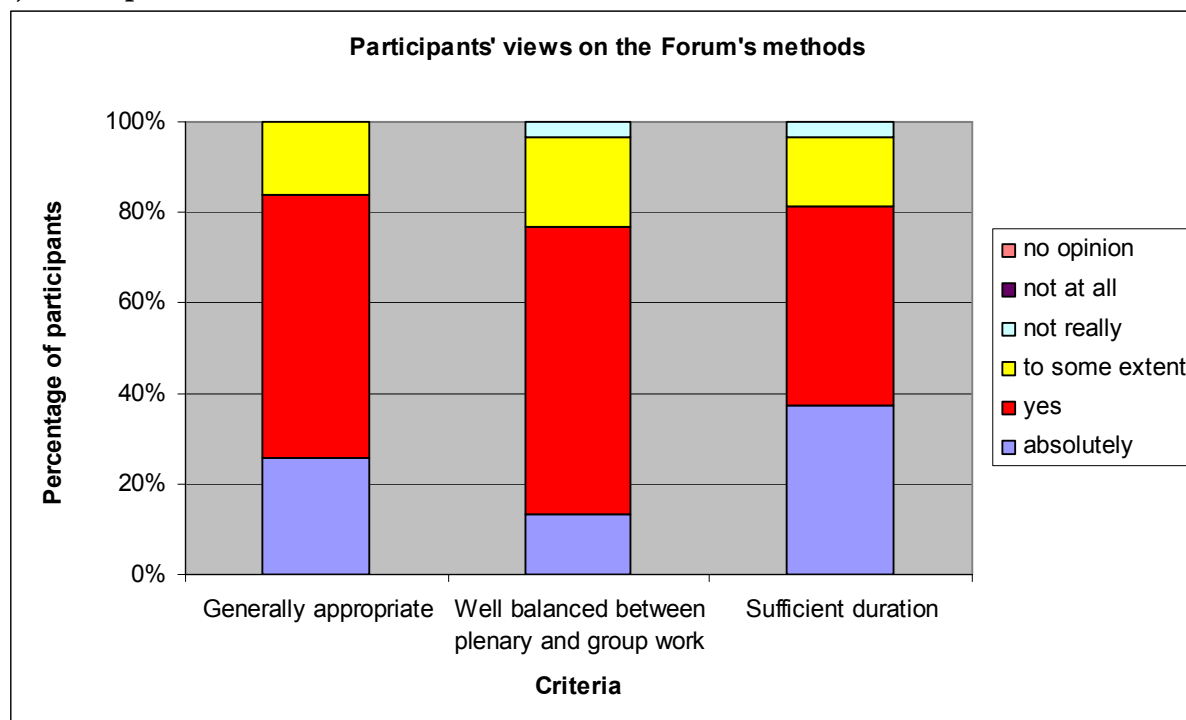
**1) Participants' views on the Forum's objectives**



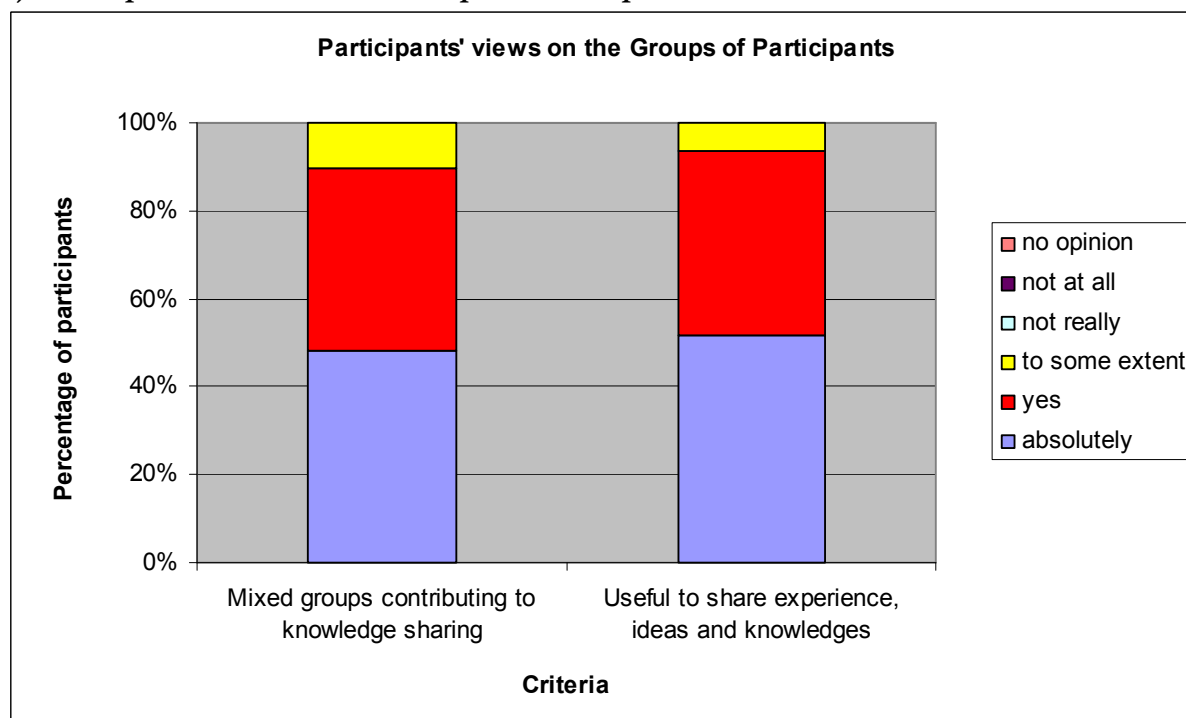
**2) Participants' views on Forum's content**



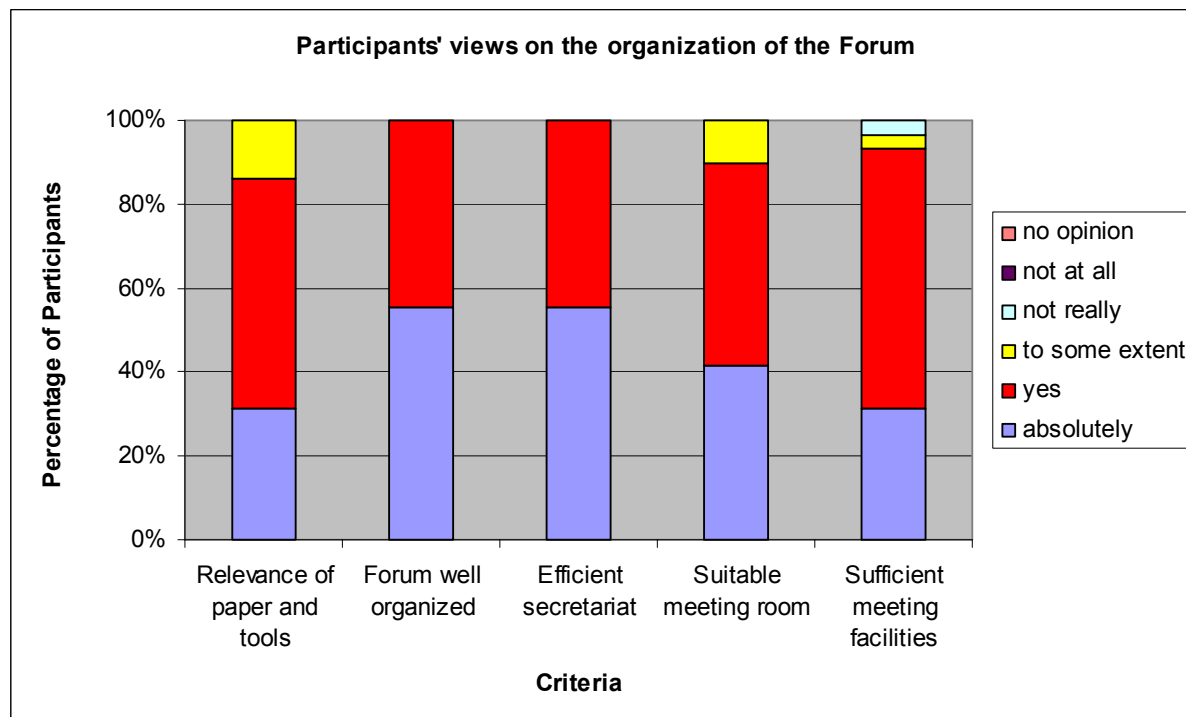
### 3) Participants' views on the Forum's methods



### 4) Participant's views on the Groups of Participants



## 5) Participants' views on the organization of the Forum



### The participants' views on the most useful and relevant sessions: -

- The breakout groups which gave everyone a chance to speak/articulate his/her own thinking about various issues; and report back
- All sessions – round table discussion, panel discussion
- Lessons of previous crisis session
- Policy trade off and the need to balance economic and social concerns
- Social floor with emphasis on social dialogue with equal representation of sectors
- Policy coherence and mechanism to strengthen policy coherence– mainstreaming and centralizing Decent Work in all policies more particularly on the promotion of C. 87 and C. 98 first and foremost
- Mr. Jomo's presentation was excellent. More time needed for his presentation.
- Setting the Scene and the Panel Discussion I, II, III
- All sessions except the last one "Tripartite Panel Discussion – as it is too simple
- All the sessions responded to the objectives of the forum. The forum's outcome will serve as a guide for the participating countries in their respective programme of action in approaching the challenges of the crisis.
- Country perspectives on macroeconomic policy, fiscal stimulus and employment: the challenge for large developing countries
- Preparatory meeting for trade unions
- Critical policy responses

### Participant's views and suggestions to improve the forum in future: -

#### *Logistic related issues*

- Need a better IT facilities (printers, internet access)
- Less print outs/more use of digital and electronic files posted on website
- Hotel staff and service area were too close to the meeting room and were too loud

- Everything is organized and good
- ILO conventions as much as possible be held in a “labor-friendly hotel”. In the Philippines, we suggest you hold it only on Nuwhrain affiliated hotels.
- Seating arrangement be more hygienic
- The visa charges should be absorbed by the organizer.
- The name list of all participants should be provided in order to keep in touch later in related fields

*Other comments:*

- All the presentations should be sent to participants before the sessions begin, and the related electronic files before the forum end for better sharing
- The forum would be perfect if it had a presentation (paper) from NGO
- There was not enough time to exchange the opinions for creating the common policy or/and action plan in the region due to too many sessions.
- Publicity on the forum in participating countries for press release, features in newspapers should be arranged
- Multi-stakeholder participation
- ILO have wonderful experience to organize a forum and should share this experience to other countries
- Better tripartism and dialogue
- A similar forum should be held in North-East Asia
- There should be concrete follow-up through projects
- Greater participation of participants
- Representation of higher level of government
- Appropriate participation be ensured so that conclusions be carried properly
- Less items be tabled – more detailed/in-depth discussion be undertaken; more specific recommendations be adopted
- The next forum, countries like Lao, Myanmar should be invited.

**Note:** 31 participants filled the evaluation forms