

## Evidence-Based Governance in the Electronic Age: The Importance of Record Keeping for Good Governance

**Running Order Session 8, Wednesday, April 2, 2003, 1700 to 1900 EDT**

**Sites:** Washington, Cook Islands, Fiji Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa,  
Vanuatu, New Zealand

<b>Time</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Activity</b>
1700	2 minutes	Introduction and welcome from Washington
1702	20 minutes	Introduction and welcome of all sites
1722	1 minute	Introduction to the video film on <i>Evidence-Based Governance in the Electronic Age</i>
1723	14 minutes	Video film
1737	1 minute	Introduction to Part 1: the significance of records as the basis for accountability and the protection of citizens' rights
1738	25 minutes	Cross-site discussion of the significance of records as the basis for accountability and the protection of citizens' rights and entitlements. <i>Questions for discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps are in place in your administration to protect records necessary to provide a sound basis for accountability to citizens?</li> <li>• How would you like to see record-keeping systems improved to support public sector management, particularly in the financial, legal, and administrative sectors of government?</li> <li>• Whether or not your country has freedom of information legislation in place, how does your government assist citizens to access the information that they require to assess the government's actions on their behalf? What changes would you like to see?</li> </ul>
1803	1 minute	Introduction to Part 2: the significance of records for electronic government
1804	25 minutes	Cross-site discussion on the significance of records for electronic government. <i>Questions for discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps is your administration taking to protect evidence in the establishment of electronic government?</li> <li>• Do paper records have ongoing importance in an electronic environment?</li> <li>• What do you think should be done to improve the protection of evidence in the transition to electronic government?</li> </ul>
1829	1 minute	Introduction to Part 3: the way forward in strengthening the management of records, paper and electronic, as evidence
1830	25 minutes	Cross-site discussion on the way forward. <i>Question for discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps do you think are necessary to ensure that official records in your country are available on demand to support the needs of the government and of citizens?</li> </ul>
1855	5 minutes	Wrap-up and closing remarks
1900		End of video conference