

Expert Group Meeting

“STRATEGIES FOR ERADICATING POVERTY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL”

United Nations Headquarters ▪ New York
Conference Room F

1 - 3 June 2016

Provisional Agenda

DAY 1 – Wednesday, 1 June 2016

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

Opening Session

9:30 - 9:45 **Welcome and Introductory Statements:**

Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) /DESA – video message

Ms. Wenyan Yang, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch (SPDB)/DSPD – Introduction

Session 1 **Poverty eradication and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Charter the new front**

9:45 - 11:15 The 2030 Agenda is transformative, applicable to all countries, and need to be implemented in a holistic and integrated manner. This session will discuss what is needed to achieve the overarching objective of the 2030 Agenda to end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Facilitator: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, DSPD/DESA

- Presentation: **Mr. Martin Ravallion**, Georgetown University - *Poverty eradication strategies and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: opportunities for new thinking, new practices*
- Presentation: **Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee**, UNDP - *The eradication of poverty in the 2030 agenda – an inter-generational approach*
- Presentation: **Mr. Naresh Singh**, International Development Adviser - *Country ownership, institutions and capacity to formulate and implement poverty eradication strategies – lessons from PRSPs and MDGs implementation*

Interactive Discussion

11:15 - 11:30 **BREAK**

Session 2 **Investing in people and promoting empowerment for poverty eradication**

11:30 –13:00 Strengthening people’s capabilities is critical to poverty eradication. This session focuses on strategies that invest in and empower people through improving access to quality education, healthcare, safe drinking water and sanitation, adequate nutrition and affordable food and energy to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable growth and development.

Facilitator: **Mr. Andrew Shepherd**, Overseas Development Institute

- Presentation: **Ms. Nora Lustig**, Tulane University - *Reducing poverty and inequalities through balancing taxes and social spending*
- Presentation: **Mr. Jeremy Barofsky**, Brookings Institution - *Investing in education and health to eradicate poverty*
- Presentation: **Ms. Alison Fahey, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab**- *Human capital formation and poverty eradication: Lessons learned from evidence-based practices and policies*

Interactive Discussion

13:00 –15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 3 **Employment and decent work creation strategies: Experiences and lessons for poverty eradication**

15:00 – 15:30 Productive employment and decent work have proven to be a critical pathway for poverty eradication. This session will examine conditions and identify strategies that have successfully created decent work opportunities. It will pay particular attentions to the areas where the majority of poor people live as well as the sectors they are most likely to engage.

Facilitator: **Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee**, UNDP

- Presentation: **Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro**, ILO - *Transforming jobs to end poverty*
- Presentation: **Ms. Shahana Chattaraj**, University of Oxford - *Boosting female employment and tackling informality in India*
- Presentation: **Ms. Ingrid Woolard**, University of Cape Town - *Tackling youth unemployment in South Africa*

Interactive Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 **BREAK**

15:45 – 16:45 Interactive Discussion

16:45 – 17:00 Wrap-up and close

Session 4

Universal social protection as a strategy for poverty eradication

9:30 – 11:00

Nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures have proven to be effective in reducing poverty and in keeping people out of poverty. Provision of universal social protection, including social protection floors, is also a key measure for enhancing the capacities and resilience of people, and to reduce inequality. This session will explore innovations and strategies to expand social protection coverage of the poor and the vulnerable by 2030.

Facilitator:

- Presentation: **Ms. Griet Cattaert**, ILO – *The impact of social protection floors on reducing poverty*
- Presentation: **Mr. Marton Medgyesi**, TARKI Social Research Institute, Hungary – *Conditional cash transfers in high-income countries and their impact on poverty and human capital accumulation*
- Presentation: **Mr. Juan Esteban Saavedra**, University of South California– *Impact of conditional cash transfers on poverty and human capital accumulation in developing countries*
- Presentation: **Mr. Dao Quang Vinh**, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam – *Social protection in Viet Nam: successes and obstacles to progressivity*

11:00 – 11:30

BREAK

Session 5

Enhancing access to productive resources to reduce vulnerabilities and build resilience of people living in poverty

11:30– 13:00

This session will focus on policies and strategies to improve access to productive assets, land, other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, and to build the resilience of poor households and those in vulnerable situations. It will also discuss how to reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events, economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.

Facilitator: **Ms. Nora Lustig**, Tulane University

- Presentation: **Mr. Andrew Shepherd**, Overseas Development Institute - *Enhancing the resilience and reducing vulnerability of the poorest people*
- Presentation: **Mr. Bekele A Shiferaw**, Partnership for Economic Policy, Kenya, - *Evidence-based policy making: what has worked to improving access to productive resources and markets*
- Presentation: **Ms. Sadna Samaranayake**, BRAC USA – *Lifting people out of extreme poverty through a comprehensive and integrated approach*
- Presentation: **Ms. Bina Agarwal**, University of Manchester, – *Addressing inter-linkages among productive assets, environment and poverty in rural areas*

Interactive Discussion

13:00 – 14:30

BREAK

Session 6

Structural transformation and agricultural development for poverty eradication

This session will focus on the challenges facing the least developed countries, the furthest left behind of countries. It will discuss how to achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors.

14:30 – 15:30

Facilitator: **Mr. Amson Sibanda, DSPD/DESA**

- Presentation: **Mr. Miaojie Yu**, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University - *Industrial upgrading strategies for job creation and poverty eradication in China*
- Presentation: **Mr. Simone Cecchini**, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - *Structural change, growth, employment and poverty eradication in developing countries*
- Presentation: **Mr. Richard Mkandawire**, The African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership - *Successful agricultural strategies for eradicating poverty and increasing food security: Africa's experience*

15:30 – 16:15

BREAK

16:15 – 16:45

Interactive Discussion

16:45 – 17:00

Wrap-up and close

DAY 3 – Friday, 3 June 2016

Session 7

Mobilizing resources for development and poverty eradication

This session will focus on how the strategies for eradicating poverty identified during the sessions could be facilitated by strengthening the means of implementation, based on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. How to galvanize global partnership for key strategies to end poverty in its all forms?

9:30 – 11:00

Facilitator: **Mr. Martin Ravallion**, Georgetown University

- Presentation: **Mr. Nathanael Goldberg**, Innovations for Poverty Action, - *Expanding credit access and financial inclusion: impact on human capital formation and poverty eradication in developing countries*
- Presentation: **Ms. Stephanie Potter**, Rabobank Foundation, - *Public-private partnership towards improving access to finance for poverty eradication and improving rural livelihoods*

Interactive discussion

11:00- 11:30	BREAK
11:30- 12:45	Summary of the meeting from the Rapporteur
12:45 - 13:00	Closing of the meeting