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30 (pm) – 31 March 2004¹
OECD, Paris, La Muette, Room 4**

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| 1. | Election of Officers | |
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| 6. | Connecting up the different themes | |
| 7. | POVNET programme of work and budget 2004 – 2006 | DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)1 |
| 8. | Other business | |

¹ Note other POVNET-related events around the time of the POVNET meeting:

- The first workshop on infrastructure and pro-poor growth will be held on 29-30 (AM) March.
- The task team on Private Sector Development will meet on 29 March.
- The task team on Agriculture will meet on 1 April.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Election of Officers

1. POVNET is invited to elect its Chair and Vice Chair for 2004. When the election of officers was held in 2003, it was noted that Ms. Emmy Simmons (United States) is prepared to be available as Chair of the POVNET in 2004. The present Vice Chair, Mr. Hitoshi Shoji (Japan) has made it known to the secretariat that he is prepared to continue as Vice Chair. At the time of drafting, no other Members have signalled interest in nominations for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item 4. Operationalising Pro-Poor Growth

2. The objective is to share information among Members on current thinking, practice and experience on how to operationalise the poverty reduction guidelines and on how best to use ODA to promote pro-poor growth. The discussion will be led off by the World Bank, outlining work with a number of DAC Members on the “Operationalising Pro-Poor Growth Project” (see DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2004)1/RD1), followed by open discussion. The exchange should focus on what we know and are learning about the links between growth and poverty reduction, and how this can be used to improve policies and practices for more effective aid in support of growth and poverty reduction. The exchange should guide both conceptual and practical work in POVNET.

3. In order to bring together the state of knowledge concerning the relationship between growth and poverty reduction, and its implications for donor and developing country policies and processes, Members may wish to consider organising a seminar (e.g. in the second half of 2004) in cooperation with developing countries. The Development Centre might be well placed to assist with such a seminar.

4. This item should also provide a first opportunity to think about the synergies that exist among the different themes of POVNET work (e.g. investment, agriculture, private sector, trade, investment, ICT) and how to bring them together for more effective approaches in support of pro-poor growth (see also item 6 below).

Item 5. Key Work Themes

5. Each of the task team leaders will report on the state of play in their respective areas (infrastructure/Japan; agriculture/United States; private sector development/United Kingdom) and the POVNET will be informed of ongoing work in related areas. Members are invited to comment on work plans and preparations, including desired outputs and timelines, as well as how to bring work on issues such as trade, investment, SMEs and ICT into the main work areas. Background papers on the various issues will be circulated as early as possible prior to the meeting.

a) Infrastructure

6. The task team leader will provide preliminary feedback on the results of the first of the planned workshops on infrastructure and pro-poor growth (to be held on 29-30 March, immediately prior to the present meeting of POVNET) and plans for the second workshop (provisionally in Germany in November 2004).

7. On the theme of *ICT for development*, Members will be briefed on work concerning the September 2003 Harvard Forum dialogue on ICTs and Poverty [see DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)2], and the relationship between ICT, growth and poverty reduction [see DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)6].

b) Agriculture

8. POVNET will be briefed on the results of the task team meetings in December 2003 and March 2004, and the objectives, work plans and intended outputs for the next phase of work on this theme. Preliminary versions of the scoping papers as markets (DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2004)1/RD3) and as risk/vulnerability (DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2004)1/RD4) as well as the results of the mapping exercise (DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2004)1/RD5) will be distributed prior to the meeting.

c) Private sector development

9. POVNET will be briefed on the task team meetings in February and March 2004 to set out the first phase of work (focus, process, output and timeline). Following the meeting of the task team on 29 March, a first draft of a conceptual framework concerning private sector development and pro-poor growth will be circulated (as DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2004)1/RD2) to POVNET.

10. On the theme of *SMEs and development*, Members are invited to comment on the draft recommendations and associated background, analytical report being prepared for the 3-5 June 2004 Istanbul Ministerial Conference on Promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovative SMEs in a Global Economy [see DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)3]. Suggestions concerning how the Bologna/Istanbul SME process and its recommendations might be followed up in the DAC/POVNET are also invited.

11. Members will be briefed on developments concerning the implementation of the OECD initiative on *Investment for Development*, and specifically on the results of the 11 March joint informal meeting between the DAC and the Committee on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises (CIME) concerning ODA/FDI synergies [draft agenda, issues note and preliminary summary are set out in the note DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)4]. Members are invited to comment on how to carry forward this work.

12. In respect of work on *trade capacity building*, Members will be briefed on the outcome of the December 2003 Cambodia regional workshop on trade capacity building (the note DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)5 provides a summary) and the 2-3 March 2004 DAC-WTO meeting which took stock of progress and challenges in the delivery of trade capacity building.

Item 6. Connecting up the different themes

13. Building on the more general discussion under item 4 and the details of work plans on the specific theme in item 5, this item provides a further opportunity to exchange ideas on how the different theme areas should be brought together to strengthen the effectiveness of ODA in promoting pro-poor growth. This issue is also related to the discussion of the nature of intermediate and final products of the POVNET work programme and its audiences (see item 7 below).

Item 7. POVNET programme of work and budget 2004 – 2006

[DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)1]]

14. The DAC is presently preparing for the 2005-2006 Programme of Work and Budget (PWB). The referenced note sets out the suggested contributions of the POVNET to the DAC work programme. Members' comments will feed into the DAC's subsequent discussions of the draft PWB.

15. Members should also exchange ideas on the intermediate and final outputs of the work programme through 2006. In light of the need to be operational and action oriented, the POVNET should consider preparing a report to the 2004 SLM on the main issues to be confronted and the main opportunities for donor action for more effective aid in support of pro-poor growth.

16. The note also sets out an indicative budget for voluntary contributions to support the work of the POVNET through 2006 for Members' comments and expressions of support.