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## DAC Network on Poverty Reduction

### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE DAC NETWORK ON POVERTY REDUCTION (POVNET)

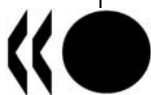
23-24 (a.m.) March 2010, OECD, Paris

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**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**23 March 2010**

9:30	I.	<b>Draft agenda</b> <i>For adoption</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET/A(2010)2
9:35	II.	<b>Summary Record of the 21-22 October 2009 meeting</b> <i>For approval</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET/M(2009)7
9.40	III.	<b>DAC-POVNET ‘Seminar’:</b> Accelerating Progress to the MDGs: DAC input into the UNGA Review Panel includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UNDESA</li> <li>• Xiaojun Wang, Practice Manager Poverty Reduction, UNDP</li> <li>• Bart W. Edes, Director, Poverty Reduction, Gender, and Social Development Division, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Richard Carey, Director DCD</li> </ul>	
12.30		<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	IV.	<b>Delivering POVNET’s 2009-10 Work Programme (continued):</b> <b>a) “Implementation”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDG follow up</li> <li>• Pro-Poor Growth in DAC Peer Reviews</li> <li>• “Learning Events” with the Train4Dev Network</li> <li>• ODA for social protection</li> <li>• China-DAC Study Group</li> </ul> <i>For information and discussion</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET/(2010)1 Oral report DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD1 DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD2 DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010) 2/RD3
15.30		<i>Coffee break</i>	

15.45		<p><b>Delivering POVNET's 2009-10 Work Programme:</b></p> <p><b>b) "Empowerment"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report by the Task Team on Empowerment</li> <li>• Proposed agenda for a joint seminar with GOVNET on Empowerment</li> </ul> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p>	<p>DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)2</p> <p>DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)3</p>
17.30		End of first day	

**24 March 2010**

9.30	V.	<p><b>POVNET's 2011-12 Programme of Work and Budget</b></p> <p>Feedback from the DAC meeting</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p><i>Including coffee break</i></p>	<p>DCD/DAC(2010)12</p> <p>DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)4</p> <p>DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD4</p>
12.45	VI.	<p><b>Other business and date of next meeting</b></p> <p><i>For decision</i></p>	
13.00		<i>End of meeting</i>	

## ANNOTATIONS

### **Item III. Seminar “Accelerating Progress to the MDG Review”**

1. The UN will hold a review conference in September 2010 to evaluate international performance in fulfilling commitments to deliver the MDGs. The DAC is preparing an input to that event (see Item IV, DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)1). The objective of the DAC submission is to valorize and assess where DAC has contributed to progress with the MDGs. A specific objective is to identify key messages the DAC and Members seek to include in the eventual Declaration resulting from the review. The DAC report could also conclude by focusing on priority efforts in the remaining five years to 2015 and signaling some key issues for the debate on the MDGs post 2015. The outcome of this POVNET seminar will directly flow into the related part in that particular DAC report.

2. From a POVNET perspective economic growth is fundamental for long term and sustainable poverty reduction. Yet, despite unprecedented growth in Africa until the global recession, that growth has not been sufficiently pro-poor to achieve the MDG1 target of halving the proportion of poor people by 2015, particularly in the poorest countries. Economic, fuel and food crises have worsened the situation and re-emphasised the vulnerability of poor households. Reducing inequality and making globalisation more inclusive are key challenges. Pro-poor growth needs to be promoted (looking at both the pace and the pattern of growth), by underpinning growth in areas where the poor earn their livelihoods (e.g. agriculture, rural areas) and by helping poor people to connect more successfully to growth processes through a variety of actions in areas such as infrastructure provision (e.g. rural roads), through better health care and education (including vocational training), ‘active’ social protection to help in adopting poverty reducing livelihood strategies, and so on.

3. A number of keynote speakers will present their views as part of a panel on what the Review should seek to achieve and what the DAC can contribute to it. The meeting will then open up to discussion from the floor.

### **Item IV. Delivering POVNET’s 2009-10 Work Programme:**

#### ***a) Implementing policy guidance on pro-poor growth***

4. As a further step from the earlier Task Team on Implementation, four Interest Groups were formed to follow a specific implementation task. Progress reports on the tasks to be presented and discussed are:

- MDG Follow-up. Based on the seminar in the morning, this session seeks to confirm the key messages that POVNET would like to see to the Review document of the DAC. [DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)1].
- An oral report on the opportunity to systematically include POVNET policy messages in DAC Peer Reviews will be presented by the Secretariat.

- Learning events with the Train4Dev Network including the attempts to launch a course on Social Protection. [DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD1].
- Statistics on ODA invested in Social Protection. A first progress report on how to use the CRS database for a common reporting on social protection. [DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD2].

5. The China-DAC Study Group is an ongoing activity within the POVNET secretariat that provides an opportunity to disseminate or connect POVNET messages. POVNET will be briefed on the Study Group and its progress. [DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD(2010)2/RD3].

***b) Donor tools and approaches to support empowerment of poor people***

6. The Task Team on Empowerment will report on progress [DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)2] on its work to collect and write up stories of empowerment, to develop a set of good practice notes and - building on these - to prepare an overarching policy statement/ policy guidance note on empowerment.

7. Building on initial ideas presented to POVNET on holding a joint seminar with GOVNET on Human Rights and Pro-Poor growth, POVNET will be consulted about the idea of holding a joint seminar with GOVNET and GENDERNET on empowerment and the respective approaches (human rights-based approach, pro-poor growth, etc.) The output of the seminar could directly flow into the empowerment work of POVNET and cover the synergies and overlap of ongoing work in other DAC networks [DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)3].

**Item VI. POVNET's 2011-12 Programme of Work and Budget**

8. POVNET will be informed of the conclusions from the DAC meetings of 16 March and their implications for the substance and process of preparing POVNET's 2011-12 Programme of Work and Budget [DCD/DAC(2010)12]. The POVNET Secretariat will briefly present the state-of-play [DCD/DAC/POVNET/RD 2009)2/RD4] and give the opportunity to discuss the specific POVNET programme [DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)4].