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## **DAC Network on Poverty Reduction**

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

**17-18 March 2011, OECD, Paris**

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9:30	I.	<b>Draft agenda</b> <i>For adoption</i>	
9:35	II.	<b>Election of Officers for 2011</b> <i>For decision</i>	
10:00 (with coffee break)	III.	<b>Seminar on Rural Poverty and Food Security – Status, Prospects and Priorities</b> Food Security and Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Poverty Report IFAD</li> <li>• UK Foresight report on the ‘Future of Food and Farming’</li> </ul> Presenters and discussants are asked to draw out implications for the POVNET PWB workstreams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDC IV themes and priority issues</li> </ul> Presentation by UNCTAD with discussants from the South Centre and OECD	
13:00		<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15	IV.	<b>Summary record of the 3-4 November 2010 meeting</b> <i>For approval</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET/M(2010)6
	V.	<b>Presentation on Train4Dev Joint Learning Programme on Pro-Poor Growth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Wiggins – Overseas Development Institute</li> </ul>	
15:15 (with coffee break)	VI.	<b>POVNET Programme of Work 2011-12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food security</li> <li>• Global social protection floor</li> </ul>	DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)1 DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)2
17:30		<i>End of first day</i>	

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9:30	VII.	<b>RIO + 20 The High Level Panel on Global Sustainability</b> Presentation by Finland and request for contributions	
9:50	VI. cont'd	<b>POVNET Programme of Work 2011-12 (Continued)</b> • Pro-Poor Green Growth	DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)3
11:15	VIII.	<b>POVNET Programme of Work 2009-10 Empowerment</b> • Progress Report by the Task Team on Empowerment • Presentation of portfolio of products and proposals for dissemination <i>Discussion on dissemination</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)4 DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)5
12:30		<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	VIII. cont'd.	<b>POVNET Programme of Work 2009-10 (Continued)</b> <b>Empowerment</b> • Draft Policy Guidance Note • Draft Policy Statement <i>For discussion and approval</i> <b>Implementation</b> • China-DAC Study Group <i>For discussion</i>	DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)6 DCD/DAC/POVNET(2011)7  DCD/DAC/POVNET(2010)9/REV1
17:00	IX.	<b>Nomination of developing country experts in POVNET</b> • Proposal from Bureau <i>For discussion and decision</i>	
17:20	X.	<b>Other business and date of next meeting</b> <i>For decision</i>	
17:30		<i>End of meeting</i>	

### **ITEM III. Seminar on Rural Poverty and Food Security – Status, Prospects and Priorities**

There has been significant global growth, largely led by developing countries, for most of the decade since the Millennium summit in 2000. Growth has also been strong in many LDCs, in some cases averaging double the population growth rate. More and better aid, increased revenues and strengthened public expenditure management has seen significant increases in funding for and coverage of basic services. Despite this strong performance the number of hungry people has been rising for the last 15 years, reaching a peak of over one billion in 2009 following the food, fuel and economic crises. Although the figure has now dropped to 925 million it is expected to rise further as a result of the latest rises in food commodity price. For the first time in decades we have seen a rise in the proportion of the world's population going hungry.

Many of the chronically food insecure people in the world live in rural areas and depend on agriculture for a living. Growth in agriculture is essential any sustainable solution to chronic food insecurity – however, it must provide hungry people with both food and the incomes they need to access it.

Significant work is underway to build a more effective and better co-ordinated response to hunger and food insecurity at international and regional level through the CFS, the UNHCTF, the CFA, the CFS Panel of Experts, CAADP and AGRA. Refocused and increased resources, which need to be spent well, will be available as a result of AFSI, GAPFS and the individual initiatives of bilateral donors. The success of these efforts, and especially the sustainability of their impact, will depend to a significant extent on the ability of donors and Government at the level of individual countries to come together behind good quality and realistic policies and programmes that address availability, access, affordability and nutrition.

The Seminar on **Rural Poverty and Food Security – Status, Prospects and Priorities** will seek to inform delegates on the current status and drivers of rural poverty and discuss approaches and priorities for donor support action on food security in the context of the medium to long term global trends and evolution of food production, availability and access. The seminar, on the morning of Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, will involve presentations and discussions on the UK's Foresight report on **The Future of Food and Farming** and IFAD's recent **Rural Poverty Report**. This will be followed by a Presentation from UNCTAD on the upcoming **LDCIV** conference with a response from the South Centre to give a G77 perspective and from the Trade and Agriculture Directorate to give an OECD country perspective.

The discussion will link into the later session on the 2011-12 Plan of Work and help more closely define the POVNET work on Food Security over the next two years. As this is the first meeting on implementation of the current work programme we expect the discussion to inform and help more closely define the POVNET work on Food Security over the next two years.

### **ITEM V. Presentation on Train4Dev Joint Learning Programme on Pro-Poor Growth**

The joint donor network on capacity development Train4Dev Network, in collaboration with POVNET, has developed a training programme on pro-poor growth targeting donor staff at country level and their partners in Government and civil society. The course material is based on the POVNET policy guidance on promoting pro-poor growth and includes modules on sectors and thematic areas such as agriculture, infrastructure, private sector development and political economy. The training courses are held in developing countries and tailored to the specific country context. They are practically oriented and seek to promote and stimulate in-country dialogue and discussion on practical policy instruments that can deliver pro-poor growth outcomes.

The presentation will inform POVNET delegates how this type of collaboration can increase and demonstrate the added value of POVNET work and provide them with a clear picture of what the Train4Dev programme has to offer their agencies, their country level staff and the development processes they support. The discussion should identify stimulate ideas and collaboration among delegates on possible opportunities and locations for holding these pro-poor growth courses.

#### **ITEM VI. POVNET Programme of Work 2011-12**

The Secretariat will present papers on each of the three workstreams in the POVNET 2011-12 PWB – Food Security, Social Protection and Pro-Poor Green Growth. On the basis of these papers POVNET members will be asked to discuss and agree:

- the rationale behind the proposed work placing it in the context of other related initiatives and trends and the specific added value that POVNET will bring;
- a results framework outlining the objectives of the work, the outputs to be delivered and how their impact will be seen and measured;
- the methodology for undertaking the work and the organisational approach for each workstream to ensure the contribution of POVNET members, collaborative working and joint outputs with other DAC subsidiary bodies and engagement with horizontal OECD work on related themes.

#### **ITEM VII. RIO + 20 The High Level Panel on Global Sustainability**

The President of Finland, Ms. Tarja Halonen is co-chairing the High Level Global Sustainability Panel that UN Secretary General set up to help UN prepare the agenda for Rio+20. President Halonen is interested in development partners' views on how to ensure that the social dimension of sustainability is given equal weight in the Rio+20 process with the ecological and the economic dimensions. Timo Voipio will introduce a brief discussion on how POVNET members can provide inputs to the deliberations of the panel.

#### **ITEM VIII. POVNET Programme of Work 2009-10**

##### ***Empowerment***

Laurent Ruedin, the Chair of the Empowerment Task Team, will present a brief report on the progress of the Empowerment workstream. This will inform POVNET members on the different products that are being delivered and put forward the proposals of the Task Team for the launch and dissemination of the policy messages and good practice guidance on empowerment. POVNET members are invited to comment on the proposed dissemination approach and make suggestions on how the material can be best used in their agencies both in capitals and at country level.

The draft Policy Guidance Note on Empowerment and Pro-Poor Growth and the associated draft Policy Statement will be tabled for discussion and approval. Members are invited to provide written and verbal comments to both texts. Any substantive changes to the documents will be agreed at the meeting as they will be submitted for endorsement by the next DAC SLM or HLM.

##### ***DAC – China Study Group***

Michael Laird will brief the POVNET on the workshop on the Enabling Environment for Enterprise Development held by the DAC–China Study Group in Addis Ababa in February 2011 and on the priorities for the group during the coming biennium.