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**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE DAC NETWORK
ON POVERTY REDUCTION (POVNET)**

This letter from the Director of the Development Cooperation Directorate requests nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of POVNET. The deadline for submitting nominations is 11 March 2011.

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**To: Members of the Development Assistant Committee
Members of the Poverty Reduction Network (POVNET)**

Request for nominations for the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chair) of the DAC Network on Poverty Reduction

Dear Members,

As you know, we are seeking nominations for the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chair) of POVNET, and aim to complete procedures in time to elect new officers for the next meeting of POVNET on 17-18 March 2011.

Since its formation in 1998, POVNET has made a very significant contribution to work in support of poverty reduction and achieving the MDGs. This includes, notably, the 2001 Guidelines on Poverty Reduction (with its attention to the multi-dimensional nature of poverty) and the 2006 guidance on Pro-Poor Growth (focused on increasing the impact of growth on poverty reduction).

The role of the Chair is:

- to provide overall leadership in agreeing POVNET work priorities and in determining and organising and how to carry the plan of work through to provide the planned deliverables;
- to ensure POVNET's linkages with and added value within the context of the wider arena of research and debate on poverty reduction and its cognisance of, and relevance to, significant global initiatives and events;
- develop and maintain strong relations and productive synergies with the Chairs of the DAC and its other subsidiary bodies and the Chairs of other relevant OECD policy committees (e.g. in the fields of investment, trade, agriculture, environment.), foster joint work with their policy communities and promote coherence with poverty reduction objectives and approaches;
- ensure POVNET's contribution to high priority DAC themes such as policy coherence and global public goods;
- promote the fullest possible involvement of all DAC Members in the work of POVNET - in the preparation, dissemination as well as use of its good practice and policy guidance.

Previous Chairs have been high calibre individuals, bringing a good balance of academic experience and achievement with an in-depth understanding of and familiarity with the development co-operation programmes and approaches of DAC donors and the international and country-level contexts in which they operate.

We are therefore seeking nominations from POVNET members of individuals with this type of background and experience and with the energy to lead the next stages of POVNET work. For 2011-12, and within the overarching framework as set by the DAC, that work will cover the specific themes of food security, pro-poor green growth and social protection.

As a previous Vice Chair, Earnan O'Cleirigh has now joined the Secretariat, we also are looking for nominations for another Vice Chair to work with the other Vice Chair, Timo Voipio. Vice Chairs should not only be in a position to support the Chair and replace her/him as needed, but should also have a strong professional grounding in the issues the Povnet will be discussing – and particularly in respect of food security and pro-poor green growth, and be prepared to lead specific elements of the POVNET workstream.

With the above background, you are kindly invited to provide nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of POVNET to the Secretariat (william.nicol@oecd.org) by Friday 11th March. I am, of course, at your disposal for any further questions or clarifications you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Lomoy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Lomoy