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Unclassified**ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION: HOW IT HAPPENED IN CHINA,
HELPING IT HAPPEN IN AFRICA****Policy Symposium organised by the China-DAC Study Group****14:30-18:00, 8 June 2011, International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC), Beijing**

The Main Lessons drawn from the China-DAC Study Group's four events during 2009-11 will be presented and discussed in Beijing on Wednesday 8 June 2011. This briefing for a maximum of 120 policy officials, academics and private sector actors from China, Africa and donor agencies will take place from 14:30 to 18:00 at the Fraternal Co-operation International Hotel, Beijing (address: No.1, Taiyanggong Beijie, Chaoyang District, Beijing; Telephone: +86.10.8441.0088). DAC delegates, or their representative, who would like to participate in this briefing should advise Zhang Xiaoying (at: zhangxiaoying@iprcc.org.cn) at the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China, the host for this briefing. Registered participants will subsequently receive further information including the agenda and the Main Lessons paper.

As well as closing the first phase of the China-DAC Study Group's activities, the Policy Symposium will launch the Study Group's next phase of work in 2011-12, based on a limited number of topic-focussed Roundtables. Any DAC members/observers interested in joining and supporting the China- DAC Study Group in this next phase of work should contact Michael Laird for further information [E-mail: michael.laird@oecd.org Phone: +33.(0)1.45.24.90.33].

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Dear DAC Delegates,

***China-DAC Study Group Policy Symposium on
“Economic Transformation and Poverty Reduction:
How it happened in China; Helping it happen in Africa”***

14:30 to 18:00, 8 June 2011, Beijing, China

For over two years, through a series of evidence-based policy-dialogue events, the China-DAC Study Group has provided a platform for sharing experiences and learning lessons about economic growth and poverty reduction in China and African countries, and for drawing implications from this for increasing the collective impact of foreign aid on reducing poverty in Africa. Over 500 Chinese, African and OECD/DAC officials and experts have shared their knowledge and insights at four events on: i) development partnerships; ii) agriculture, food security and rural development; iii) infrastructure; and iv) the enabling environment for enterprise development.¹

These events have taken China's recent transformational development experience as a starting point for further reflections. The discussions have been wide-ranging, embracing fundamental issues of development strategies and the governance of development which are very much on the African agenda now. They have all seen intense interactions of Chinese, African and OECD/DAC officials and experts, contributing to a new level of understanding and collegiality on the important subject of promoting growth and reducing poverty in developing countries.

The Main Lessons from these exchanges have now been synthesised and will be presented and discussed at a Policy Symposium in Beijing organised by the China-DAC Study Group - a joint venture between the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and the OECD.

This briefing for a maximum of 120 policy officials, academics and private sector actors from China, Africa and donor agencies will take place from 14:30 to 18:00 on Wednesday 8 June 2011 at the Fraternal Co-operation International Hotel, Beijing (address: No.1, Taiyanggong Beijie, Chaoyang District, Beijing; Telephone: +86-10-84410088).

If you or a representative of your government/organisation would like to participate in this briefing in the afternoon of 8 June, please advise Zhang Xiaoying (at: zhangxiaoying@iprcc.org.cn). Registered participants will subsequently receive further information including the agenda (see annex for an outline of the agenda) and the Main Lessons paper.

These last weeks have seen three notable advances in the international development discussion: i) the release of China's White Paper on Foreign Aid²; a DAC Statement welcoming new partnerships in international development

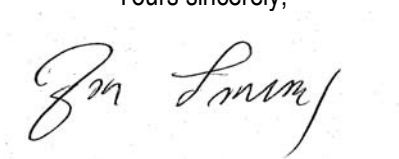
1. Further information on the China-DAC Study Group and its activities is available on the Internet at: www.iprcc.org or www.oecd.org/dac/cdsg.

2. See: http://www.china.org.cn/government/whitepaper/node_7116362.htm

co-operation³; and iii) the successful conclusion of the 4th Strategic Dialogue between China and the African Union. The China-DAC Study Group's Policy Symposium will consequently take place at a propitious moment for working jointly to address common development challenges. We hope, therefore, that most OECD-DAC members will be able to participate in this briefing in Beijing on 8 June and help to bring the Main Lessons together in their final form and identify key areas for the future work of the Study Group.

The Study Group's next phase of work in 2011-12 will be based on a limited number of topic-focussed Roundtables, with variable geometry regarding timelines, participation and field missions so as to be able to address key issue areas and achieve some tangible results. **Any DAC members or observers interested in joining and supporting the China-DAC Study Group in this next phase of work should contact Michael Laird for further information** [e-mail: michael.laird@oecd.org or phone: +33.(0)1.45.24.90.33]. It should be stressed that the China-DAC Study Group is self-funded on a cost-sharing basis. Study Group members are consequently expected to mobilise the necessary in-kind resources and financing required to implement the Study Group's agreed work programme. During 2011-12, each Roundtable will be organised by a core group of Study Group members ready to lead, contribute actively to their preparation and fund them.

Yours sincerely,



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CC: Members of the DAC Network on Poverty Reduction (POVNET)
Members of the China-DAC Study Group

3. See: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/7/3/47652500.pdf>

**ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION:
HOW IT HAPPENED IN CHINA; HELPING IT HAPPEN IN AFRICA**

IPRCC, BEIJING, WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2011

There is considerable interest in the Main Lessons drawn from the China-DAC Study Group's four events in 2009-2011. A briefing for a maximum of 120 people will provide an opportunity to share these insights with Chinese policy officials, representatives of the diplomatic community in Beijing (from embassies from both OECD member and African countries), representatives of international agencies, Chinese academics interested in development issues and private sector actors.

DRAFT AGENDA

14:30-15:15 (with participation of the press)	Opening remarks Chair: Senior Chinese Official	1. Chinese Official 2. African Participant 3. Brian Atwood, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
15:15-15:45	Lessons from China's growth and poverty reduction experience Chair: Senior Chinese Official	1. Li Xiaoyun, Director, China-DAC Study Group 2. Richard Carey, Co-Chair, China-DAC Study Group 3. Discussant: African Participant
15:45-16:00	<i>Tea and coffee</i>	
16:00-17:15	Open discussion Moderator: African Participant	Promoting growth and reducing poverty in Africa: What China can learn... What OECD/DAC members can learn... What African countries can learn Panellists: Chinese official/academic African official/academic OECD official/academic
17:15-17:30	Closing remarks Chair: Senior Chinese official	1. Chinese Official 2. African Participant 3. Brian Atwood, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)