



Provisional Agenda

INTER-AGENCY EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR POVERTY ERADICATION, IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND UN DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (2008-2017)

4-6 May 2016

Conference Room H

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific • Bangkok • Thailand

DAY 1 – 4 May 2016

Opening Session

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Facilitator: Ms. Wenyan Yang, DSPD/DESA

Welcome and Introductory Statements:

- Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (video message)
- Mr. Aynul Hasan, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP
- Ms. Wenyan Yang, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, DSPD/DESA - “Purpose and background of the meeting”

Session 1

Setting the Stage: Growth, poverty, inequality and decent work

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Facilitator: Ms. Wenyan Yang, DSPD/DESA

- Presentation: Ms. Amber Barth, ILO - *Global employment trends: implications for poverty eradication and reductions in inequality*
- Presentation: Mr. Saurabh Sinha, ECA - *Poverty and Inequality in Africa: What did the MDGs achieve?*
- Presentation: Mr. Shuvojit Banerjee, ESCAP - *Growth, poverty, inequality and decent work in East Asia and the Pacific*

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Interactive Discussion

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **BREAK**

Session 2 **Globalization and the changing nature of work: implications for jobs, inequality and poverty eradication**

12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Facilitator: **Mr. Saurabh Sinha, UNECA**

- Presentation: **Ms. Martha Chen**, Harvard Kennedy School - *Informal Employment, Poverty and Gender*
- Presentation: **Ms. Aimee Hampel-Milagrosa**, German Development Institute - *Small and Medium Enterprises as drivers for job creation and decent work*

12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion

1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 3 **National policy priorities and development strategies for poverty eradication and the achievement of sustainable development**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Facilitator: **Ms. Aradhna Aggarwal, Copenhagen Business School**

- Presentation: **Mr. Mahendra Dev S.**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research - *Rural employment and poverty eradication: the case of India*
- Presentation: **Mr. Piyachart Phiromswad**, Chulalongkorn University - *Demographic Dividend, human resource development and poverty eradication in Asia*
- Presentation: **Mr. Germano Mwabu**, University of Nairobi – *Agriculture productivity and poverty eradication in Africa*

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **BREAK**

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion

5:00p.m **CLOSE**

DAY 2 – 5 May 2016

Session 4 **Structural economic transformation, jobs and poverty eradication**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Facilitator: **Mr. David Lamotte, ILO**

- Presentation: **Mr. Parfait M. Eloundou - Enyegue**, Cornell University (Skype) - *Education, jobs and poverty eradication in Africa*

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Interactive Discussion

- Presentation: **Ms. Aradhna Aggarwal**, Copenhagen Business School - *Structural transformation, employment and poverty eradication in developing countries*

- Presentation: **Mr. Ali Zafar, World Bank** (Skype) - *Structural transformation, employment and poverty eradication: the case of Mauritius*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. ▪ Presentation: **Mr. Jimi. O. Adesina**, University of South Africa - *Structural change, inequality and inclusive development*

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Interactive Discussion

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Session 5 **Social protection, poverty eradication and human resource development**

11:15 a.m. –1:00 p.m. Facilitator: **Ms. Martha Chen**, Harvard Kennedy School

11:15 a.m. –11:30 a.m. ▪ Presentation: **Mr. Nuno Cunha**, ILO - *Scaling-up provision of social protection floors for human resource development and poverty eradication in ASEAN*

11:30 a.m. –11:45 a.m. ▪ Presentation: **Ms. Priscilla Idele**, UNICEF (Skype) - *Measuring coverage of social protection programmes: lessons from Kenya, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Belize*

11:45 a.m. –12:00 p.m. ▪ Presentation: **Ms. Roxana Maurizio**, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento - *Conditional cash transfers and poverty eradication in Latin America*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion

1:00 p.m. –2:30 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 6 **Social and economic policy priorities at the global and regional levels for poverty eradication and sustainable development**

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Facilitator: **Mr. Amson Sibanda**, DSPD, DESA

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. ▪ Presentation: **Ms. Emma Tompkins**, University of Southampton (Skype) - *Reducing vulnerability and building resilience through climate change mitigation and adaptation*

2:45p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion

3:00 p.m. –3:15 p.m. ▪ Presentation: **Ms. Amelia Santos-Paulino**, UNCTAD (Skype) - *Trade policies, poverty eradication and employment creation*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Interactive Discussion

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **BREAK**

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. ▪ Presentation: **Mr. Anis Chowdhury**, Australian National University (Skype) - *Financing poverty eradication programmes*

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Interactive Discussion

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. ▪ Presentation: **Ms. Makiko Matsumoto**, ILO - *Employment policies for poverty eradication*

4:45 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion

5:00 p.m. **CLOSE**

DAY 3 – 6 May 2016

Session 7 **Review of progress made by UN system in implementing the Second Decade -II and alignment of inter-agency work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Facilitator: **Ms. Wenyan Yang, DSPD/DESA**

- Presentation: **Mr. Maurizio Bussi**, ILO - *The impact of the Second Poverty Decade on poverty, inequality and employment*
- Presentation: **Ms. Clara Park**, FAO - *The impact of the Second Poverty Decade on rural employment and poverty eradication*
- Presentation: **Ms. Roberta Clarke**, UNWOMEN - *The impact of the Second Poverty Decade on women's employment and poverty eradication*
- Presentation: **Mr. Gaspar Fajth**, UNICEF - *The impact of the Second Poverty Decade on child labour reduction and poverty eradication*
- Presentation: **Mr. Anderson Stanciole**, UNFPA – *UNFPA's contribution to poverty eradication and the 2030 Agenda implementation*
- Presentation: **Mr. Daniel Perell**, CSO – *UN - Civil Society partnership to strengthen the implementation of the Second Poverty Decade*
- Presentation: **Mr. Edward Clarence-Smith**, UNIDO – *Fighting Poverty through Industrialization and Productive Activities*
- Presentation: **Mr. Saurabh Sinha**, UNECA – *The impact of the objectives of the Second Poverty Decade in Africa - from norm setting to implementation*

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Interactive discussion

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **BREAK**

Session 8 **Policy recommendations - completing the unfinished business of the Second Poverty Decade and the way forward**

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Facilitator **Mr. Amson Sibanda, DSPD/DESA**

Interactive discussion

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Summary and Closing of the meeting: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**