

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

The First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): Progress and the Road Ahead

6 July	EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON POVERTY ERADICATION
Morning	<p>Session 1: Opening Addresses</p> <p><i>Mr Raj Kumar</i>, ESCAP [or Representative]</p> <p><i>Mr. Johan Schölvinck</i>, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development</p> <p>Participants' self-introduction</p>
	<p>Session 2: Overview: Background to the Decade Chair: <i>TBA</i></p> <p>Introduction <i>Mr. Donald Lee</i>, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA</p> <p>Presentation by <i>Dr. Geedreck Usvatte-Aratchi</i></p> <p>Open discussion</p>
	<p>Session 3: Poverty Strategies: What have we learnt during the Decade? Chair: <i>TBA</i></p> <p>Presentations by</p> <p><i>Mr. Fodé Ndiaye</i>, Regional Technical Manager, Regional Unit for Southern and Eastern Africa, UNCDF Microfinance</p> <p><i>Mr. Andre Gauci</i>, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa</p> <p><i>Dr John Weiss</i>, Director of Research, Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
Afternoon	<p>Session 4: What progress has been made during the Decade? Chair: <i>TBA</i></p> <p>Presentations by</p> <p><i>Mr Chamnan Wattanasiri</i>, International Relations Sub-Division Community Development Department, Ministry of Interior, Thailand</p> <p><i>Mr Mahbubur Rahman</i>, Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), Bangladesh</p> <p><i>Mr Uktam Abdurakhmanov</i>, Center for Economic Research, Tashkent, Uzbekistan</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
	<p>Session 5: What progress has been made during the Decade? (cont.) Chair: <i>TBA</i></p> <p>Presentations by ESCAP (two presentations)</p> <p>Open discussion</p>

7 July	EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON POVERTY ERADICATION
Morning	<p>Session 6: Achieving the MDGs: The Way Forward Chair: Mr Stephen Browne, Deputy Regional Manager, UNDP Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>Presentations by <i>Professor Raghav Gaiha</i>, University of Delhi</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Presentations by</p> <p><i>Mr Robert Sagun</i>, Institute of Philippine Culture, Philippines</p> <p><i>Ms Helen Tombo</i>, Kenya Youth, Kenya</p> <p><i>Ms Dugersuren Sukhjargalmaa</i>, Team Leader, Poverty Reduction Cluster, UNDP Cambodia</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
Afternoon	<p>Session 7: Achieving the MDGs: The Way Forward (cont.) Chair:</p>
	<p>Session 8: Conclusions and recommendations, including the role of the United Nations and other international organizations Chair:</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>

8 July	ROUNDTABLE ON POVERTY AND MICROFINANCE: ON BUILDING INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL SECTORS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION <i>To mark the International Year of Microcredit, 2005</i>
Morning	<p>Opening</p> <p>Opening statement [Deputy Executive Secretary]</p> <p>Special Address (TBA)</p> <p>The International Year of Microcredit, 2005 Chair: <i>TBA</i></p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>The Blue Book on building inclusive financial sectors</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
Afternoon	<p>Panel: What can Microfinance and Microcredit do for poverty eradication? Chair:</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p><i>Professor Joe Remenyi, Deakin University</i></p> <p><i>Dr. John Weiss, Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Dugersuren Sukhjargalmaa, Team Leader, Poverty Reduction Cluster, UNDP Cambodia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Project Director, Participatory Rural Development Project (PRDP), Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)</i></p> <p>Open discussion</p>
	<p>Panel: What are the lessons learnt from the experience with microfinance and poverty eradication in Thailand? Chair: <i>Professor Joe Remenyi, Deakin University</i></p> <p>Presentations</p> <p><i>Ms. Somsook Boonyabancha, Director, Community Organization Development Institute (CODI)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Chamnan Wattanasiri, Chief, International Relations Sub-Division Community Development Department, Ministry of Interior, Thailand</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elenita V. San Roque, Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU)</i> [on credit unions and microfinance innovations]</p> <p><i>Ms. Patareepan Pongwat, Manager, Women and Enterprise Development Department, Credit Union League of Thailand (CULT)</i> [on Thai credit union case study of enterprise development]</p> <p><i>Mr. Supot Arevast, Director, National Village and Urban Community Fund, Thailand</i></p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>