

## Expert Group Meeting

### Social Funds and Poverty Eradication: Making Social Funds Work for Poor People

New York, 15-16 October 2003  
Conference Room 8, United Nations

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

#### Day 1

##### **Session 1: Opening**

*Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvinck*

930-1000 Opening address  
Participants' self-introduction

##### 1000-1115 **Session 2: Overview of Social Funds: Theory and Background**

*Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvinck*

###### **Introduction**

*Mr Donald Lee, Division for Social Policy and Development*

###### **Presentation by**

*Mr Andy Batkin, Social Fund Specialist/Consultant*

1115-1130 Break

##### 1130-1300 **Session 3: How have Social Funds performed?**

*Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvinck*

###### **Presentations by**

*Dr. David Warren, World Bank*

*Professor Sanjay Reddy, Barnard College, New York*

*Piet Goovaerts, Social Fund Specialist/Consultant*

1300-1400 Lunch Break

##### 1400-1530 **Session 4: Social funds, social policy and institutions**

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*Chair: Mr. Donald Lee*

###### **Presentations by**

*Ms. Meri Koivusalo, STAKES, Finland*

*Professor Raghav Gaiha, University of Delhi*

*Dr. Clarisa Hardy, Fundación Chile 21*

1530-1545 Break

1545-1730 **Session 5: Targeting poor people**  
*Chair: Mr. Donald Lee*  
**Presentations by**  
*Mr Selim Jahan, UNDP*  
*Ms. Laila Gad, The Social Fund for Development, Egypt*

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## DAY 2

1000-1130 **Session 6: National/regional experiences with Social Funds**  
*Chair: Ms. Gloria Kan*  
**Presentations by**  
*Mr. Adama Diarra, National Solidarity Fund, Mali*  
*Mr. Gabriel Siri, Social Fund Specialist/Consultant, El Salvador*

1130-1145 Break

1145-1315 **Session 6: National/regional experiences (continued)**  
*Chair: Ms. Gloria Kan*  
**Presentations by**  
*Ms. Laila Gad, The Social Fund for Development, Egypt*  
*Mr. Gagik Khachatryan, Resident Advisor, CDD Project Implementation Specialist, Kyrgyzstan Village Investment Project*  
*Dr. Liliana Vasilescu, Executive Director, Romanian Social Development Fund (RSDF)*

1315-1415 Lunch Break

1415-1600 **Session 7: Social Funds: Good Practices for Poverty Reduction**  
*Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvinck*  
**Presentations by**  
*Dr. Clarisa Hardy, Fundación Chile 21*  
*Mr. Selim Jahan, UNDP*  
*Dr. Mario Torres, Social Fund Specialist/Consultant, Canada*

1600-1645 Break

1645-1730 **Session 8: Conclusions and recommendations, including the role of the United Nations and other international organizations**  
*Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvinck*  
**Wrap up session – Closing remarks**