

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 Schölvink

930-1000 Opening address
Participants' self-introduction

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

Chair: Mr. Johan Schölvink

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 Schölvink

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

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 Schölvink
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 Schölvink
Wrap up session – Closing remarks