

**United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Division for Social Policy and Development
Social Perspective on Development Branch**

Expert Group Meeting

Policies to Advance Social Integration

**New York, 2-4 November 2009
2 United Nations Plaza
23rd floor conference room**

Agenda

Monday, 2 November 2009

9:30 – 10:30

Opening Session

Overview and expected outcomes of the meeting

Remarks: Jean-Pierre Gonnot, Acting Director, Division for Social Policy and Development

Introduction of the participants

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:30

Session I: Overview of social integration and its linkages to poverty and employment

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Gonnot

Presentations: Jimi Adesina

Susanna Helfer-Vogel

Questions for discussion

- In what ways are social integration, poverty eradication and the promotion of full employment and decent work interrelated and mutually reinforcing?
- How does social exclusion contribute to poverty and unemployment?

Roundtable discussion

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:30

Session II: Exploring the interrelationship between poverty and social integration

Moderator: Syed Zahir Sadeque

Presentations: Frederick Golooba-Mutebi

Bettina Cass

Questions for discussion

- What are some innovative ways in which social integration policies and practices have helped to achieve poverty eradication?
- How can efforts to achieve poverty eradication help to advance social integration, particularly of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members of society?
- What efforts can be taken to ensure that policies to promote poverty eradication are non-discriminatory and rights-based, provide for equality of opportunity, and facilitate the participation of all people in their formulation and outcomes, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons?
- What lessons have we learned from best practices?

Roundtable discussion

15:30-16:00

Break

16:00-17:30

Session II: Continued

Moderator: Faith Innerarity

Presentations: Jody Kollapen

Sevinc Rende

17:30-18:00

Wrap-up of discussion from Day 1

Moderator: Maria Cruz-Saco

18:00

Wine and cheese reception

Tuesday, 3 November 2009

9:30-10:45

Session III: Exploring the interrelationship between employment and social integration

Moderator: Dorothy Rosenberg

Presentations: Vani Borooah

Narumol Nirathron

Questions for discussion

- What barriers to productive employment and decent work often hinder social integration?
- What efforts can be taken to ensure that policies to promote productive employment and decent work are non-

discriminatory and rights-based, provide for equality of opportunity, and facilitate the participation of all people in their formulation and outcomes, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons?

Roundtable discussion

10:45-11:00

Break

11:00-12:30

Session III: Continued

Moderator: Wenyan Yang

Presentations: Faith Innerarity

Markus Pilgrim

Questions for discussion

- What are some innovative ways in which social integration policies and practices have helped to achieve productive employment and decent work for all?
- How can efforts to achieve productive employment and decent work help to advance social integration, particularly of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members of society?
- In what ways have trends in international trade, foreign investment, official development assistance and other foreign aid flows and remittances helped promote employment and social integration?

Roundtable discussion

12:30-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Session IV: Targeting vs. universalism

Moderator: Gisela Nauk

Presentations: Ilcheong Yi

Dorothy Rosenberg

Questions for discussion

- From the point of view of social integration, what are the pros and cons of pursuing targeted versus universal approaches to poverty eradication and employment promotion?

Roundtable discussion

15:30-16:00

Break

16:00-17:30

Session V: Social protection

Moderator: Jody Kollapen

Presentations: Griet Cattaert

Fiona Howell

Questions for discussion

- How are social protection programmes vital to achieving social integration, poverty eradication and employment goals?
- What are some of the ways in which social protection measures can be structured to enhance the social integration of vulnerable and marginalized groups and persons?
- What roles do the government, private sector, non-governmental-, community-based-, microfinance organizations and other agencies play in fulfilling social protection functions?
- Can social integration measures enhance social protection?

Roundtable discussion

17:30-18:00

Wrap-up of discussion from Day 2

Moderator: Maria Cruz-Saco

Wednesday, 4 November 2009

9:30-11:30

Session VI: Discussion in the working groups

Remarks: Wenyan Yang, Acting Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development

Preparation of draft recommendations

11:30-11:45

Break

11:45-12:45

Plenary meeting of working group discussion, adoption of conclusions and recommendations by experts

Moderator: Maria Cruz-Saco

12:45-1:00

Closing remarks

Jean-Pierre Gonnot