Provisional Agenda

Expert Group Meeting on Eradicating Rural Poverty to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa • Addis Ababa
ECACC-AA, Conference Room 3

27 February-1 March 2019

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8:30 - 9:00 Registration

Opening Session Welcome and Introductory Statements

9:00 – 9:15 Introductory remarks - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, DISD/DESA

Welcome message - Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UNECA

Self-introduction of the participants

Session 1 Setting the stage: The nature and dynamics of rural poverty

9:15 –10:00 Facilitator: Mr. Amson Sibanda, DISD/DESA

- Presentation: Mr. David Suttie, IFAD – Overview: Rural poverty in developing countries: issues, policies and challenges
- Presentation: Ms. Paola Bertolini, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia – Overview of income and non-income rural poverty in developed countries
- Presentation: Mr. Pali Leohola, OPHI - MPPN – Identifying data gaps and challenges faced in rural poverty eradication

10:00 – 11:00 Interactive Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 BREAK

Session 2 Challenges to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries

11:15 –12:15 Facilitator: Mr. Moazam Mahmood, Lahore School of Economics

- Presentation: Mr. Tassew Woldehanna, Addis Ababa University - The complexities of rural poverty in Ethiopia
- Presentation: Mr. Andries du Toit, University of Western Cape – Explaining the persistence of rural poverty in South Africa
• Presentation: Ms. Ngo Ha Quyen, Mekong Development Research Institute – Reducing rural poverty in Vietnam: issues, policies and challenges
• Presentation: Ms. Paloma Villagómez, CONEVAL – Rural poverty in Mexico: prevalence and challenges

12:15 – 13:00 Interactive Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3 Agriculture and rural development
14:00 – 14:45 Facilitator: Ms. Kate Bird, Overseas Development Institute
• Presentation: Mr. Ruerd Ruben, Wageningen University and Research – Agrarian change and inclusive rural development: gaps and challenges
• Presentation: Mr. Kafkas Caprazli, FAO – The Role of Food and Agriculture in Eradicating Extreme Poverty
• Presentation: Mr. Jimmy Lonsdale, Consultant, South Africa – Gaps and challenges: mobilizing the private sector to fight rural poverty

14:45 – 15:45 Interactive Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 BREAK

Session 4 Social protection systems and measures for all
16:00 – 16:30 Facilitator: Mr. Lester Henry, The University of West Indies
• Presentation: Mr. Andrew Mundalo Allieu, ILO– Implementing nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all: gaps and challenges facing rural areas
• Presentation: Mr. Subhasish Dey (Skype), University of Warwick – Reducing rural poverty in developing countries: challenges and opportunities for microenterprises and public employment schemes

16:30 – 17:30 Interactive Discussion

17:30 Close

DAY 2 – Thursday 28 February 2019

Session 5 Employment for pro-poor growth in rural areas
9:00 – 9:45 Facilitator: Ms. Paola Bertolini, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
• Presentation: Mr. Ken Shawa, ILO – Key challenges in promotion of decent rural employment for poverty eradication
• Presentation: Mr. Moazam Mahmood, Lahore School of Economics, Pakistan – Challenges and gaps to creating jobs and economic opportunity in rural areas
• Presentation: Mr. Saurabh Sinha, ECA – Reducing poverty through employment in Africa

9:45 – 10:30 Interactive Discussion
### Session 6
**Rural infrastructure development**

10:30 – 11:00

**Facilitator:** Mr. Andries du Toit, University of Western Cape

- Presentation: **Ms. Kate Bird**, Overseas Development Institute – *Addressing spatial poverty traps*
- Presentation: **Mr. Lester Henry**, The University of West Indies – *Bridging the urban-rural digital divide and mobilizing technology for poverty eradication: challenges and gaps*

11:00 - 11:30

**BREAK**

11:30 – 13:00

Interactive Discussion

**LUNCH BREAK**

### Session 7
**Financial inclusion**

14:00 – 14:15

**Facilitator:** Ms. Ritu Chandra, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, India

- Presentation: **Ms. Angela Hansen**, Global Knowledge Initiative – *Rural financial inclusion and poverty eradication: challenges and gaps*

14:15 – 15:15

Interactive Discussion

15:15 – 15:30

**BREAK**

### Session 8
**Addressing climate change and natural disasters**

15:30 – 16:15

**Facilitator:** Mr. Pali Lehohla, OPHI - MPPN

- Presentation: **Mr. Simon Lloyd**, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine – *Challenges and gaps in assessing impacts of climate change on health in rural areas*
- Presentation: **Ms. Grace Gondwe**, Consultant, Malawi – *Reducing the vulnerability of the rural poor through adaptation and mitigation*
- Presentation: **Mr. Gutu Tesso Boka**, Ambo University, Ethiopia – *Climate change, natural disasters and rural poverty in Ethiopia*

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**DAY 3 – Friday 1 March 2019**

### Session 9
**Promoting socioeconomic development**

9:00 – 9:45

**Facilitator:** Ms. Angela Hansen, Global Knowledge Initiative

- Presentation: **Ms. Ritu Chandra**, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, India – *Education and the poverty trap in rural areas*
- Presentation: **Ms. Theadora Koller** (Skype), WHO – *Rural poverty and health services: challenges and gaps*
- Presentation: **Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo**, ECA – *Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls*

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- Presentation: Ms. Kei Otsuki (Skype), Utrecht University, Netherlands—Implementation of effective rural policies and practices for poverty eradication: challenges and gaps faced by public-private partnerships