

Agenda¹

International Seminar on “Informal Institutions and Development: What do we know and what can we do?”

Organised by the OECD Development Centre, in collaboration with the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) – Network on Governance (GOVNET)

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13h15 – 14:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS										
14:00 – 15:30	OPENING SESSION										
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Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do informal institutions positively or negatively shape development outcomes? • Is there a dynamic evolution from informal to formal institutions? • Can informal institutions be influenced and, if so, how? How can different stakeholders support and/or promote improvements in institutional frameworks? 										
	Plenary Discussion										
18h00	<i>Cocktail provided by Workshop organisers</i>										

DAY TWO: Tuesday 12th December, 2006							
9:15 – 9:30	Brief introduction of working group themes (Johannes Jütting)						
9:30 – 12:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS						
	Experiences from the field in three main areas: A. Gender (room B) B. Governance, accountability and capacity development (room A) C. Private-sector development (room C)						
	Session A: Gender (room B)						
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Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of informal institutions prevent progress towards gender equality? • What are appropriate the policies or approaches for dealing with gender discriminating institutions? – Country examples of successes and failures • Which actors are well placed to initiate and support changes? – Country examples of success and failures 						
	Session B: Governance, accountability and capacity development (room A)						
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Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does informal governance matter in the development process? Examples • How do formal and informal aspects of governance interplay? Examples • Which preliminary policy lessons can be drawn on how partners and donors can improve governance and accountability in settings where informal institutions and informal governance dominate? 	
	Session C: Private-sector development (room C)	
	Chair:	Robert Peccoud , Director of Research Department, Agence Française de Développement, France
	Presentations by:	<u>Introduction and background paper:</u> Stephen Nicholas , Prof., University of Newcastle, Australia <u>Inputs:</u> Elena Panaritis , Director, The Panel Group LLC, United States Marion Eckhout , Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands Kithinji Kiragu , Director, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Kenya Juan de Laiglesia and Christian Morrisson , OECD Development Centre
	Rapporteur:	Felicity Proctor , Natural Resources Institute, UK
Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do informal institutions promote or hinder private sector development, i.e. the creation of markets/firms/jobs? – Country examples • How do multinationals deal with the local informal institutional environment? Do they adapt to it or change it? • How can the investment climate be improved in an environment with strong informal institutions? For more info about OECD work on PSD and Poverty, please visit the PSD Site of POVNET	
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH – provided by Workshop organisers	
13:30 – 14:30	PLENARY SESSION	
	Reporting back from Working Groups: Summary of lessons learnt in the field (discussion)	
	Chair:	Johannes Jütting , OECD Development Centre
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

15:00 – 16:30	ROUNDTABLE: Informal Institutions: Implications for Policies	
	Chair:	Richard Manning , Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee
	Panelists:	Ginette-Ursule Yoman , Secretary of State for Good Governance , Côte d'Ivoire Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh , Director, Centre for Peace and Security at Science Po., Paris Subir Lall , Deputy Division Chief, Research Department, IMF, Washington Naresh Singh , Executive Director of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, UNDP
Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main lessons for different stakeholders (partner countries, donors, civil society, private sector...) for policy design and implementation? • The expected scaling up of aid: opportunity or risk for changing formal and informal institutions? • What are the most suitable instruments or approaches for better understanding and dealing with informal institutions? 	
16:30 – 17:00	CLOSING REMARKS AND FOLLOW UP	
	Johannes Jütting , OECD Development Centre Sebastian Bartsch , OECD Development Co-operation Directorate Eduard Westreicher , GOVNET Chair, Federal Ministry for Co-operation and Economic Development, Germany	