

# Equality, Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development

Helsinki, Finland  
1-2 December 2009

Workshop organised by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the OECD Development Centre

## PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 1 December 2009

08.30-09:00 Registration and coffee/tea

09:00-09:30 Opening statement by Mr Pertti Torstila, Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

09.30-09.45 Presentation of programme – Ministry Representative

09:45-12:15 Morning Session

Sustainable societies: Does inequality matter? What do we know about it?

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Presentation 1: Why does inequality matter?  
Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre

Presentation 2: Multiple dimensions of inequality and social polarization in developing countries  
– Trends, causes and policy options  
Stefan Klasen, Professor of Economics at the University of Goettingen

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break/Discussion

Presentation 3: What does equality and inequality mean for a society?  
Meryem Aslan, Regional Director, UNIFEM Eastern and Horn of Africa

Presentation 4: Kenyan government perspective: Challenges and opportunities in development  
planning, Ms Katherine Muoki, Deputy Chief Economist, Ministry of Planning, Kenya

Discussion

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12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-15:00 Afternoon Session

What can we do? Transforming knowledge into practice

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Who can make a difference on equality? Identifying the entry points for making a difference on  
gender equality in Finland's bilateral development cooperation.

Session 1: Gender equality in the global aid architecture: challenges and opportunities

Participants' perspectives

Scanning the cycle of development operations

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Interactive session. Facilitator: Ms. Benedetta Magri-Short, International Training Centre/ILO

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15:00-16:30 Policy Panel:

Towards More Cohesive Societies: The social dimension of sustainable development

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Moderator:

Maria Guzenina-Richardson, MP

Panelists:

Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre

Meryem Aslan, Regional Director, UNIFEM Eastern and Horn of Africa

Stefan Klasen, Professor of Economics at the University of Goettingen

Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Under-Secretary of State for Development, MFA-Finland

Leena M. Kirjavainen, International Gender Consultant, WIDAGRI Consultants Ltd. Finland

Ludeki Chweya, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Vice-President and Ministry of Home Affairs, Kenya

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**Wednesday, 2 December 2009**

**Focus on gender**

09:00-09:15 Opening remarks by Deputy Director General Pasi Hellman, Department for Development Policy

09:15-09:30 Wrap-up from previous day and introduction to Day 2

09:30-12:15 Morning session

Implementing equality in your work

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Presentation 1: Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre. The evidence from SIGI: gender and social institutions.

Session 1: Case study

Facilitator: Ms. Benedetta Magri-Short, International Training Centre/ILO

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12:15-13.15 Lunch

13:15-15:30 Afternoon Session:

Tackling gender inequalities: policy options in different country settings

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Presentation 2: Gender equality and national development, Dr. Regina Karega, Chairperson, Kenya Gender Commission

Session 2: Group work/Break-out Sessions: Sectoral cooperation from a rights-based and gender perspective (group work and group presentations)

Facilitator: Ms. Benedetta Magri Short, ILO Training Centre

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15:30-16:15 Reporting, summing up and concluding remarks

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