
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

09.30-09.45 Presentation of programme

09:45-12:15 Morning Session

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

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

Presentation 3: What does equality and inequality mean for a society?

Meryem Aslan, UNIFEM, Country Director, Kenya

Presentation 4: Kenyan government perspective: Challenges and opportunities

Vice-president's Permanent Secretary, Kenya

Discussion

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-15:00 Afternoon Session

What can we do? Transforming knowledge into practice

Who can make a difference on inequality? 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

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





15:00-16:30 Policy Panel:

Towards More Cohesive Societies: The social dimension of sustainable development

Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre

Meryem Aslan, UNIFEM

Stefan Klasen, Professor of Economics at the University of Goettingen

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

Leena Kirjavainen (TBC)

Vice-president's Permanent Secretary, Kenya

Wednesday, 2 December 2009

Focus on gender

09:00-09:15 Opening remarks by Director General Jorma Julin, Department for Development Policy

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

09:30-12:15 Morning session

Tackling gender inequalities: policy options in different country settings

Presentation 1: Gender equality, democracy and the governance question
(TBC)

Session 1: Group work: Sectoral cooperation from a rights-based and gender perspective
(group work and group presentations)

Facilitator: Ms. Benedetta Magri Short, ILO Training Centre

12:15-13.15 Lunch

13:15-15:30 Afternoon Session:

Implementing equality in your work

Presentation 2: Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre. The evidence from SIGI: gender and social institutions.

Session 2: Case study

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

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

