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