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DRAFT PROGRAMME

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Workshop objectives

1. The objective of the workshop is to provide the opportunity for DAC members and representatives from developing country partners to contribute to the shaping of effective approaches to poverty reduction and sustainable development. This will focus, in particular, on identifying ways of fostering the convergence between national-level sustainable development planning frameworks such as “National Agenda 21”, “National Visions” or National Action Plans to combat desertification being pursued in many developing countries; the Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF) and Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) supported by the Bretton Woods Institutions and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

2. The Workshop is expected to:
   - Explore the linkages between poverty reduction and sustainable development and experience to date with holistic development planning processes and consider the implications for development co-operation efforts in support of internationally agreed development goals.
   - Suggest strategies and approaches to ensure coherence between various national and international-level strategic planning frameworks and foster the integration of poverty reduction and other sustainable development goals.
   - Provide inputs to the finalisation of DAC guidance on poverty reduction and on principles and strategic policy responses towards sustainable development, to be submitted for endorsement to the DAC High Level Meeting in 2001. Initial conclusions from the Workshop will be brought to the attention of the DAC at the Senior Level Meeting in December 2000.

Format and Participants

3. The Workshop will be chaired by the DAC Chairman. Discussions will be based on a combination of plenary and group discussions. Representatives from developing countries who have been involved in PRSPs, the CDF and/or other strategic development planning frameworks will provide insights from the vantage point of their country-level experience. Breakout sessions will provide the opportunity to explore specific themes and country experiences in greater depth. A facilitator specialised in the area of strategic development planning will provide assistance in the discussions.

4. Participants: In addition to representatives from developing countries, participants will include Members of DAC and DAC expert groups (notably from the Network on Poverty Reduction and Working Party on Development Co-operation and Environment) and officials from the Bretton Woods Institutions and the UN.
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<td><strong>Opening:</strong> Welcome and opening remarks, by Mr. Jean Claude Faure, DAC Chairman.</td>
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| 9:40-11:00 | **Plenary Session I:** Integrating poverty reduction and sustainable development through country-level strategic planning frameworks: Key opportunities and constraints  
This session will aim to set the stage for the Workshop. Brief presentations will focus on:  
- The links between poverty, environment and sustainable development  
- The Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF) and Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS)  
- Principles underlying national strategies for sustainable development and the potential for convergence among ongoing comprehensive strategic planning processes.  
This will be followed by a discussion. |
| 11:00-11:30 | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| 11:30-13:00 | **Plenary Session II:** Integrating poverty reduction and sustainable development through country-level strategic planning frameworks: Country experiences  
**Country presentations**  
This session will review the key issues identified in the previous session, from the perspective of country level experiences. Two representatives from developing countries will present their experience. This will focus on how poverty-environment linkages can be integrated in practice; how key sustainable development principles such as ownership and participation are addressed, and how different strategic planning frameworks interact.  
**Discussion and introduction to the Breakout Group Sessions.**  
After a discussion of the key issues raised by the presentations, breakout groups will be constituted. Breakout sessions will in particular provide the opportunity for developing country representatives to present their experience in relation to key themes identified. |
| 13:00-14:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30-16:00 | **Breakout Groups - Session I:** Emerging issues: country-level experiences  
Presentation of additional country-level experiences.  
Group discussions. |
| 16:00-16:30 | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| 16:30-17:30 | **Plenary Session III:** Identification of Emerging Findings and Issues for further Discussion  
Based on the reports from the breakout groups, this session will provide the opportunity to identify emerging conclusions and issues from the first day of discussions. |
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| 9:30-10:00       | **Plenary Session IV: Issues for further discussion**  
This session will provide the opportunity to get into the emerging conclusions and issues identified in Session III and choose issues for further discussion by the Breakout Groups. Options for organising the breakout sessions may include assigning different groups the responsibility for exploring specific sub-themes. |
| 10:00-12:00      | **Breakout Groups - Session II**  
Breakout Groups to consider recommendations to be made to the plenary. |
| 12:00-12:30      | **Tea/Coffee Break**  |
| 12:30-13:00      | **Plenary Session V: Emerging Conclusions**  
Based on reports from the Breakout Groups, this session will provide the opportunity to identify emerging conclusions from the workshop and follow-up recommendations. |
| 13:00-15:00      | **Lunch**  |
| 15:00-16:30      | **Plenary Session VI:**  
This session will provide the opportunity for the Workshop to agree on recommendations to DAC SLM and next steps |
| 16:30            | Close of the meeting  |

**FRENCH AND SPANISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE PLENARY SESSIONS**