DAC Network on Poverty Reduction

Draft Agenda

Starting on 4 November 2004 at 10h00 and continuing on 5 November 2004 from 09h30 until 13h00
OECD, Paris, Room 4

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## DAC NETWORK ON POVERTY REDUCTION

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1. These room documents are available on the POVNET website
   [http://webdomino1.oecd.org/COMNET/DCD/PovNet.nsf](http://webdomino1.oecd.org/COMNET/DCD/PovNet.nsf)
Item 3. Opening remarks by the Chair and objectives for the meeting
[10.15 – 11.15]
1. The present meeting should take stock of work to date at plenary and task team levels, as well as related work elsewhere, to identify the Povnet niche and value added, and to avoid duplication. On that basis we should set out a roadmap on work, modalities, outputs and timelines from now up to the 2006 DAC HLM – the suggested date for presenting main outputs to the DAC (see item 7 below). In order to do this:

- The first part of the meeting (item 4) should use the presentations to situate Povnet work and identify a set of key policy messages we aim to develop and how to best use and implement these messages;
- The second part of the meeting (items 5 and 6) provides for progress reports from the task teams, covering the broader setting or contextual framework of their work, sets out the key areas where policy recommendations are to be developed and ways to connect up the three different strands of work on private sector development, agriculture and infrastructure to each other and to the broader Povnet agenda.
- The final part of the agenda (item 7) should seek preliminary agreement on the essential messages and outputs to be communicated through the Povnet process and the timelines underlying the preparation of task team and Povnet outputs.

Coffee 11.15 – 11.30

Item 4. Pro-Poor Growth – work in progress
[11.30 – 13.00]
2. The session will bring participants up to date and exchange information on recent work related to the pro-poor growth (PPG) agenda. This should help us to situate the Povnet work in the broader context (and to avoid duplication, find niches and add value). The session will start off with three short presentations on:

- Growth and poverty reduction (Development Centre-led study) – DCD/DAC/POVNET(2004)9
- The Operationalising Pro-Poor Growth (OPPG) project– progress report

3. Discussion and presentations should be directed to setting out the context and focus of policy guidance on PPG to be developed by Povnet. This should include the relationship between growth and poverty reduction, how to bring these issues more strategically into the PRSP process, and the use of the
above referenced synopsis of the growth – poverty reduction relationship in the products to be developed through the Povnet process.

Lunch 13.00 – 15.00

**Item 5. Task Team work – progress reports on pro-poor growth agendas and key policy themes**

[15.00 – 18.00]

4. Each of the task team leaders will be invited to report, inter alia, on:
   
   • Recent activities/meetings and future plans of the task team, including workshops, etc.
   
   • The analytical or conceptual frameworks that guide or underpin work on the pro-poor growth agenda for the respective areas (private sector development, agriculture and infrastructure) and which identify the new, pro-poor dimensions of programmes and policies in these areas. For each of the areas, we should seek broad agreement that they are covering the appropriate ground and have a concrete and additional (as compared to the past) pro-poor growth dimension. The documents set out against each of these areas in the agenda provide background information on these frameworks.
   
   • The key themes where policy recommendations are being developed (some refer to this item as the “hot topics”) – see DCD/DAC/POVNET (2004)11 which sets out the key themes for each task team. Discussion should seek to reach broad agreement that these themes represent critical policy issues for the PPG work in each of these areas, i.e. that these are the main themes where we wish to develop policy guidance for donors.
   
   • Present ideas concerning outputs from each of the task teams (to be further addressed under item 7).

5. The secretariat will also provide brief updates on other items in the broader Povnet agenda, including work on ODA/investment synergies,2 and on trade capacity building3 (in the PSD section) and on ICT for development4 (in the infrastructure section).

**Item 6. Cross-cutting themes and synergies**

[Friday. 9.30 – 11.00]

6. The objective of this discussion is to identify a number of cross cutting themes that will allow us to connect up and build synergies among the different work strands and to develop a more holistic policy approach that should strengthen aid effectiveness. The discussion should aim to select, say, two themes on which to initially concentrate work. Suggestions to date from the task teams, and more generally, cover:

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• Private sector development – the informal economy, risk and vulnerability, lagging regions, commodity chains that matter for the poor, HIV/AIDS, pro-poor PPPs, gender.

• Agriculture – smart subsidies, informal economy, risk and vulnerability, global value chain regulation, multi-sector approaches to poverty reduction, policy co-ordination.

• Infrastructure – complementarity of infrastructure for achieving the MDGs, financing for infrastructure, urban/rural infrastructure needs, gender dimensions of infrastructure, decentralisation, sustainable service delivery to the poor, governance5.

• Other (e.g. as raised at the bureau meeting) – PRSPs; capacity building, decentralisation.

7. Once a few cross-cutting themes are identified, we should decide on work modalities and timelines:

• Modalities – who will take leadership of these and should these topics be addressed by new task teams, by the one or the other existing task team or by Povnet itself? How will the products fit into overall ideas for Povnet outputs (see item 7 below)?

• Timelines – what are the key deadlines/milestones? Should the selected themes be scoped out in detail (work plan and modalities) by the time of the next Povnet (April 2005) with the draft output ready in time for the October 2005 Povnet and the December 2005 SLM (see item 7 below)?

Coffee 11.00 – 11.15

Item 7. Outputs and Timelines
[11.15 – 12.30]

a) Outputs

8. Bearing in mind our audiences (e.g. DAC members in capitals and at field level; developing countries; the broader aid and policy communities), what should be the main outputs of Povnet work, at both plenary and task team levels? Members are invited to give an image of content and key messages to come from Povnet outputs and to comment on the following suggestions, including how to bring these different outputs together:

• Plenary – what should be the main POVNET output (e.g. to be submitted to the 2006 HLM), e.g. a short (20 page) policy focused report, encompassing synergies work, with recommendations to donors? Where would the growth-poverty reduction synopsis note (see item 4 above) fit in (e.g. as part of the introduction conceptual framework)?

• Task Teams – what are the main outputs expected from their work, e.g. analytical framework from PSD, guidance to donors on infrastructure (akin to the 2003 DAC reference paper on Poverty and Health), publication bringing together the new contextual background, key issues and policy recommendations for agriculture? What else, e.g. short (5 page) notes or policy briefs on the key policy issues?

5. Note – The infrastructure task team has proposed the same set of topics for its key policy themes; see item 5 above.
• Should the secretariat develop an attractive “brochure” format to disseminate summaries of Povnet work-in-progress material (e.g. executive summary of the PSD analytic framework; key policy themes, cross-cutting issues, etc.)?

9. On the basis of the discussion, the secretariat could draft an annotated outline of the main Povnet output.

b) **Timeline**

10. The overall plan is to prepare for submitting final products to the 2006 HLM, leaving the remainder of that year for the DAC review of Povnet (and other subsidiary bodies). On this basis, the timeline (in reverse order) could look as follows:

- **HLM (April/May) 2006** – final Povnet products submitted.
- **Povnet (March 2006)** – Povnet finalisation of outputs and discussion of next steps.
- **SLM (December) 2005** – presentation of near-to-final task team outputs, cross cutting/synergies notes and outline of main policy paper for 2006 HLM.
- **Povnet 12/13 October 2005** – preparation and review of above for 2005 SLM
- **Povnet 14/15 April 2005** – fully developed drafts of task team products such as conceptual or analytical frameworks; drafts of key policy issues papers; first sketch of “cross cutting/synergies” papers and modalities; discuss how to connect up work to PRSP process.

**Item 8. Other business**

[12.45 – 13.00]

- Presentation of the new Povnet website