



## Provisional Agenda

### Expert Group Meeting on Eradicating Rural Poverty to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa ▪ Addis Ababa  
ECACC-AA, Conference Room 3

27 February-1 March 2019

#### DAY 1 – Wednesday 27 February 2019

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

#### Opening Session Welcome and Introductory Statements

9:00 – 9:15 Introductory remarks - **Mr. Amson Sibanda**, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, DISD/DESA

Welcome message - **Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo**, Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UNECA

Self-introduction of the participants

#### Session 1 Setting the stage: The nature and dynamics of rural poverty

9:15 –10:00 Facilitator: **Mr. Amson Sibanda**, DISD/DESA

- Presentation: **Mr. David Suttie**, IFAD – *Overview: Rural poverty in developing countries: issues, policies and challenges*
- Presentation: **Ms. Paola Bertolini**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia – *Overview of income and non-income rural poverty in developed countries*
- Presentation: **Mr. Pali Lehohla**, OPHI - MPPN – *Identifying data gaps and challenges faced in rural poverty eradication*

10:00 – 11:00 Interactive Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 **BREAK**

#### Session 2 Challenges to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries

11:15 –12:15 Facilitator: **Mr. Moazam Mahmood**, Lahore School of Economics

- Presentation: **Mr. Tassew Woldehanna**, Addis Ababa University - *The complexities of rural poverty in Ethiopia*
- Presentation: **Mr. Andries du Toit**, University of Western Cape – *Explaining the persistence of rural poverty in South Africa*

- Presentation: **Ms. Ngo Ha Quyen**, Mekong Development Research Institute – *Reducing rural poverty in Vietnam: issues, policies and challenges*
- Presentation: **Ms. Paloma Villagómez**, CONEVAL– *Rural poverty in Mexico: prevalence and challenges*

12:15 – 13:00 Interactive Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

**Session 3** **Agriculture and rural development**

14:00 – 14:45 **Facilitator: Ms. Kate Bird**, Overseas Development Institute

- Presentation: **Mr. Ruerd Ruben**, Wageningen University and Research – *Agrarian change and inclusive rural development: gaps and challenges*
- Presentation: **Mr. Kafkas Caprazli**, FAO – *The Role of Food and Agriculture in Eradicating Extreme Poverty*
- Presentation: **Mr. Jimmy Lonsdale**, Consultant, South Africa – *Gaps and challenges: mobilizing the private sector to fight rural poverty*

14:45 – 15:45 Interactive Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 **BREAK**

**Session 4** **Social protection systems and measures for all**

16:00 –16:30 **Facilitator: Mr. Lester Henry**, The University of West Indies

- Presentation: **Mr. Andrew Mundalo Allieu**, ILO– *Implementing nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all: gaps and challenges facing rural areas*
- Presentation: **Mr. Subhasish Dey** (Skype), University of Warwick – *Reducing rural poverty in developing countries: challenges and opportunities for microenterprises and public employment schemes*

16:30 – 17:30 Interactive Discussion

17:30 Close

**DAY 2 – Thursday 28 February 2019**

**Session 5** **Employment for pro-poor growth in rural areas**

9:00 – 9:45 **Facilitator: Ms. Paola Bertolini**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

- **Presentation: Mr. Ken Shawa**, ILO – *Key challenges in promotion of decent rural employment for poverty eradication*
- **Presentation: Mr. Moazam Mahmood**, Lahore School of Economics, Pakistan – *Challenges and gaps to creating jobs and economic opportunity in rural areas*
- **Presentation: Mr. Saurabh Sinha**, ECA – *Reducing poverty through employment in Africa*

9:45 – 10:30 Interactive Discussion

## Session 6

### Rural infrastructure development

10:30 – 11:00

**Facilitator:** Mr. Andries du Toit, University of Western Cape

- Presentation: **Ms. Kate Bird**, Overseas Development Institute – *Addressing spatial poverty traps*
- Presentation: **Mr. Lester Henry**, The University of West Indies – *Bridging the urban-rural digital divide and mobilizing technology for poverty eradication: challenges and gaps*

11:00 - 11:30

**BREAK**

11:30 – 13:00

Interactive Discussion

13:00 – 14:00

**LUNCH BREAK**

## Session 7

### Financial inclusion

14:00 – 14:15

**Facilitator:** Ms. Ritu Chandra, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, India

- Presentation: **Ms. Angela Hansen**, Global Knowledge Initiative – *Rural financial inclusion and poverty eradication: challenges and gaps*

14:15 – 15:15

Interactive Discussion

15:15 – 15:30

**BREAK**

## Session 8

### Addressing climate change and natural disasters

15:30 – 16:15

**Facilitator:** Mr. Pali Lehohla, OPHI - MPPN

- Presentation: **Mr. Simon Lloyd**, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine – *Challenges and gaps in assessing impacts of climate change on health in rural areas*
- Presentation: **Ms. Grace Gondwe**, Consultant, Malawi – *Reducing the vulnerability of the rural poor through adaptation and mitigation*
- Presentation: **Mr. Gutu Tesso Boka**, Ambo University, Ethiopia – *Climate change, natural disasters and rural poverty in Ethiopia*

16:15 – 17:30

Interactive Discussion

17:30

Close

## DAY 3 – Friday 1 March 2019

## Session 9

### Promoting socioeconomic development

9:00 – 9:45

**Facilitator:** Ms. Angela Hansen, Global Knowledge Initiative

- Presentation: **Ms. Ritu Chandra**, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University, India – *Education and the poverty trap in rural areas*
- Presentation: **Ms. Theadora Koller** (Skype), WHO – *Rural poverty and health services: challenges and gaps*
- Presentation: **Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo**, ECA – *Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls*

9:45 – 10:30

Interactive Discussion

## Session 10

### Financing rural development

10:30 – 11:00

**Facilitator: Mr. David Suttie**, IFAD

- Presentation: **Ms. Kei Otsuki** (Skype), Utrecht University, Netherlands– *Implementation of effective rural policies and practices for poverty eradication: challenges and gaps faced by public-private partnerships*

11:00 – 11:30

**BREAK**

11:30 – 12:30

Interactive Discussion

12:30 – 13:00

Summary of key policy messages: **Mr. Amson Sibanda**, DISD/DESA

13:00

Closing of the meeting: **Mr. Amson Sibanda**, DISD/DESA