



## Provisional Agenda

### Expert Group Meeting on

## “IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (2008-2017)”

27-29 May 2015

### Conference Room 5

Economic Commission for Africa ▪ Addis Ababa ▪ Ethiopia

DAY 1 - 27 May 2015

#### Opening Session

8:30a.m Registration

9:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductory Statements:**

- **Ms. Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, (video message)
- **Mr. Abdalla Hamdok**, (tbc) Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECA
- **Mr Aeneas Chuma**, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, ILO
- **Ms Wenyan Yang**, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, DSPD/DESA, “*Purpose and background of the meeting*”

#### Session 1 **Setting the Stage: Current Trends in Poverty Eradication and Decent Work**

10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Facilitator: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, DSPD/DESA

- Presentation: **Ms. Chiara Mariotti**, Overseas Development Institute, “*Progress and challenges in eradicating chronic poverty*”

- Presentation: **Mr. Ekkehard Ernst**, ILO, *“World Employment and Social Outlook”*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m Interactive Discussion

11:00 a.m – 11:30 p.m **BREAK**

## **Session 2 International policy coherence for job creation and poverty eradication**

11:30 a.m – 12:00 p.m Facilitator: **Mr. Eugene Owusu**, UN RC, Ethiopia

- Presentation: **Mr. Michael Herrmann**, UNFPA (tbc)– *“Harnessing the demographic dividend for poverty eradication”*
- Presentation: **Ms. Letty Chiwara**, UN-Women – *“Promoting women’s empowerment and gender equality for poverty eradication”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Peter Wobst**, FAO, *“Rural employment and poverty reduction – progress and challenges”*

12:00 p.m – 1:00 p.m Interactive Discussion

1:00 p.m – 2:30 p.m **LUNCH BREAK**

## **Session 3 National policies for growth, decent work and poverty eradication – presentation of case studies**

2:30 p.m – 3:30 p.m Facilitator: **Mr. Ashok Pankaj**, Council for Social Development, India

- Presentation: **Mr. Aurelio Parisotto**, ILO, *“ILO Experience with National Employment Policies”*
- Presentation: **Mr. James Wakiaga**, UNDP Ethiopia, *“Ensuring national policy coherence in economic, social and environmental dimensions in the promotion of full employment and decent work for all – lessons from Ethiopia”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Ojijo Odhiambo**, Economic Policy and Poverty Unity, UNDP Namibia, *“The impact of public work programmes on employment creation, poverty reduction and addressing inequality – the case of Namibia”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Stephen Kargbo**, UNIDO, Ethiopia – *“Promoting SMEs for job creation and poverty eradication in Africa”*

3:30 p.m – 4:00 p.m **BREAK**

4:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m Interactive Discussion

5:00 p.m **CLOSE**

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m **Welcome Reception - hosted by the ILO**

**Session 4      Macroeconomic and social policies to promote growth, employment and social inclusion**

9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m    Facilitator:    **Ms. Wenyan Yang, DSPD/DESA**

- Presentation: **Ms. Vicky Leung**, ILO, *“Transforming the informal economy to enhance productivity, promote better jobs and reduce poverty”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Ugochukwu Agu**, University of Nigeria, *“Macroeconomic policy for growth, employment and social inclusion in Nigeria”*
- Presentation: **Ms. Takyiwaa Manuh**, ECA, *“Monitoring investment for social inclusion in Africa”*

10:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m    Interactive Discussion

11:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m    **BREAK**

**Session 5      Structural change, inclusive growth, jobs and poverty eradication**

11:30 a.m – 12:15 p.m    Facilitator:    **Mr Aeneas Chuma, ILO**

- Presentation: **Ms. Irmgard Nübler**, ILO, *“Transforming economies: making industrial policy work for growth, jobs and development”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Adam Elhiraika**, ECA, *“Commodity-led industrialization, employment creation and poverty eradication- opportunities for Africa”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, UNCTAD, *“Exports, economic diversification and employment creation”*
- Presentation: **Mr. Fantu Cheru**, *“Structural Change and inclusive development in Ethiopia: results from the implementation of the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTPI)”*

12:15 p.m – 1:00 p.m    Interactive Discussion

1:00 p.m –2:30 p.m      **LUNCH BREAK**

**Session 6      Improving access to finance, credit, and productive assets and removing barriers to opportunity**

2:30 P.m – 3:15 p.m    Facilitator:    **Ms. Takyiwaa Manuh, ECA**

- Presentation: **Ms. Roxana Maurizio**, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, “*The Latin American experience in fostering inclusion and fighting poverty and inequality through conditional cash transfers*”
- Presentation: **Mr. Ashok Pankaj**, Council for Social Development, “*Employment guarantee schemes, social inclusion and poverty eradication in India*”
- Presentation: **Ms. Xu Xiuli**, China Agricultural University, “*What can Africa learn from China's experience in agricultural development and poverty reduction*”
- Presentation: **Simel Esim**, ILO, “*Role of cooperatives in employment creation and poverty eradication*”

3:15 p.m – 3:45 p.m **BREAK**

3:45 p.m – 5:00 p.m Interactive Discussion

5:00 p.m **CLOSE**

### DAY 3 – 29 May 2015

#### Session 7 Transitioning from the MDGs and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade for the Eradication of Poverty to Sustainable Development Goals

9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m Facilitator **Ms. Jane Stewart**, Special Representative and Director, ILO Office to the United Nations

- Presentation: **Mr. Mandla Madonsela**, AU, “*Vision 2063 and poverty eradication*”
- Presentation: **Ms. Esuna Dugarova**, UNRISD, “*Social inclusion, poverty eradication and the post-2015 development agenda*”
- Presentation: **Mr. Chukwudozie Ezigbalike**, ECA, “*Data revolution for inclusive development*”

10:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m Interactive discussion

11:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m **BREAK**

#### Session 8 Recommendations for effective policy coordination and coherence – the way forward

11:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m Facilitator **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, DSPD

## Interactive Discussion

12:30 p.m - 1:00 p.m Summary of the meeting from the Rapporteur

1:00 p.m **Closing of the meeting**