

Brookings Institution / Ford Foundation Workshop
TOWARDS A NEW POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA:
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE INGO COMMUNITY

May 30-31, 2007
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, May 30

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration, continental breakfast**

9:00 – 9:45 **Welcome and workshop objectives**

Lael Brainard, Vice President and Director, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution

Pablo Farias, Vice President, Asset Building and Community Development, Ford Foundation

Caroline Moser, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Participants: Introductions and expectations

Session 1: Poverty reduction definitions, approaches, and challenges

9:45 – 11:15

Chair: **Dianne Forte**, Sr. Managing Director – Washington Office, Heifer International

Presenters: **Caroline Moser**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, *What is asset accumulation policy? Is it useful?*

Pamela Sparr, Project Consultant, *An overview of INGO poverty reduction policies and strategies: Study findings.*

Patrick Watt, Policy Coordinator, Action Aid International UK, *Definitions of poverty and challenges to successful intervention strategies.*

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee**

Session 2: The contribution of different conceptual approaches to understanding poverty: How useful is an asset-based approach?

11:30 – 12:45 Break-out groups

1. Rural livelihoods and vulnerability

Facilitator: **Geoff Heinrich**, Sr. Technical Advisor for Agriculture and Environment, Catholic Relief Services

Reporter: **Muthoni Muriu**, Director of Regional Programs, Oxfam America

2. Rural livelihoods and vulnerability

Facilitator: **Deborah Katina**, Coordinator, Yang'at/CWS Kenya

Reporter: **Yemane Kahssay**, Program Manager, CRS Tanzania

3. Urban inequality, exclusion and insecurity

Facilitator: **Martha Chen**, Coordinator, WEIGO

Reporter: **Sirajo Seidi**, Head of Projects, Save the Children Angola

4. The extremely poor and marginalized

Facilitator: **Seshi Kaniki**, Regional Coordinator and Sr. Researcher, EPRI

Reporter: **Jennifer Yablonski**, Poverty Policy Advisor and Head of Poverty and the Economic Justice Team, Save the Children UK

5. The poor as agents of change

Facilitator: **Tara Carr-Lemke**, Washington D.C. Policy Office Director, SHARE Foundation

Reporter: **Juan Cheaz**, Regional Policy Coordinator, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, Oxfam GB

6. The poor as agents of change

Facilitator: **Sandy Schilen**, Global Facilitator, GROOTS

Reporter: **James Blackburn**, Regional Director for Latin America, HelpAge International

12:45 – 2:15 **Lunch**

Session 3: Implementing cutting-edge poverty reduction strategies to strengthen power, rights and assets

2:15 – 3:30 Break-out groups:

1. Organizing workers and the self-employed

Facilitator: **Martha Chen**, Coordinator, WIEGO

Reporter: **Suzanne Kindervatter**, Vice President, InterAction

2. Value-chains, and other market access and improvement strategies

Co-Facilitators: **Sam Bickersteth**, Head of Programme Policy, Oxfam GB; and

Sonia Cano, Country Program Manager, Oxfam International (Honduras)

Reporter: **Geoff Heinrich**, Sr. Technical Advisor for Agriculture and Environment, Catholic Relief Services

3. New directions in financial services for the poor

Facilitator: **Thierry van Bastelaer**, Director, Economic Opportunities Office, Save the Children US

Reporter: **Feisal Hussain**, Head of International Partnership Development, ActionAid International

4. Payments for ecological services

Facilitator: **Jenny Springer**, Director – Livelihoods & Governance Program, WWF

Reporter: **Christopher Shore**, Director of Micro-Finance Development Group, World Vision

5. Direct governmental cash transfers to the poor

Facilitator: **Sylvia Beales**, Policy Development Manager, HelpAge International

Reporter: **Namukolo Liywalii**, Assistant Programme Officer, Economic Justice, CCJDP - Zambia

3:30 – 3:45 **Coffee**

3:45 – 4:15 **Plenary: Summary and synthesis of break-out groups' conclusions**

Session 4: Donors' perspectives on new poverty reduction strategies

4:15 – 5:45 **Panel discussion**

Chair: **Donald Cohen**, Vice President Program Development, Plan USA

Panelists: **Frank DeGiovanni**, Director, Economic Development, Ford Foundation
Yasmina Zaidman, Director of Portfolio Strategies, Acumen Fund
Sam Worthington, CEO, InterAction
Christopher Shore, Director of Micro-Finance Development Group, World Vision

Discussion

5:45 Close

6:00 – 7:30 **Reception and Book Launch**

Somers Room

Thursday, May 31

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast

9:00 – 9:20 Plenary: Recap of day 1, guiding questions for day 2

Session 5: New issues on the development agenda: North-South conversations

9:20 – 10:45 **Conversation 1: The impact of climate change on INGO poverty reduction strategies**

Chair: **Pamela Sparr**, Consultant

Speakers: **Charles Abugre**, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy Division, Christian Aid
David Waskow, Director of International Programs, Friends of the Earth US

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee**

11:00 – 12:30 **Conversation 2: Bio-diversity, human rights and poverty reduction**

Chair: **Sandy Schilen**, Global Facilitator, GROOTS

Speakers: **Jennifer Springer**, Director, Livelihoods and Governance Program, WWF US
Larry Gorenflo, Director, Human Dimensions Program, Conservation International
Gabriel Lopez, Director of Global Strategies, IUCN

12:30 – 2:30 **Lunch**

Conversation 3: From disaster to development

Chair: **Mary McClymont**, Vice President, Peace and Social Justice, Ford Foundation

Speakers: **Peter Walker**, Director, Feinstein International Famine Center, Tufts University

Prema Gopalan, Director, Swayam Shikshan Prayog and International Steering Committee member, GROOTS

Session 6: Space for envisioning new forms of INGO collaboration to develop or implement new poverty strategies

2:30 – 3:30 Break-out groups:

1. *Shifting the balance of INGO power to Southern offices and partners*

Facilitator: **Joao Diniz**, head of the Latin American region “Our Future Project”, World Vision
Reporter: **Daniel Tyler**, Regional Coordinator – East Africa, CWS

2. *Shifting the balance of INGO power to Southern offices and partners*

Facilitator: **Patrick Watt**, Policy Coordinator, ActionAid UK
Reporter: **Deborah Katina**, Coordinator, YANG'AT

3. *Collaborating to address Southern governments' transparency and governance issues*

Facilitator: **George Gelber**, Head of Public Policy, CAFOD
Reporter: **Sheshi Kaniki**, Regional Coordinator and Sr. Researcher, EPRI

4. *South-South collaboration*

Facilitator: **Namukolo Liywalii**, Assistant Programme Officer, CCJDP-Zambia
Reporter: **Raj Waghray**, Director of Education and Advocacy Dept., CWS

5. *Potential other groups focusing on institutional collaboration*

Session 7: Final Panel: Reflection, recommendations and next steps

3:30 - 5:00 Highlights of small groups; participant commentators; group discussion

Chair: **Pablo Farias**, Vice President, Asset Building and Community Development, Ford Foundation

Commentators: **George Gelber**, Head of Public Policy, CAFOD
Jorge Romano, Country Director, Action Aid Brasil
Prema Gopalan, Director, Swayam Shikshan Prayog and International Steering Committee member, GROOTS
Caroline Moser, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

5:00 Close

5:15 - 6:45 **Additional open space for groups to meet**

7:00 **Final Dinner (optional)**
Jurys Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.