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Inter-agency Expert Group Meeting on Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) • Addis Ababa

Conference Room 6

10 – 12 May 2023

DAY 1 – Wednesday 10 May 2023

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
Opening Session	Welcome and Introductory Statements
9.00 – 9.15	Facilitator: Ms. Hantamalala Rafalimanana , UNDESA
	Welcoming remarks: Ms. Meron Sherif , UNDESA
	Welcoming remarks: Ms. Hanan Morsy (Virtual), UNECA
	Self-introduction: Participants
Session 1	Setting the stage: Trends in poverty, hunger and inequality
Session synopsis	The first session sets the stage by reviewing the trends in poverty, hunger and inequality. The poverty trends in Africa, which has the largest proportion of people in extreme poverty in the world will also be reviewed.
9:15 –10:30	Facilitator: Ms. Sweta Saxena , UNECA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation: Mr. Dean Mitchell Jolliffe, World Bank – <i>Ending extreme poverty globally: progress, gaps and challenges</i>▪ Presentation: Ms. Corinne Amanda Mitchell, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) – <i>Global progress on multidimensional poverty</i>▪ Presentation: Mr. Francesco Burchi (Virtual), German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) – <i>Global trends in multidimensional poverty and inequalities</i>▪ Presentation: Mr. Saurabh Sinha, UNECA – <i>Recent trend in eradicating poverty in Africa</i>▪ Presentation: Ms. Nilupa Gunaratna, Purdue University – <i>Transforming food systems to end hunger, malnutrition and poverty</i>

10.30 – 11.00	Interactive Discussion
11.00 – 11.30	BREAK
Session 2	Innovative approaches and data for poverty eradication
Session synopsis:	Traditional approaches to measuring and targeting poverty rely heavily on census data, which in many countries are unavailable or out-of-date. Alternate measures are needed to complement and update estimates between censuses and monitor poverty. It is also necessary to explore innovative approaches to eradicate poverty.
11:30 – 12:15	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms. Vidya Diwakar, Chronic Poverty Advisory Network & Institute of Development Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Jane Karonga, UNECA - <i>Leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area to complement localised production and pooled procurement of healthcare products for reducing healthcare costs and poverty eradication</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Martha Bekele, Development Initiatives – <i>Data and digital solutions for identifying the poor and eradicating poverty</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Neeti Pokhriyal, Dartmouth College – <i>Mapping poverty using mobile phones and satellite data</i>
12.15 – 13.00	Interactive Discussion
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK
Session 3	Poverty eradication, the confluence of multiple crises and recovery strategies: country experiences
Session synopsis:	The multiple crises the world is currently facing have reversed the progress in poverty eradication in recent years and have highlighted the nature of challenges in sustained poverty eradication.
14.00 –14.45	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms. Nilupa Gunaratna, Purdue University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Andualem Goshu Mekonnen, Addis Ababa University – <i>Poverty eradication in Ethiopia: The economic and social impacts of the multiple crises and recovery strategies</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Siviwe Mhlana, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg – <i>The confluence of multiple crises and recovery strategies in South Africa</i> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Simeon Oludiran Akinleye, University of Lagos – <i>Economic and social impacts of the multiple crises and recovery strategies in Nigeria</i>
14.45 – 15.15	Interactive Discussion
15.15 – 15.30	BREAK
Session 4	Poverty eradication, the confluence of multiple crises and recovery strategies: country experiences (Cont'd)
15.30 –16.15	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms. Corinne Mitchell, OPHI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Andres Fernandez Arauz, University of Costa Rica – <i>Poverty eradication, the confluence of multiple crises and recovery strategies: the experience of Costa Rica</i>

- Presentation: **Ms. Rosemarie G. Edillon**, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines – *Poverty eradication, the confluence of multiple crises and recovery efforts: the experience of the Philippines*
- Presentation: **Ms. Vidya Diwakar**, Chronic Poverty Advisory Network & Institute of Development Studies – *Progress, gaps and challenges in eradicating poverty in conflict and post-conflict situations*

16.15 – 17.00 Interactive Discussion

17:00 Close

DAY 2 – Thursday 11 May 2023

Session 5 Fiscal and social policies to mitigate the impacts of the multiple crises and build resilience to shocks

9.00 –9.45 Facilitator: **Ms. Wafa Aidi**, UNECA

Session synopsis: Social protection has been in the forefront of crisis response and economic recovery after COVID-19. African governments, for example, doubled fiscal spending and increased social assistance. Yet, with limited fiscal space, deficits have suddenly jumped that could take several years to return to their pre-COVID-19 levels. Countries need to find fiscally sustainable ways to build forward better and eradicate poverty.

- Presentation: **Mr. Girum Tefera**, World Bank – *Gender-focused policies to end poverty*
- Presentation: **Mr. Hassan Yousif**, Freelance consultant and researcher – *Financing poverty eradication: resource mobilization and official development assistance*
- Presentation: **Mr. Isiyaka Sabo**, UNDP – *The importance of structural transformation for inclusive and sustainable industrialization and poverty eradication*

9.45 – 10.30 Interactive Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 **BREAK**

Session 6 UN system support to the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)

Session synopsis: This session reviews the progress on the implementation of the Third Decade for poverty eradication across UN agencies.

11.00 –12.00 Facilitator: **Mr. Gideon Rutaremwa**, UNECA

- Presentation: **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, UNCTAD – *Increasing productive capacities and transforming economies to achieve sustainable and inclusive recovery and development*
- Presentation: **Mr. Ken Chamuva Shawa** (Virtual), ILO – *Progress, gaps and challenges in employment creation and the recovery from the multiple crises*
- Presentation: **Mr. Alejandro Grinspun**, FAO – *Progress, gaps and challenges in eradicating hunger and ensuring food security and the impact of and recovery from the multiple crises*
- Presentation: **Ms. Lydie Kouame**, WFP – *Progress, gaps and challenges in eradicating poverty and building resilience in fragile and humanitarian contexts*

12.00 – 12.30	Interactive Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK
Session 7	Round Table Discussion: Regional Economic Commissions' support to the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)
Session synopsis:	A roundtable discussion among the UN's Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) on what is being done in their respective regions, what the challenges are, and what needs to be done to eradicate poverty by the end of the third decade in 2027.
14.00 – 15.00	<u>Facilitator:</u> Mr. Said Adejumobi , UNECA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Sweta Saxena, UNECA – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in poverty eradication: the case of Africa</i> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Simone Cecchini (Virtual), UNECLAC – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in poverty eradication: the case of Latin America and the Caribbean</i> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Srinivas Tata (Virtual), UNESCAP – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in poverty eradication: the case of Asia</i> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismael, UNESCWA – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in poverty eradication: the case of MENA</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Interactive Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	BREAK
Session 8	UN system support to the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)
16.00 – 16.45	<u>Facilitator:</u> Mr. Girum Tefera , World Bank
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Natalia Winder-Rossi (Virtual), UNICEF – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in eradicating child poverty</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Gabriela Flores (Virtual), WHO – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges towards universal health coverage</i> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Sandile Simelane (Virtual), UNFPA – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in harnessing the demographic dividend to eradicate poverty</i>
16.45 – 17.15	Interactive Discussion
17.15	Close

DAY 3 – Friday 12 May 2023

Session 9	UN system support to the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027) (Cont'd)
9.00– 9.45	<u>Facilitator:</u> Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismael , UNESCWA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Awa Ndiaye Seck, UNWOMEN – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Hiromichi Katayama (Virtual), UNESCO – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges in the promotion and provision of access to quality education</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Ifeyinwa Ofong, WorldWIDE Network Nigeria – <i>The role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in poverty eradication and the recovery from multiple crises</i>
9.45 – 10.30	Interactive Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	BREAK
Session 10	UN system support to the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027) (Cont'd)
11.00 – 11.30	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms. Sweta Saxena, UNECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation: Mr. Asegid Adane Mebratu, UNIDO – <i>Promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development amid the multiple crises</i> ▪ Presentation: Ms. Margaret Oduk, UNEP – <i>Progress, gaps and challenges: pathways toward a green economy</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Interactive Discussion
Closing Session	Conclusion and the Way Forward
12.00 – 13.00	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms. Sweta Saxena, UNECA</p> <p>Summary of key policy messages: Ms. Meron Sherif, UNDESA, Ms. Hantamalala Rafalimanana, UNDESA & Ms. Wafa Aidi, UNECA</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Finalisation of key messages</p>
13.00	Closing of the meeting