

International Conference on Multidimensional Poverty

Brasília – Brazil, 29-31 August 2005

International Poverty Centre
United Nations Development Programme

Preliminary Programme

Monday 29 August 2005

Registration of Participants: 8.00 to 9.00

Opening Ceremony: 9.00 to 10.15

Welcome and introductory remarks:

Nanak Kakwani, Director, International Poverty Centre (UNDP- Brasília)

Glauco Arbix, President, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA-Brazil)

Shoji Nishimoto, Director, Bureau for Development Policies – BDP/UNDP, New York, USA

Carlos Lopes, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil

Keynote Lecturer:

Peter Townsend, London School of Economics, The United Kingdom

BREAK: 10.15-10.30

Panel Discussion (10.30 – 12.30): The policy challenge of eliminating human poverty

Session I (13.30 – 15.00): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: A Variety of Perspectives

The Economic Approach: Erik Thorbecke, Cornell University, The United Kingdom

Are There Social Classes? An Empirical Test of the Sociologist's Favorite Concept: David Grusky, Stanford University, USA

The subjective dimension of poverty: A psychological approach: Joaquina Palomar Lever, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

BREAK: 15.00 – 15.10

Session II (15.10 – 16.10): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: A Variety of Perspectives (cont.)

Poverty counts: living with poverty and poverty measures - An Anthropological Approach: Sara Berry, Johns Hopkins University, USA

The Multidimensionality of Poverty - An Institutional Perspective: Alice Sindzingre, CNRS, Paris, France, and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, The United Kingdom

BREAK: 16.10 – 16.20

Session III (16.20 - 17.20): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: A Variety of Perspectives (cont.)

Poverty Law - Mere guidelines and directives or justiciable rights? The South African Experience: Linda Jansen van Rensburg, North West University, South Africa

World Poverty: Explanations and Responsibilities, A Philosophical Viewpoint: Thomas Pogge, Columbia University and Australian National University, Australia

BREAK: 17.20 – 17.30

Session IV (17.30-19.00): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: The Choice of Indicators

The Capabilities Approach: Sabina Alkire, Harvard University, USA

The Vulnerability Approach: Stefan Dercon, University of

Oxford, The United Kingdom

The Empowerment Approach: Ruth Alsop, The World Bank, USA

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Session V (8.30 – 10.30): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: The Choice of Indicators (cont.)

On Participatory Methodologies: Robert Chambers, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, The United Kingdom

“Voices of the Poor” and the Dimensions of Poverty: Miguel Székely Pardo, Vice Minister of Prospective, Planning and Evaluation, Social Development Ministry, Mexico.

Towards a Unified Framework for Understanding the Depth, Breadth and Duration of Poverty: David Hulme, Chronic Poverty Research Centre, University of Manchester, The United Kingdom

Identifying and Understanding Chronic Poverty: Beyond Monetary Measures, Andy McKay, University of Bath, The United Kingdom

BREAK: 10.30 - 10.45

Session VI (10.45 – 11.45): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: The Choice of Indicators (cont.)

On International Comparisons of Multidimensional Poverty: Anthony Shorrocks and Mark McGillivray, WIDER, Helsinki, Finland

Poverty and the Intra-Household Allocation of Resources: Kaushik Basu, Cornell University and MIT, USA

BREAK: 11.45 - 12.00

Session VII (12.00 – 13.00): Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: The Choice of A Unit of Analysis

On Poverty, Groups and Ethnicity: S. Subramanian,
Madras Institute of Development Studies, India

Multidimensional Measures of Child Poverty: David Gordon,
University of Bath, The United Kingdom

BREAK: 13.00 – 14.00

Session VIII (14.00 – 15.30): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty

Assessing the Pro-Poorness of Government Programmes:
Nanak Kakwani and Hyun Son, International Poverty Centre, Brasilia.

The Fuzzy Approach to Multidimensional Poverty: Achille
Lemmi, University of Siena, Italy

Cluster Analysis and Multidimensional Poverty: Giovanni
Ferro-Luzzi and Yves Flückiger, University of Geneva, Italy

BREAK: 15.30 – 15.45

Session IX (15.45 – 16.45): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Factor Analysis, Income and Deprivation: Gisèle Kamanou,
United Nations Statistics Division, New York, USA

Multiple Correspondance Analysis: Louis-Marie Asselin,
University of Laval, Canada.

BREAK: 16.45 – 17.00

Session X (17.00 – 18.00): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Axiomatic Approaches to Multidimensional Poverty: Satya
Chakravarty, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India

Social Distance and Multidimensional Poverty: Conchita
D'Ambrosio, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Discussant: Anthony Shorrocks, WIDER, Helsinki, Finland

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Session XI (8.00 – 9.30): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Measuring Poverty on the Basis of Permanent Income:
Ramses Abul Naga, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Differences in Tastes and in Constraints and the Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty: Joseph Deutsch and Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Latent Variable Approach: A Simultaneous Equation Structural Model: Jaya Krishnakumar, University of Geneva, Switzerland

BREAK: 9.30- 9.45

Session XII (9.45 – 10.45): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Subjective Approaches to Multidimensional Poverty:
Bernard van Praag, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Efficiency Analysis and Multidimensional Poverty: Xavier Ramos, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain

BREAK: 10.45- 11.00

Session XIII (11.00 – 12.00): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Stochastic Dominance and Ordinal Approaches to Multidimensional Poverty: Jean-Yves Duclos, University of Laval, Quebec, Canada

Statistical Tests for Multidimensional Poverty Analysis: Gordon Anderson, University of Toronto, Canada

BREAK: 12.00- 12.15

Session XIV (12.15 –14.00) : Case Studies in Multidimensional Poverty Analysis

China: Angang Hu, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

The Philippines: Geoffrey Ducanes, University of the Philippines

Poland: Adam Szulc, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Vietnam: Vu Tuan Anh, Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam

Questions and comments from the audience

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Session XV (15.00 –17.00): Case Studies in Multidimensional Poverty Analysis – Africa

Burkina Faso: Samuel Kabore Tambi, Center For Development Studies, Burkina Faso

Cameroon: Paul Ningaye, University of Dschang, Cameroon

Egypt and Tunisia: Sami Bibi, University of Tunis, Tunisia

Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe: Frikkie Booysen, University of the Free State, South Africa

Senegal: Jean Bosco Ki, UNESCO/BREDA, Senegal.

Questions and Comments from the audience

BREAK: 17.00- 17.15

Session XVI (17.15 –19.00) : Case Studies in Multidimensional Poverty Analysis – Latin America

Brazil: Ricardo Paes de Barros, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) and Marcelo Neri, Fundacao Getúlio Vargas, Brazilian Institute of Economics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Colombia: Carlos Eduardo Velez, The Inter-American Development Bank

International Poverty Centre, UNDP

Mexico: Mariano Rojas, Universidad de las Américas,
Puebla, Mexico

Peru: Cesar Calvo, University of Oxford, The United
Kingdom

Questions and comments from the audience

Closing Session: 19.00 – 19.30