

International Conference

The Many Dimensions of Poverty

Brasilia – Brazil, 29-31 August 2005

International Poverty Centre
United Nations Development Programme

Preliminary Programme

Monday 29 August 2005

Registration: 8.00 to 9.00

Opening Ceremony: 9.00 to 11.15

Welcome and introductory remarks:

Chair: Nilcea Freire, Minister, Special Secretary of Policies for Women, Brazil

Nanak Kakwani, Director/Chief Economist, International Poverty Centre, Brasilia, Brazil

Carlos Lopes, United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Brazil

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

Glauco Arbix, President, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada – IPEA, Brazil

Carlos Eduardo Velez, Inter-American Development Bank – IDB/BID, Washington, USA

Patrus Ananias, Minister, Ministry for Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil

Keynote Speaker:

Peter Townsend, London School of Economics, The United Kingdom

BREAK: 11.15-11.35

Panel Discussion (11.35 – 13.00): The policy challenge of eliminating human poverty

Chair: Barbara Barungi, UNDP Regional Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

Participants:

Terry McKinley, Poverty Reduction Group - BDP/UNDP, New York

Robert Chambers, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, The United Kingdom

Sanjay Reddy, Columbia University, USA

Lunch: 13.00-15.00

Session I (15.00 – 15.55) Perspectives on the Dimensions of Poverty Analysis

Chair: Gustave Nebie, UNDP, Senegal

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 Perspective: Joaquina Palomar Lever, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

Discussion

Session II (15:55 – 16.50): Perspectives on the Dimensions of Poverty Analysis (cont.)

Chair: Remy Beaulieu, Head of Aid, Canadian International Agency for the Development, Canadian Embassy in Brasilia

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, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS, Paris), University Paris X-Nanterre, France; School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, The United Kingdom

Discussion

BREAK: 16.50 – 17.15

Session III (17.15-18.10): Perspectives on the Dimensions of Poverty Analysis (cont.)

Chair: Lais Wendel Abramo, Director, International Labour Organisation – ILO, Brazil

A Rights-Based Approach to Poverty: The South African Experience: Linda Jansen van Rensburg, North-West University, South Africa

Recognized and Violated by International Law: the Human Rights of the Global Poor: Thomas Pogge, Columbia University, USA, and Australian National University, Australia

Discussion

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Session IV (8.00-9.50): The Many Dimensions of Poverty Analysis: The Choice of Indicators

Chair: Virgulino Nhate, Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique

The Capabilities Approach: Sabina Alkire, Harvard University, USA

Measuring Individual Vulnerability: Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford, The United Kingdom

Empowerment: If It Matters, How Do We Measure It?: Ruth Alsop, The World Bank – Poverty Reduction Group, USA

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

Discussion

Break: 9.50-10.10

Session V (10.10-11.30): The Many Dimensions of Poverty Analysis: The Choice of Indicators (cont.)

Chair: Maria Madalena dos Santos, Coordinator of Operations – Human Development Sector, The World Bank Group in Brazil, Brasilia

Participation, Pluralism and Perceptions of Poverty: Robert Chambers, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, The United Kingdom

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

Identifying and Understanding Chronic Poverty: Beyond Monetary Measures: David Hulme and Andy McKay, Chronic Poverty Research Centre, University of Manchester, The United Kingdom

Discussion

Session VI (11.30-12.25): The Many Dimensions of Poverty Analysis: The Choice of a Unit of Analysis

Chair: Terry McKinley, Bureau for Development Policies – BDP/UNDP, New York

Reckoning Inter-Group Poverty Differentials in the Measurement of Aggregate Poverty: S. Subramanian, Madras Institute of Development Studies, India

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

Discussion

Lunch: 12.25 – 14.25

Session VII (14.25-15.45): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty

Chair: Dag Ehrenpreis - Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden

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

The Fuzzy Approach to Multidimensional Poverty: The Case of Italy in the 90's: Achille Lemmi, University of Siena, Italy

Cluster Analysis and Multidimensional Poverty: Giovanni Ferro-Luzzi and Yves

Flückiger, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Discussion

BREAK: 15.45 – 16.05

Session VIII (16.05-17.00): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Chair: Rachael Beaven, Team Leader of Poverty Analysis - Department for International Development, The United Kingdom.

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

Multiple Correspondence Analyses: Louis-Marie Asselin, University of Laval, Canada

Discussion

Session IX (17.00-17.55): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Chair: Serguei Soares, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

On the Watts Multidimensional Poverty Index: Satya R. Chakravarty, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India; Joseph Deutsch and Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Deprivation in the Sao Paulo Districts: Evidence from 2000: Conchita D'Ambrosio, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy and Rute Imanish Rodrigues, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

Discussion

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Session X (8.00 – 9.00): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Chair: Rute Imanishi Rodrigues, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

The Order of Acquisition of Durable Goods and the Multidimensional Measurement of Poverty: Joseph Deutsch and Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Going beyond functionings to capabilities: an econometric model to explain and estimate capabilities - Jaya Krishnakumar, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Discussion

BREAK: 9.00- 9.15

Session XI (9.15 – 10.10): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Chair: Adib Nehmeh, UNDP Lebanon

A Multi-dimensional Approach to Subjective Poverty: Bernard van Praag, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Using Efficiency Analysis to Measure Individual Well-Being: Xavier Ramos,
Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

Discussion

Session XII (10.10 – 11.30): The Quantification of Multi-Dimensional Poverty (cont.)

Chair: Xavier Mancero, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL), Chile

Robust Multidimensional Poverty Comparisons: Jean-Yves Duclos, University of Laval, Quebec, Canada

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

Capability-Based Inter-Country Poverty Comparisons: Sanjay Reddy, Columbia University, USA

Discussion

BREAK: 11.30- 11.45

Session XIII (11.45 –12.45): The Many Dimensions of Poverty: Country Experiences

Chair: Cecilia Soto, Ambassador of México in Brazil

Multidimensional Poverty in the Philippines: Trend, Patterns, and Determinants: Geoffrey Ducanes, University of the Philippines

Checking the Consistency of Poverty in Poland: 1997 -2003: Adam Szulc, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Discussion

Lunch: 12.45 -14.15

Session XIV (14.15 –16.10): The Many Dimensions of Poverty: Country Experiences – Africa

Invited Chair: Tarirai Isaac Chivore – Deputy United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in South Africa

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

Ethno-Culture and differences in multidimensional poverty in Cameroon: Paul Ningaye, University of Dschang, Cameroon

Using an Asset Index to Assess Trends in Poverty in Seven Sub-Saharan Countries (Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe): Frikkie Booysen, University of the Free State, South Africa

Multidimensional Poverty in Senegal: a non-monetary approach: Jean Bosco Ki, UNESCO/BREDA, Senegal

Discussion

BREAK: 16.10- 16.30

**Session XV (16.30 –18.40): The Many Dimensions of Poverty: Country Experiences
– Latin America**

Chair: Renato Baumann das Neves, Director, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL, Brazil)

Brazil: Ricardo Paes de Barros, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

Brazil: Think Global, Act Local: Social Credit Based on the MDGs: Marcelo Cortez Neri, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, Brazilian Institute of Economics, Brazil

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

Household Arrangements and Economic Poverty in Mexico: Mariano Rojas, Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico

Multidimensional Poverty in a Risky Environment: Peru, 1998-2002: Cesar Calvo, University of Oxford, The United Kingdom

Discussion

Closing Session: 18.40 – 19.00

Chair: Eduardo Zepeda, International Poverty Centre, Brazil

Participants:

Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Nanak Kakwani, Director/Chief Economist, International Poverty Centre, Brazil