



Chronic Poverty Research Centre

Seminar on Chronic Poverty and Development Policy

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Notes on Speakers

Tony Baldry MP: Chair, House of Commons Select Committee on International Development. MP for Banbury. His positions have included Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office from 1994-5 and Minister of State of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food from 1995 - 1997.

Cobus de Swardt: Senior Researcher at the Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, School of Government, University of the Western Cape. He has taught at universities in South Africa, Australia, Japan and Germany and his special interests include globalisation, chronic poverty and gender issues. He was chairperson of the ANC in Capetown during the late 1980s and early nineties.

Mark Gorman/Sylvia Beales: HelpAge International, a global network of not-for-profit organisations with a mission to work with and for disadvantaged older people worldwide to achieve a lasting improvement in the quality of the quality of their lives. Mark and Sylvia have long term experience in research and advocacy on ageing and poverty.

Caroline Harper: Director of the Centre for Research and Policy on Childhood Poverty (CHIP), a collaborative venture between CPRC and Save the Children UK. CHIP's programme involves research, policy dialogue and capacity development and includes issues related to the impact of broad development policies on children.

David Hulme: Director of the Chronic Poverty Research Centre and Professor of Development Studies at IDPM, University of Manchester. Specialist interest in rural development, poverty reduction policies, public sector reform, the role of NGOs in development and peacebuilding, microfinance for the poor and environmental management.

Charles Lwanga Ntale: Director of Development Research and Training in Kampala. He has a particular interest in capacity development and policy agendas. His areas of work include poverty eradication, participation (especially of civil society), training in the use of PRA/PLA methodology, synthesising qualitative information and participatory poverty analysis.

Aasha Mehta: Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Public Administration. Her work includes development of a gender empowerment measure for Indian states; economic issues around liberalisation, loss of markets and competitiveness of the machine tool industry in India and the US; statistical invisibility of women's work; issues pertaining to fertiliser subsidy and policy; best practice sustainable interventions for using gum markets to the advantage of tribals. She has twenty years of experience in professional development and capacity building in public service.

Isaac Nyathi: Director of Development Initiatives and Services (DIS), a Zimbabwean based NGO which specialises in providing consultancy support to a wide range of disabled people's organisations in southern and eastern Africa in the fields of strategic planning, organisational development, evaluation and fundraising. He has been working in field of disability for fourteen years.

Michael Schultz: Chief Social Development Adviser, DFID. From 1994 - 2000 he was Social (latterly Senior) Development Adviser for DFID in South East Asia covering the bilateral aid programme to Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka. His work included the development of partnerships with World Bank in Vietnam in poverty assessment, rural access and Education and the incorporation of social policy and poverty analysis into country policy and strategy.

Amita Shah: Associate Professor at the Gujarat Institute of Development Research. Her areas of interest include the environment-development interface, dryland farming and watershed projects, small-scale industries and regional development, participatory institutions and the diffusion of rural technologies. She is particularly interested in the involvement of the Panchayats as well as other local organisations in the dissemination of research outputs on chronic poverty.

Andrew Shepherd: Deputy Director of the Chronic Poverty Research Centre and fellow at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Special interests include poverty, sustainable rural development and remote rural areas. His work includes evaluation of poverty reduction and livelihoods programmes, development training and capacity building.

Paul Spray: Head of the Economic and Social Research Unit at the UK Department for International Development. The aim of the Economic and Social Research Unit is to support high quality, reliable research, designed to have a practical impact on development policies. He has wide experience as a Social Development Adviser in DFID, most recently in Nigeria and was formerly head of policy at Christian Aid.

Mary Strode: Senior Consultant, Partnerships in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) based at the Development Cooperative Directorate of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). PARIS21 is a new international process by a global consortium of policy makers, statisticians and users of statistical information. It aims to build statistical capacity by helping to develop well managed, appropriately resourced statistical systems and to promote a culture of evidence-based policy making.