

**MAKING DEVELOPMENT WORK
FOR THE POOREST**

**International Donor Seminar
Hosted by DFID
12 May 2004**

Programme

9 – 9.30 Registration and coffee

9.30 SESSION ONE: The Imperative to Reach the Poorest

Making Development Work for the Poorest

The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, UK Secretary of State for International Development.

Aid, Hunger and the Poorest

Professor M.S. Swaminathan, UNESCO Chair of Ecotechnology

Aid, Human Rights and the Poorest

Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister of International Development, Norway

Discussion and comments led by Suma Chakrabarti, Permanent Secretary, UK Department for International Development

10.30-11. 00 COFFEE

11.00 SESSION TWO: Who are the poorest and why do they stay poor?

Andrew Shepherd, Chronic Poverty Research Centre/ODI

Aasha Kapur Mehta, CPRC/Indian Institute of Public Administration

David Hulme, CPRC/IDPM, University of Manchester

11.30 SESSION THREE: How can the poorest be included in poverty reduction?

John Kruger, Chief Director, Social Services, National Treasury, Government of South Africa

Binayak Sen, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies/Chronic Poverty Research Centre

Panel and plenary discussion

12.30- 1.45 LUNCH

1.45 SESSION FOUR: Policy and practice to address the poorest

1.45 What changes does attention to the poorest imply?

Ravi Kanbur, T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs and Economics, Cornell University

Salil Shetty, Director, The Millennium Campaign.

2.15 Sharing experience and good practice on making development work for the poorest

Group 1: Policies for the poorest

Group 2: Aid instruments

Group 3: Millennium Development Goals

3.30 Tea and Coffee

4.00 SESSION FIVE: Making development work for the poorest: next steps

Reporting from groups on policies, aid instruments and MDGs.

Plenary discussion to identify what steps should be taken in order to make development work for the poorest

4.45 CLOSE

5.15 LAUNCH OF THE CHRONIC POVERTY REPORT, PORTCULLIS HOUSE, HOUSE OF COMMONS

Participants are invited to attend the Launch of the Chronic Poverty Report in the new wing of the House of Commons, Portcullis House, at 5.15 as presentations will start promptly at 5.30pm. The entrance is on Embankment - please see the map in your folder – and is about ten minutes walk. Please allow another 5 – 10 minutes to go through security.