

Seminar on “Global Partnerships for Poverty Reduction”

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Friday, April 28, 2017

Despite economic growth and a reduction in global poverty over the last 30 years, about 767 million people still live in extreme poverty, and inequalities are pervasive, between economic classes, rural and urban areas, regions, ethnic groups and men and women. The challenge is to make on-going processes of structural, agricultural and rural economic transformation in low-income countries more inclusive.

As the Sustainable Development Goal 17 states, “achieving the ambitious targets of the 2030 Agenda requires a revitalised and enhanced global partnership that brings together Governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors and mobilises all available resources. Enhancing support to developing countries, in particular the Least Developed Countries and the Small Island Developing States, is fundamental to equitable progress for all.”

The seminar on “Global Partnerships for Poverty Reduction” aims at sharing successful experiences on poverty reduction at country level; raising awareness on key challenges faced by governments, policy makers and practitioners; increasing awareness and knowledge on the role of the Italian Development Cooperation, the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC)¹, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in poverty reduction at country, regional and international level; and discussing the role of South-to-South and Triangular Cooperation in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Seminar will particularly highlight the following issues: financing for inclusive rural transformation; the role of UN Agencies in meeting the challenges to achieve poverty eradication; sustainable urbanization as a driver of poverty reduction in East Asia. In addition, it will showcase different knowledge platforms and networks and emphasise their contribution to global poverty eradication in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

The Seminar will also offer an opportunity to foster partnerships among IPRCC, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Italian Universities and UN Rome-based Agencies.

¹ The International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) was jointly established by the Government of the People's Republic of China, UNDP, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in May 2005. IPRCC's overall goal is to enhance the poverty eradication process in China and to contribute to worldwide poverty reduction. Knowledge sharing, the development and implementation of knowledge management systems, and the establishment of strategic partnerships for international cooperation optimise results in the four key focus areas of the centre; namely, research, exchange, training and cooperation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.iprcc.org.cn> IPRCC and the China Internet Information Centre (CIIC) co-manage the Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth (GPIG) Portal, which was initiated by the World Bank with the support of ADB. For more information, please visit: <http://www.china.org.cn> and <http://www.iprcc.org.cn/South/>

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration of Participants
	Moderator: Marta Mueller Guicciardini , Head of the World Bank's Office in Italy
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Opening Remarks Amb. Pietro Sebastiani, Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p> <p>Keynote Speakers Pier Ferdinando Casini, President of the Third Permanent Commission on Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Senate of the Italian Republic Li Fugen, Vice President, China Internet Information Center (CIIC)</p>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<p>“Financing for Inclusive Rural Transformation” Ashwani K. Muthoo, Director, Global Engagement, Knowledge and Strategy, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<p>“The challenges to achieve poverty eradication and FAO's contribution to support countries in achieving SDG1 and SDG2 ” Benjamin Davis, Strategic Programme Leader for Poverty Reduction, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<p>“Sustainable urbanization as driver of poverty reduction in East Asia” Davide Giglio, Head of the North-East Asia Office, Directorate General for Global Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p>
10:45am – 11:00 am	<p>“Working towards the achievement of the 2030 agenda: the role of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in the Italian development cooperation system” Emilio Ciarlo, Italian Agency for International Development (AICS)</p>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<u>Q&A Session</u>
11:15 am – 11:35 am	Coffee Break
	<p>INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION ON KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS AND NETWORKS Moderator: George-André Simon, Coordinator Food Security, Master in Human Development and Food Security, Roma The University</p>
11:35 am – 11:55 am	<p>“The Rural Development Solutions Marketplace: an IFAD initiative to foster knowledge exchange and South-South and Triangular Cooperation” Kristofer Hamel, Senior South-South and Triangular Cooperation Specialist, Global Engagement, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <u>Q&A Session</u></p>
11:55 am – 12:15 pm	<p>“The Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN Forum)” Cindy F. Holleman, Senior Economist, Food Security & Nutrition, Agricultural Development Economics Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) <u>Q&A Session</u></p>
12:15 pm – 12:35 pm	<p>“The Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth (GPIG) Portal” Jiao Meng, Director International Cooperation, China Internet Information Center (CIIC) Gladys H Morales, Poverty Reduction Economic Expert and International Coordinator of South-to-South Cooperation (IPRCC)</p>
12:35 pm – 12:50 pm	<u>Q&A Session</u>
12:50 pm – 13:00 pm	<p>Closing Remarks Amb. Pietro Sebastiani, Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Tan Weiping, Deputy Director General, International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC)</p>