

Africa, Asia, Latin America:
New Insights for Improved
Policies against Poverty
Brussels
6 and 7 June 2017

nopoor Final Conference

Trade agreements, decent work, social networks, education, gender, local governance, foreign aid effectiveness, migration — these are key poverty challenges of our times that the scientific project Nopoor has explored. What are main insights after five years of research focussed on Africa, Asia, and Latin America?

The final Nopoor conference provides options for policy change, based on results generated from original surveys, data collection, and qualitative work. The conference offers policy-focused presentations and panel discussions.

Researchers from 15 countries present successes and failures of existing poverty alleviation programmes and discuss the multidimensional aspects of poverty. Presentations and debates bring insights to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to the EU's agenda of development cooperation policy.

Tuesday 6 June 2017

- 09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 09:30 **Nopoor Short Film and Opening Remarks**
- Philippe Keraudren
Deputy Head of Open and Inclusive Societies Unit,
DG for Research and Innovation, European Commission
 - Robert Burmanjer
Head of Knowledge Management Unit,
DG for International Cooperation and Development,
European Commission
 - Jean-Marc Châtaigner
Deputy Executive Director, IRD, France
 - Xavier Oudin
Scientific Coordinator of the Nopoor project,
IRD, France

Topic 1 International Trade, Aid, and Finance

- 10:00 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **The Growth and Poverty Impact on West African Countries of the ECOWAS / EU Free Trade Agreement**
Fatou Cissé
CRES, Senegal
 - **Trade Agreements and Core Labour Standards**
Jean-Marc Siroën,
Université Paris Dauphine, France
 - **Attracting FDI to Export Processing Zones: A Potential Tool to Reverse Poverty Trends in Madagascar**
Hery Ramiarison,
Mamy Ravelomanana
University of Antananarivo, Madagascar
- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:45 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **Finance for Development: Are Sovereign Bond Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa Supporting Sustainable Development?**
Anke Hoeffler
University of Oxford, UK
 - **Why Emerging Donors Give Foreign Aid and What This Implies for the Global Aid System**
Rainer Thiele
Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany
- 13:00 Lunch Buffet

Topic 2

Local Governance in Poor Areas

- 14:00 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **Constraints to Innovation in Developing Countries: Evidence from the Peruvian Highlands**
Jean-Philippe Platteau
University of Namur, Belgium
 - **Elites, Democracy and Governance: The Relationship between Citizens and Power in Madagascar**
Mireille Razafindrakoto,
François Roubaud,
Jean-Michel Wachsberger
IRD, France
 - **The Quality of Governance and Inclusive Development Outcomes: The Ghanaian Experience**
Franklin Oduro,
Mohammed Awal
CDD, Ghana
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **Forest Degradation and Economic Growth in Nepal**
Jean-Marie Baland
University of Namur, Belgium
 - **Can Migrants be a Vehicle of Political Change in Africa? Some Insights from a Malian Case Study**
Lisa Chauvet,
Flore Gubert,
Sandrine Mesplé-Somps
IRD, France
 - **Opportunity or Challenge: The Role of Social Networks in Reducing Domestic Violence in Metropolitan Poor Contexts of Peru**
Martin Benavides
Group for the Analysis
of Development, Peru
- 17:30 Roundtable Discussion
- 18:00 Conclusion to Day 1

Wednesday 7 June 2017

Topic 3

Anti-Poverty Policies

- 09:00 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **The Impact of a Guaranteed Employment Scheme (NREGS) on Poverty**
Basudeb Chaudhuri
Centre des Sciences Humaines,
Institut Français de Pondichéry, India
 - **An Assessment of the Gender Dimension of Mexican Social Programmes: Ways to Improve Gender Integration in Poverty Policy**
Marta Ochman
School of Government and Public Transformation,
Mexico
 - **Minimum Wage, Income Distribution and Poverty in Brazil**
João Saboia
The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Presentations and Panel Discussion
- **Social Policy Responses to Disaster Scenarios of the Chilean State to the Earthquake and Tsunami of 2010**
Kirsten Sehnbruch
University Diego Portales, Chile
 - **The Impact of Lengthening the Instructional Time on Inequality: The Case of Vietnam**
Tran Ngo Thi Minh Tam,
Laure Pasquier-Doumer
IRD, France
 - **Education Financing and School Outcomes in South Africa**
Patrizio Piraino
University of Cape Town, South Africa
 - **Education and Social Mobility: The Critical Role of High School Years**
Ashwini Deshpande
Delhi School of Economics, India
- 12:45 Conclusion
- 13:00 End of Conference

