

Seminar Program
Reduction of Poverty: The Role of Rural Development
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2001

Time	Theme	Subject	Contributions
8.30	Registration	Coffee/Tea	
9.30	Opening	Welcome and introduction to the program	
	International context of rural poverty, policies and strategies	Rural Poverty Report 2001	Lennart Båge
		Rural poverty and SDC development strategy: Is poverty our priority?	Walter Fust
		Innovative approaches and rural poverty reduction: the role of IFAD as a promoter of replicable innovations	Luciano Lavizzari
11.15		Coffee/Tea	
11.45	Institutions of the rural poor	Survival Institutions: Cooperation, ...and the poor	Tushaar Shah
12.15	Rural poverty: the role of the private sector	Rural poverty and the role of the private sector: "Experiences from Madagascar"	Lucile Randria
12.45		Lunch/Standing buffet	
13.45	Group sessions:		
	Group 1 Institutions of the rural poor Ruedi Baumgartner	- Institutions and coalition building by the poor	Atiqur Rahman
	Group 2 Rural poverty: the role of the private sector Monika Egger Kissling	- More success in fighting poverty (Feed-back from SDC regional seminar on reduction of poverty)	François Binder
		- Poverty reduction as a business role of the private sector	Urs Heierli
	Group 3 Innovative approaches and poverty reduction reduction Herman Mulder	- The debt cycle of the rural poor	A-M. Holenstein
		- Financial services for the rural poor	Ruth Egger
15.10		Coffee/Tee	
15.30	Plenum on theses working groups	Restitution of group-work and plenum discussion	Reporter of each group
16.15	Conclusion Closure	Summary / Outlook	Felix von Sury