International Conference on Andhra Pradesh Experience with Membership Based Organizations of the Poor

Programme Schedule
Venue: Centre for Economic and Social Studies
Hyderabad

June 5 2007
9am – 9.30 am - Registration

Inaugural Function
9.30 – 9.40 Welcome Address: Prof. S. Mahendra Dev
Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies
9.40 – 9.50 About the Conference: Prof. Ravi Kanbur
T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs and Economics
Cornell University

9.50 – 10.00 Chairman’s Address: Prof. C H Hanumantha Rao
Chairman, CESS
10.00 – 10.20 Key Note Address: Dr. G. Chinna Reddy
Hon’ble Minister for Rural Development, NREGP and SHGs
Government of Andhra Pradesh
10.20 – 10.30 SEWA’s Experience with Women Empowerment: Renana Jhabvala
National Coordinator, SEWA
10.30-10.40 Launch of MBOP Volume by the Honorable Minister
10.40 –10.45 Vote of Thanks: Prof. S. Galab
CESS

10:45-11.00: Tea Break

Technical Session I – Global Session (11.00 – 1.00)
Chair Person – Prof. Ravi Kanbur (T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs and Economics, Cornell University)
Discussant: Dr. Emmnauel D'Silva (former World Bank Staff Member and currently Visiting Scientist, ICRISAT)

- Literacy and Internal Control of Community Finance Institutions in Cambodia - Brett Matthews (Specialist in Community Based Micro finance with Math wood Consulting Company)
- Informal Governance and Organizational Success: The Effects of Noncompliance among Lima’s street-vending Organizations - Sally Roever (Visiting Professor of Public Administration Leiden University, Netherlands)
- Membership-based Indigenous Insurance Associations in Ethiopia and Tanzania - Joachim de Weerdt (Research Director EDI, Tanzania)
- Organizations of the Poor: Conditions for Success - Eve Crowley (Senior Officer for Rural Livelihood Strategies, FAO)
1.00 – 1.45: Lunch Break

**Technical Session II: Women Empowerment – Livelihoods, Poverty (1.45 – 3.30)**
Chair Person: K. Raju (Principal Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh)
Discussant: C S Reddy (CEO, APMAS)

- Women Empowerment and Child Well Being - Nicola Jones (Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London), Madhuri Mukherjee (Policy Coordinator, Young Lives Project), S. Galab (Senior Fellow, CESS)
- Self Help Groups – Impact on Poverty - S. Mahendra Dev (Director, CESS), S. Galab (Senior Fellow, CESS), C. Ravi (Fellow, CESS)
- Performance of Self-Help Groups on Group Dynamics and Graduation to Micro Enterprises in Andhra Pradesh – An Impact Assessment – V. Puhazhendhi (General Manager, NABARD, Mumbai), K C Badatya (Asst. General Manager, NABARD, Regional Office, Hyderabad)
- Do Self-Help Groups help People in Moving out of Poverty - Deepa Narayan (Senior Advisor, World Bank), Giovanna Prennushi (Lead Economist, World Bank), Soumya Kapoor (Research Analyst, World Bank)

3.30 – 3.45: Tea Break

**Technical Session III Self-Help Groups and Institutions (3.45 – 5.45)**
Chair Person: Prof. R Radha Krishna (Director, IGIDR, Mumbai)
Discussant: K Hanumantha Rao (Associate Professor, NIRD)

- Formation, Functioning and Sustainability of SHGs - V. Uma (Professor, S V University)
- Self-Help Groups and Political Participation – M. Gopinath Reddy (Fellow, CESS)
- Women Empowerment – Functioning of Formal and Informal Institutions – S. Galab (Senior Fellow, CESS), P. Prudhvikar Reddy (Fellow, CESS), D. Sree Rama Raju (Associate Fellow, CESS), G. Alivelu (Project Associate, CESS)
- Emerging SHGs, Federations and Challenges - CS Reddy (CEO, APMAS), N. Tirupathaiah (APMAS), S. Ramalakshmi (APMAS)

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Chair Person: Prof. S. Mahendra Dev (Director, CESS)
Discussant: Prof. S. Galab (Senior Fellow, CESS)

- Co-operative Model of SHGs and their Contribution to Women Empowerment – S. Nandita Ray (CESS)
- Experience of BASIX as an implementation agency of SHGs – K. Rama (Vice-President BASIX)
- What have the Poor and Women Taught Us? Or How the Poor Empowered DDS? – P V Satheesh (Director, Deccan Development Society)
11.30 – 11.45: Tea Break

Session V – Panel Discussion (11.45 – 1.15)

Chair Person: Prof C H Hanumantha Rao (Chairman, Centre for Economic and Social Studies)

A K Goel, (Special Chief Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh)

T. Vijay Kumar (Chief Executive Officer, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Government of Andhra Pradesh)

D Narasimha Reddy (Visiting Faculty, IHD, New Delhi; Former Dean, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad)

Renana Jhabvala, Coordinator and Member, Executive Committee, Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA)

C S Reddy (CEO, APMAS)

Way Forward (1.15 – 1.30)

Concluding Remarks – Prof. Ravi Kanbur (T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs and Economics, Cornell University)

Vote of Thanks – G. Alivelu

We will close the conference with lunch on 6th June.

Conveners
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