

Entry Workshop for the OED Review of the PRSP Process
December 4, 2002
Washington, D.C.

Workshop objective: To obtain feedback from various stakeholder groups on the proposed approach of the OED review of the PRSP process (circulated draft approach paper). The workshop will inform the final approach paper which OED will present to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank.

Main questions for participants:

- *What evaluative questions are relevant and answerable?*
- *What is the appropriate methodology for answering them?*

Final Agenda
Wednesday, December 4, 2002: World Bank, MC4-800

Registration and coffee/continental breakfast	9.00 am
Opening remarks: Gregory K. Ingram, Director-General, Operations Evaluation	9.30-9.45
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Objectives of PRSP Review• Objectives of workshop	
SESSION 1 : Evaluating The Preliminary Results Of The PRSP Process	
Kick-off Remarks (Morning): Bill Battaile, Task Manager, PRSP Evaluation, Operations Evaluation Department	9:45- 9.50
A) PRSP Objectives and Design	9.50-11.00
<i>Chair: Nils Fostvedt, Acting Director, Operations Evaluation Department</i>	
<i>Issues for discussion:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the objectives of the PRSP process against which it should be evaluated (e.g. ensuring HIPC debt relief translated into poverty reduction, promoting a balance between macroeconomic, structural and social considerations, prioritizing the allocation of all available resources in line with poverty reduction, promoting a more systematic, outcome-based approach to indicators)?• What are the key design elements of the PRSP process?• How were they envisaged as contributing to attaining these objectives?	
Coffee/Tea	11.00-11.15

B) Effects of the PRSP Process In-Country **11.15-12.30**

Chair: David Goldsbrough, Deputy Director, Independent Evaluation Office, IMF

Issues for discussion:

- What changes in processes are underway in-country as a result of the PRSP (e.g. policy formulation, country ownership, participation and capacity development)?
- What evidence could be sought of the effect of process changes on preliminary outcomes (e.g. changes in macroeconomic, structural and social policies, budget management, monitoring and evaluation)?
- What are the appropriate indicators to assess the extent and impact of process changes and preliminary outcomes?

Lunch (World Bank MC-C1 Dining Rooms A&B) **12.30-2.00**

Kick-off Remarks (Afternoon): Bill Battaile

SESSION 2 : Evaluating World Bank Effectiveness **2.05-3.15**

Chair: Kyle Peters, Senior Manager, Country Evaluation and Regional Relations, Operations Evaluation Department

Issues for discussion:

Bank Support of PRSPs

- What is the appropriate role of the World Bank in the PRSP process?
- What has been the extent and quality of Bank direct assistance in PRSP preparation and implementation (e.g., Sourcebook, training, economic and sector work, PSIA)?

Bank Alignment with PRSPs

- What changes have occurred in the Bank's country strategies, its lending and non-lending programs in light of the PRSP process?
- How should these changes be evaluated?

Coffee/Tea **3:15-3:30**

SESSION 3 : Evaluating Changes in Donor Behavior & Partnerships **3.30-4.45**

Chair: Victoria Elliott, Manager, Corporate Evaluation and Methods, Operations Evaluation Department

- What changes was the PRSP expected to achieve with regard to donor behavior and partnerships, including Bank-Fund collaboration?
- What evidence exists of these changes, and what are the right indicators to assess them?

Closing Comments: Gregory K. Ingram **4.45-5.00**

- Main messages & Implications for the evaluation

Cocktail Reception (World Bank MC13-121 Reception Area) **5:15-6:30 pm**