

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
THE ROLE OF COOPERATIVES IN POVERTY REDUCTION
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRSP AND DECENT WORK
IN ASIA**

Bangkok, 10-12 November 2003

Programme

Monday, 10 November

Morning session

09.00 Registration

09.30 – 10.00 Opening ceremonies:

- Ms. Christine Evans-Klock, ILO Sub-Regional Director
- Mr. Shill Kwan Lee, ICA Regional Director

10.00 10.30 **Presentation I:** Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP): Theory and Practice
Mr. Graeme Buckley, Policy Integration Department, ILO Geneva

10.30 – 11.00 B r e a k

11.00 – 11.30 **Self-Introduction of participants**

11.30 – 12.00 **Presentation II:** The ILO's involvement in the PRSP: The content, process, weaknesses and constraints of the PRSP
Mr. Graeme Buckley, Policy Integration Department, ILO Geneva

12.00 – 12.30 **Presentation III:** PRSP in Asia: Regional Experience
Ms. Yuki Arai, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion

1300 – 14.00 L u n c h B r e a k

Afternoon session

14.00 – 14.45 **Presentation III:** Decent Work and ILO Sub-Regional Perspectives

- *Ms. Ginette Forgues / Mr. Max Iacono, SRO Bangkok*
- *Mr. David Lamotte / Mr. Domingo Nayahangan, SRO Manila*
- *Mr. Gopal Joshi / Ms. Dilnawaz Mahanti, SRO New Delhi*

14.45 – 15.15 **Presentation IV:** Cooperatives and poverty reduction: An ILO perspective

Mr. Huseyin Polat, Cooperative Branch, ILO Geneva

15.15 – 15.30 B r e a k

15.30 – 16.00 **Presentation V:** Cooperatives and Poverty Reduction in Asia: A situation analysis

Mr. Robby Tulus, ICA Consultant

16.00 – 17.30 Country reports on “the role of cooperatives in poverty reduction strategies”

(Each country will be given 10 minutes to present the report prepared jointly by government and cooperative movement representatives. Additional 10 minutes will be given for each country for question and answers).

18.00 Welcome reception of the ILO

Tuesday, 11 November

Morning session

09.00 – 10.30 Country reports (continued)

10.30 – 11.00 B r e a k

11.00 – 12.30 Country reports (continued)

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 L u n c h B r e a k

Afternoon session

14.00 – 17.30 **Group work:** What should governments, cooperatives and development partners do to make the PRSP process more participatory and inclusive?

Group 1: How should cooperatives play a greater role in the PRSP process?
Facilitators: ICA and COOP

Group 2: What should be the role of government in facilitating the contribution of cooperatives to poverty reduction at local and national levels?
Facilitators: INTEGRATION and SRO Bangkok

Group 3: What should donors do to support the contribution of cooperatives to poverty reduction?
Facilitators: SRO New Delhi and SRO Manila

Wednesday, 12 November

Morning session

09.00 – 10.30 Group work (cont'd)

10.30 – 11.00 B r e a k

11.00 – 13.00 Presentation and discussion of group reports

13.00 – 14.00 L u n c h B r e a k

Afternoon session

14.00–15.30 ***Panel discussion:*** Strategies and action plans for mainstreaming of cooperatives in the PRSP process

Facilitators: Mr. B.D. Sharma / Mr. Robby Tulus, ICA Consultants

15.30 – 16.00 B r e a k

16.00 – 16.30 Summary of conclusions and recommendations for follow-up action

16.30 Closing.