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Social Policy Index

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Agenda

Friday, 8 December 2006

Opening Session

- 9.30 – 9.45 Welcome — *Thandika Mkandawire*, Director, UNRISD
- 9.45 – 10.30 Social Policy Index Proposal, Naren Prasad, Research Co-ordinator
Discussion
- 10.30 – 10.45 COFFEE BREAK

Session 1 Theoretical Framework and Choice of Indicators

- 10.45 – 12.30 Discussant: Joe Grice
- Social Spending, Nita Rudra
 - Social Security, Naren Prasad
 - Tax Regimes and Institutional Quality, Farhad Noorbakhsh
- 12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

Session 2 Construction of the Index: Methodology

- 13.30 – 15.00 Discussant: Tony Atkinson
- Different Methods of Constructing an Index, Michaela Saisana
 - Feasible and Actual Social Policy Indices: A Latent Variable Approach, Jaya Krishnakumar & Paola Ballon
- 15.00 – 15.15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 3 Next Steps: Discussions

- 15.15 – 18.00 General Discussion
Background Papers
- Social Policy Index: Theoretical Framework
 - Methodology of Constructing a Social Policy Index
 - Social Policy Index: Main Findings
 - Sensitivity Analysis
- Timetable, Output, etc.