



Escaping Poverty Traps

*Connecting the Chronically Poor
to Economic Growth*

February 26-27, 2009

**J.W. Marriott Hotel
Washington, D.C.**

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Escaping Poverty Traps Conference responds to the challenge to USAID and other development assistance agencies to find mechanisms to connect the poor, especially the chronically poor, to economic growth. Too often development assistance only reaches this group in the form of emergency assistance delivered in times of crisis. While important, emergency assistance is not designed to ameliorate chronic poverty. But what will work? Are there programs, and ways of implementing programs, that will include the chronically poor population in economic growth?

The Escaping Poverty Traps Conference will address these questions, giving special attention to the agricultural growth opportunities found in the rural environments which are home to the vast majority of the world's chronically poor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Room blocks have not been reserved for this conference. If you need hotel accommodations, you can call the Marriott at 800-393-2503 or any other hotel of your choice in the vicinity.

There are no registration fees to attend this event, however, you must register in advance. Register early as seating is limited. If you need to cancel, please do so by Friday, February 20, 2009 so that we do not incur costs on your behalf. You may cancel by calling 608-263-1672 or emailing conference@cals.wisc.edu.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will convene a wide-ranging and stimulating group of researchers and practitioners. The conference will be framed by presentations of the Chronic Poverty Report, 2008/2009, USAID's Affordable Food for All vision for meeting food challenge and Senator Richard G. Lugar's discussion of new US legislative initiatives on agricultural development and foreign assistance. Other conference highlights include:



- Discussions of innovative pilot programs that use novel savings and insurance instruments to crowd-in technology adoption and productive savings
- Analysis of the relationship between growth and chronic poverty reduction
- Case studies and analysis of social protection programs and efforts to make them economically productive
- Prospects for redesigning food aid to improve its impacts on both source and recipient communities
- Lessons on how to transfer productive assets to the poor and how to successfully incorporate marginal producers into input and output markets

The conference will close with a roundtable featuring leading individuals from governments, bilateral and multi-lateral donors, the private sector and members of the NGO and academic communities. Recommendations from the roundtable and other conference session will be combined into a final conference report on ways that USAID can deepen its approach to chronic food insecurity and poverty.

The complete agenda, links to conference material and registration details can be found at www.basis.wisc.edu/ept.

REGISTRATION FORM



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Register early! Seating is limited!

Fill out a separate registration form (or copy) for each registrant.

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CIRCLE ONE: HOME -OR- BUSINESS

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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In order to help manage counts, please indicate what you will be attending:

- Thursday Sessions
- In addition to attending the conference, will you also attend lunch? If so, check the box.
- Friday Sessions
- In addition to attending the conference, will you also attend lunch? If so, check the box.

Mail or fax registration form to:

CALS Conference Services
620 Babcock Drive
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FAX: (608) 262-5088

Or register online at:

www.peopleware.net/2723

Registration questions:

Phone: (608) 263-1672

No phone registrations please.

