



PRS DAY – APRIL 21

Session H: Poverty Reduction Strategies in non-PRSP countries

Three to five general points from the session:

- a) In the formulation of anti-poverty strategies, particular attention must be focused on socially-excluded groups;
- b) Pressure must be exerted upon national political leadership to prioritize poverty reduction;
- c) Civil society monitoring of poverty reduction strategies and programs must be sustained over the long term;
- d) The World Bank and civil society need to work with local authorities in the formulation and implementation of anti-poverty strategies.

Any brief points not covered elsewhere:

- a) Other national planning initiatives, not initiated by the World Bank or other donors, must also be recognized as having validity. (e.g. Malaysia 2020 and similar national efforts)
- b) Some of these initiatives are not focused on ‘poverty reduction’ but on similar or broader themes, such as human security (Japan) and human development (Nicaragua)