

## PRS Roundtable Session H: Poverty Reduction Strategies

1. 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.

2. Three to five issues that require action in the PRS process:

(refer to discussion in other groups)

3. Any brief points not covered elsewhere:

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) 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).