

## Concept Note for official launch of CCIC paper on CIDA's Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy

**Date and venue:** 9:00 am – 4:45 pm, Monday, January 23, 2011, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pearson Boardroom, International Development Research Centre, 150 Kent Street, Ottawa

### Goal:

- To engage CCIC members around CIDA's Sustainable Economic Growth strategy.

### Objectives:

- Build the understanding of our membership around issues related to the sustainable economic growth paradigm and CIDA's strategy, including critiques of this paradigm.
- Identify key opportunities and challenges for various sectors of the development (and climate) community to engage with the strategy
- Prepare the ground for engaging in a multi-stakeholder constructive dialogue with CIDA officials around the SEG strategy.

**Format:** One or two key note speeches on economic growth – the current mainstream push for sustainable inclusive economic growth vs. alternate takes that really look at sustainability, equality and equity in growth. A question and answer period will follow.

A presentation of the CCIC paper on CIDA's sustainable economic growth strategy will follow with a question and answer period.

A roundtable discussion of 15-20 people, informed by the morning's debate and kicked off by some provocative questions, chaired by a competent facilitator. This roundtable discussion will bring together different, and potentially conflicting, opinions on dimensions of what might support truly equitable growth.

The debate will have additional room for observers (perhaps 30), but the initial debate will be limited to the roundtable participants, opening the debate to broader participation in the second hour and during the question period.

### Inputs:

- CCIC paper on CIDA's Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy.
- CIDA's Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy.

### Outputs:

- Web broadcast of the presentations via YouTube;
- A short report summarizing key areas of debate, consensus or recommendations.

## Draft Agenda

Monday, January 23

*International Development Research Centre  
Pearson Boardroom, 8th Floor  
150 Kent Street, Ottawa*

- 8:30 – 9:00**                    **Networking breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15**                    **Welcome, introductions and format**  
June Webber, Director, Policy and Leadership, Canadian Nurses Association and Vice-Chair, Board, Canadian Council for International Co-operation
- 9:15 – 10:30**                **What is sustainable growth? Does it matter? And is CIDA promoting it?**  
**Moderator:** Kate Higgins, Senior Researcher, Governance for Equitable Growth, The North-South Institute
- Jim Stanford, Economist, Research Department, CAW
  - Professor Franque Grimard, Institute for the Study of International Development, Department of Economics, McGill University
- Questions and answers
- 10:30 – 11:00**                **Coffee**
- 11:00 – 1:00**                **Growth, development and CIDA**  
**Moderator:** Gordon Betcherman, Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa
- *CIDA's Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy – the elusive search for pro-Poor Growth*, Fraser Reilly-King, CCIC
  - *Women's Economic Empowerment and CIDA*, Linda Jones, International Centre for Women's Leadership, Coady Institute (via skype)
  - *The Private Sector, Mining and Development*, Bonnie Campbell, Professor of Political Economy, l'Université du Québec à Montréal
- Questions and answers
- 1:00 – 2:00**                    **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 4:00**                    **Moderated Roundtable debate**

**Moderator:** Arjan de Haan, Program Leader, Supporting Inclusive Growth, Social and Economic Policy, International Development Research Centre

- a) **WHAT:** What is the Canadian government's (and CIDA's) added value in promoting (ideally pro-poor) growth? What should CIDA's commensurate priorities and focus be to achieve this?
- b) **HOW:** What can CIDA, as an aid agency, be doing to promote growth (relative to the role of partner countries)? And how best can it go about doing so?

**4:00 – 4:30**

**Questions from web participants and audience to any of the roundtable participants**

**4:30 – 4:45**

**Thanks, wrap up and next steps**

Evelyne Guindon, Vice-President, International Programs, CARE Canada, and Member of the Board, Canadian Council for International Co-operation