

CONFERENCE FOR REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY  
IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

(14-16 November 1984)

NOTES ON THE PREPARATORY MEETING  
HELD ON 16TH JULY 1984  
AT THE INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Present: Institute of Development Studies (IDS)

Michael Faber  
Reginald Green  
Christopher Colclough  
Caroline Allison  
Philip Daniel

OECD Development Centre (OECD/DC)

Just Faaland  
Valerie di Giacomo

Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le  
Developpement International (CERDI/Clermont-Ferrand)

Gerard Chambas

After welcoming the group, Director Mikek Faber said that as far as matters arising from the minutes taken at the last meeting in Paris were concerned he would like to inform the group that paper bearing the headings of the 3 institutions organising the conference and the conference title had been printed. A retranslation of the French title however, was suggested by Valerie di Giacomo given the unfortunate connotations of the word recuperation in French. She also pointed out some minor corrections which need to be made to the letterheads. Christopher Colclough apologised on behalf of IDS for these errors of translation and detail and will arrange to have the paper reprinted once Ms. Giacomo has finalised the translation with OECD translation services and Gerard Chambas. It was agreed that the English title should be modified to "Conference For Rehabilitation and Recovery in Sub-Saharan Africa" omitting the words 'on research' because it was agreed that this might deter Africans from participating in the conference. It was also decided that the French title need not be a direct translation of the English, but rather should represent the same meaning and approach.

The Director raised the question as to whether IDS was to prepare a brochure for the conference in addition to the 3 point summary outlining the major aims of the conference which he had compiled (copies of this were given to those present at the meeting to be sent out with the letters of invitation). It was decided that a brochure in the form of a conference programme should be produced by IDS.

Regarding the 3 point summary Just Faaland queried use of the word 'crisis' in point 3 but did not strongly object to its remaining in the summary. The question of whether financial sponsors of the conference would be allowed the automatic right to participation was also raised, but the general feeling of the meeting was that this should be evaluated on an individual basis once sponsors had come forward. The possibility that sponsors would be allowed to attend as observers was raised. We felt that care should be taken to ensure that an equation was not made between financial contributors and participation, however.

The director asked Dr. Colclough to chair the meeting. Three main objectives to be tackled were defined as:-

1. To evaluate the revised list of papers in order to identify gaps, attempt

to fill them and assess the overall balance.

2. To settle in our own minds the mechanics of the overview papers at each session and agree on who was to write these.
3. To agree on the final list of African participants so that invitations could be sent out.

Two areas were identified as revealing gaps/overlap - 1) Regional integration and 2) Education/health. It was pointed out that we had a large number of papers for some sessions and only a few for others, but the general feeling of those present at the meeting was that this did not matter in particular, if we acted on the assumption that participants had read the papers and they would not be read in session.

Just Faaland briefly outlined 2 projects which were being undertaken by consultants at OECD/DC, one on the structure of decision-making within SADCC with regards aid and another on regional multilateral and bilateral aid giving institutions. He mentioned that preparations were underway for bringing these two projects together under another project concerned with the question of what type of impact if any, the existence of the 6 regional groupings analysed had had on national policy making, as well as a number of other issues. JF said that he had asked Stein Rossen, one of the consultants, to prepare a paper analysing the links between industrial cooperation, trade and balance of payments which would look at a number of more general issues involved in regional cooperation and the development of SADCC for session VII.

He also drew the meeting's attention to a paper outline - proposed by B. Lecomte on the theme of aid and self reliance for session IV. It was agreed that this suggestion would meet an obvious gap in session VII.

The Chairman apologised for the fact that Michael Lipton and Chris Stevens paper outlines were not available for distribution at the meeting, but said that the topics outlined in the preliminary programme would be covered by them. The director said that his paper would consist of the 13, or now 16, ?'s formulated for Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Reg Green pointed out that Julien Conde's paper on "The consequences of the

crisis on African Migrations" might be more appropriate under session I than II given that it was concerned with the sense of crisis rather than broad strategy in response. This was agreed.

Gerard Chambas circulated a list of CERDI paper titles and precis. These were integrated into the programme (see Annex I).

Philip Daniel pointed to a gap in the programme re public expenditure issues and suggested that education and health could be subsumed under this heading. Professor Green also pointed out that there were no papers looking at income distribution, domestic government pricing policy or overall expenditure. The question was raised as to whether we needed to be comprehensive in terms of background paper coverage. It was felt that this would not matter provided we made it clear what we were and were not doing. The overview notes to accompany each session provided the chairmen with a more comprehensive picture; and African participants were invited to sum up each session.

Dr. Colclough pointed to two sessions where we had no research papers, i.e. VI and XI. It was agreed that session VI would be eliminated from the programme, and that sessions XI and XII would be merged into one, with XI covered by the chairman's notes. In addition all paper writers should refer to research needs in background papers, so that these could be drawn on in the final session. Reg would focus predominantly on policy questions as laid down in his outline. Finally given the large number of papers for session IV it was decided that this session should be divided into 2 parts (see Annex I).

Caroline Allison said that she thought that health/education should be covered in session VIII, but it was agreed that these issues would be raised by the chairman.

It was agreed that the introductory papers for each session present the issues covered in each session as an annotated checklist of questions and should be for use by the chairman rather than for distribution to participants. The responsibility for drawing up these papers would be divided between the three institutions in Oct. It was also decided that responsibility for chairing each session would be divided among the 3 institutions as well as a number of African participants, although the key role of African participants should be to sum up the discussions, point out gaps, etc. This would also provide

material for the write up following the conference.

Reg Green volunteered to write the background notes for session IX.

As regards invitations to African participants it was agreed that the letters of invitation should be written by the institutions which suggested the names and where possible, be signed by individuals known to the participants. Although we have a target of 10 African participants, a few more should be invited in order to reach this (see Annex II for Revised List of African Participants).

Deadline for sending the invitations should be 27/7/84.

Dr. Daniel pointed out that sessions X, XI and XII run into each other. If necessary these can be reprogrammed in October.

1st October final deadline for paper writers, (IDS will keep to 15 Sept.)

Date of Next Meeting - Paris, Tuesday, 2nd October at 3.00 p.m.

Annex I

	IDS	CERDI	DC
I. <u>How Widespread is the sense of Economic crisis?</u>			
Michael Faber "How Widespread is the sense of Economic Crisis?"	X		
Julien Conde "Demographic Situation in Africa and its Repercussions on Socio-Economic Development".			X
II. <u>Broad Elements of strategies in Response.</u>			
Julien Conde "The consequences of the crisis on African Migrations".			X
Dr. Marielle Demeocq et/ou Dr. Patrick Guillaumont "Instabilite des Exportations et Crise en ASS"		X	
III. <u>Old and New Paradigms: A Critical Review.</u>			
Christopher Colclough "Old and New Paradigms: A critical Review"	X		
Dr. Elliot Berg "Les Possibilites de Privatisaton en Afrique au Sud du Sahara"		X	

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IV. <u>Key Questions Raised by the New Paradigms</u>			
(i) <u>Foreign Trade</u>			
Martin Godfrey "Trade, Exchange Rate and Industrialisation Policy in SSA - Is there an Alternative to Berg?"	X		
Martin Brown "Major Minerals in SSA - Year 2000 Prospects and Development Issues for Aluminium, Copper, Iron, Steel and Phosphates"			X
(ii) <u>Aid Policy and External Debt</u>			
V. Alan Barry "Coordination of Development Assistance"			X
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Jocky Mathannat "Dans Quelle Mesure la Crise Economique en AAS est-elle une Crise d'endettement?"		X	
B. LeComte Pratiques de l'aide Externeure et Politiques de Self-Reliance			X
VI. <u>Agriculture and Rural Development</u>			
Michael Lipton "Agriculture Research and Food Production in SSA" (provisional title)	X		
Christian Morrisson "The Evolution of Main Agricultural Production and Governmental Policy in Upper Volta and Mali"			X
Dr. Jean-Jacques Faucher "Les Politiques de Prix Agricoles et la Crise en ASS"		X	

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VII. <u>Is there a Future for Economic Integration/Coordination Within the Region?</u>			
Dr. Peter Robson "L'integration Regionale et la Crise en ASS"		X	
Stein Rossen (theme:- Industrial cooperation, trade and balance of payments in the context of regional cooperation) Title to be confirmed			X
VIII. <u>Human Resources in the Development of SSA</u>			
Caroline Allison "Women and Development in SSA"	X		
Winifred Weekes Vagliani "Women, Food and Rural Development"			X
IX. <u>Role and Potential of Domestic Policy</u>			
Philip Daniel "Which Way for Mineral Exporters? Adjustment Problems and Policies in Metal Mineral Exporting States of SSA".	X		
Hartmut Schneider "Agricultural Crisis and Domestic Policy"			X
Dr. Sylviane Guillaumont "L'Importance du Regime des Changes en ASS: Examer de Quelques Cas (Senegal, Madagascar, Guinee)		X	
Dr. Gerard Chambas "Genese d'une Crise et Adjustment: le cas du Senegal"		X	



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X. <u>How Can External Balance Be Regained?</u>			
Christopher Stevens "Trade and SSA Consolidation and Recovery"	X		
Patrick Plane "Dans Quelle Mesure les Taux de Change en Afrique ont-ils ete ou sont-ils Surevalues"		X	
Anne-Marie Geourjon "Politique Commerciale et Resultats Economiques: les cas de Senegal"		X	
XI. <u>Review of Present State of Knowledge and Next Steps</u>			
Reginald Green "What Next? Towards Viable National and Regional Strategies"	X		

Annex II

AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS

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1. Abdul Megid OSMAN, Minister of Mines, Mozambique,  
(Substitute for Fernando HONWANA)
2. Dr. Amir JAMAL, Minister for Finance, The Treasury, P.O. Box 9111,  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
3. Philip NDEGWA, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, P.O. Box 60000,  
Nairobi, Kenya.
4. Dr. Bernard CHIDZERO, Minister of Finance and Planning, Harare,  
Zimbabwe.
5. Citoyen Ilunga ILUNKAMBA (Zaire),  
Professor UNAZA, Minister of State for Planning.
6. Professor NWANKWO (Nigeris), Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos.

CERDI

1. ALASSACE OUATTARA (Upper Volta)  
Vice-Governor, Banque Centrale des Etats d'Afrique de L'Ouest (BCEAO).
2. DAMIBA (Upper Volta)  
Director, UNDP Regional Office for Africa.
3. Mamadou TOURE (Senegal)  
Minister of Finance, Senegal.  
(formerly at IMF, IDEP, Bank of Zaire)
4. TUHO (DIARASSOUBA) Ivory Coast)  
Ambassador to the EEC, Brussels  
Member of the Council of UNU  
(Former Rector of the University of Abidjan)
5. OYEMBA (Gabon)  
Governor, Bank des Etats d'Afrique Centrale.
6. Ambassador Akporode CLARK (Nigeria)  
Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos.

7. Sadig RASHEED (Sudan)  
Social Development Division  
UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa.  
(former Director Development Studies and Research Centre  
University of Khartoum)
  
8. Fagnamana KONE (Mali)  
Minister of Agriculture, Mali.

Annex III

Conference For Rehabilitation and Recovery  
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Revised Draft Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>
13/11/84	Eve	Arrival of Conference participants
14/11/84	09.30-11.00	Welcome to OECD and Conference Session I <u>How Widespread is the Sense of Economic crisis?</u>
	11.30-13.00	Session II <u>Broad Elements of Strategies in Response</u>
	14.30-16.00	Session III <u>Old and New Paradigms: A Critical Review</u>
	16.30-18.00	Session IV <u>Key Questions Raised By the New Paradigms</u>
15/11/84	09.30-11.00	Session V <u>External Resources - Parts of the Problems or Parts of the Answers?</u>
	11.30-13.00	Session VI <u>Agriculture and Rural Development</u>
	14.30-16.00	Session VII <u>Is there a Future for Economic Integration/ Coordination Within the Region?</u>
	16.30-18.00	Session VIII <u>Human Resources in the Development of SSA</u>

16/11/84	09.30-11.00	Session IX <u>Role and Potential of Domestic Policy</u>
	11.30-13.00	Session X <u>How Can External Balance Be Regained?</u>
	14.30-16.00	Session XI <u>Review of Present State of Knowledge and Next Steps</u>
	16.00-18.00	Continued

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