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Taking Action for the World's Poorest and Hungry People

Some Conclusions for Action
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Successful action needs theory

The conference yielded a rich discussion on theory and concepts, including

- Growth, inequality, and poverty: “growth+”
- Poverty traps
- Drivers of inequality
- Causes of exclusion and discrimination
- Role of risks, uncertainties, and lack of insurance
- Scale of action and role of decentralization
- Incentive issues for public transfers

This discussion must be continued to avoid action without focus

Key actions that need to be taken

1. **Promote inclusive growth with emphasis on rural growth and –in many countries - on agriculture**
2. **Enhance access to assets, infrastructure, markets**
3. **Strengthen and move faster to social protection**
4. **Accelerate investments in health, nutrition, education, particularly for children and women**
5. **Include the excluded**

***The mix is different for different countries and regions
(Africa, Asia, and Latin America)***

Diverse priorities by region

Some top-priority actions mentioned for...

- **Asia:** overcome exclusion, reduce child undernutrition, connect small farmers to value chains
- **Africa:** increase agricultural growth, overcome conflicts, improve policy environment
- **Latin America:** improve education quality, better target social expenditures, enhance local capacity

Learning across regions is necessary for leapfrogging

More attention to political core issues

- **Countries to take charge of own future**
- **Overcome conflicts, and instability**
- **Strengthen governance, accountability, rights**
- **Improve fiscal and tax policy**
- **Sound macroeconomic policy and trade regime**
- **Coordinate development aid and commitments**

Sequencing and prioritizing

To determine priorities, needs

- Framework that captures synergies and trade-offs
- Analyses based on solid data
- Consideration of alternative options
- Recognition of the political process
- Strong evaluation culture

Action for and with the poorest is a complex policy challenge, not a set of projects

Implementing action effectively

- **Choose appropriate scale and scaling-up process**
- **Create broad-based political support for action**
- **Enable action at the local level and build community organizations**
- **Facilitate social entrepreneurship**
- **Pursue public–private partnerships**
- **Be results-oriented**

Continuation of dialogue and follow up

- Washington DC (today)
- Latin America (Brazil, etc.)
- Africa (Ghana, etc.)
- South Asia
- Europe
- ...