Planning Session 1

Confirming the Validity of Virtuous Circles and High Profile Options

This session serves to introduce the two initial series of breakout sessions.

Breakout Series A, **A Virtuous Circle: Export Development, Poverty Reduction and Empowerment**, encompasses a debate of fundamental issues and relationships (virtuous circles) that strategy-makers may wish to highlight when developing their approach to reinforcing the export development – poverty reduction linkage. Sessions include:

- Getting Started – Is It a Question of Education or Entrepreneurship?
- A Down-to-Earth Linkage – Export Development, Poverty Reduction and the Land Issue
- Redressing Disadvantage – Export Development, Poverty Reduction and Affirmative Action
- Financial Empowerment – Financing a Sustainable Linkage

Breakout Session B, **The Reality of High Profile Options**, is devoted to an assessment of certain approaches that development planners may consider to be particularly relevant to a pro-poor export strategy. These sessions include:

- Export, Poverty and the ‘e’ Dimension
- Greening the Linkage: Is There Really an Environmental Dividend?
- Export, Poverty Reduction and Women – A Missed Opportunity?
- The Hands-On Approach: The Importance of Going Local

In each series, participants are invited to attend whichever session is of greatest interest. It is suggested that export strategy teams arrange participation on the basis of one team member in each session.