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*Track P: Poverty, Social policy and Governance in Africa*

## SUB-TRACK P4: GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES AND THEIR IMPACT ON POVERTY AND SOCIAL POLICIES

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Herbert Werlin (2003) argues that poor countries are poor not because they have a lack of resources more because of governance deficit. Governance is a sine qua non for a gradual elimination of poverty in developing and transitional countries. The objective of this track is to understand the role governance plays in poverty reduction by achieving social policies goals in [selected] African countries. In this context, this track seeks the answer to the following questions: (1) What are the poverty reduction strategies in [selected] African countries? (2) what are the roles of social policies in reducing poverty in (selected) African countries? and (3) what roles governance play in poverty reduction and achieving the goals of social policies in (selected) African countries.

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