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The DPI/NGO Section invites you to a

Briefing

On

Linking Human Rights to Extreme Poverty

In Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of
Poverty (17 October)

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18 October 2007

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Background Information:

Darwin once said, *“If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin”*. Nearly half of the world’s population lives on less than two dollars a day; a fact that cannot be ignored. Last year, over 23 million people stood up and spoke out against poverty, calling on their governments to honour the commitments they made in 2000 to cut in half the number of people living in extreme poverty. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for the day, “we must bear in mind that none are more committed to ending poverty than the poor themselves. Often, all they lack is the guidance, the tools, and the opportunities to win this fight.” The briefing will look at the connection between poverty and human rights and how organizations and humanitarian agencies can help the United Nations achieve its first Millennium Development Goal - the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

Speakers:

Ms. Elizabeth Gibbons, Chief of Global Policy, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

Ms. Catherine Barnett, Vice-President, Project Enterprise

Ms. Nina Lim Yuson, President, International Movement ATD Fourth World

Mr. Adonis Salas, Community Activist and Member of International Movement ATD Fourth World

A video produced by the International Movement ATD Fourth World titled “*Ending Extreme Poverty, a Road to Peace*”, will be screened at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Representatives of NGOs are encouraged to participate during the Q & A segment.

The event may be webcast. If so, it will be available at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection.

Preview of Next Week’s Briefing:

Next week’s DPI/NGO Briefing programme will feature a performance by Simon Tedeschi. *Simon Tedeschi Performs a Concert for NGOs* will be held in Observance of United Nations Day.

Briefings are held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. United Nations-produced videos relevant to the briefing theme are usually screened at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the briefing.

For briefing information please call the DPI/NGO Information Line at +1-212-963-7232, or e-mail dpingo@un.org. To receive the briefing information electronically and to be added to our e-mailing list, please e-mail dpingo@un.org. You can also visit the DPI/NGO Section website at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection, where an archived webcast of the briefings may also be available.

Should you require a guest pass to attend an NGO briefing, please fax your name and affiliation to +1-212-963-2819 no later than two days before a briefing. All guest passes should be picked up at the Pass & ID Office on the morning of the briefing, which is located on the corner of First Avenue and 45th Street at the ground level.

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