

*Programme for Commemoration of the International Day for
the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October 2008*

Human Rights and Dignity of People Living in Poverty

11 – 11:30 Press Conference

Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, UN Independent Expert on the question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

H.E. Mr. Jean-Maurice Ripert, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations (tbc)

Ms. Elissavet Stamatopoulou, Acting Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

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

Ms. Patricia Bailey, Activist, International Movement ATD Fourth World (UK)

**1:15 – 2:45 Observance of the International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty**

Welcome by the Masters of Ceremonies, Ms. Emma Speaks and Ms. Vicki Soanes-Munro

Unveiling of “We can end poverty” stamps commemorating IDEP and the end of the first Decade for the Eradication of Poverty – presentation by Mr. Robert Gray, UNPA

Testimony on behalf of people living in poverty, Ms. Sylvia Velasco, (Peru)

Message from the SG delivered by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary General of Economic and Social Affairs

Message from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jean-Maurice Ripert (tbc)

Message from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Michel Kafando (tbc)

Reading of the text of the Commemorative Stone in English and French with dedication of flowers in honour of the victims of extreme poverty

Two testimonies on behalf of families living in extreme poverty, Sr Senolita Vakata, (Tonga) and Ms. Patricia Bailey (UK)

Musical performance: Chris Trapper

Statement by Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, UN Independent Expert on the question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

Message from the Director General of ATD Fourth World
Mr. Eugen Brand

Presentation of video "Voices from around the World" (5 minutes)

Two testimonies on behalf of people living in poverty, Mr. Jacques Petidor, (Haiti) and speaker to be confirmed (USA)

Statement by representative of Amnesty International, Mr. Michael Nyangi (Kenya) on dignity

Concluding remarks from the Master of Ceremonies

3 – 6 Seminar "Turning rhetoric into action – building effective partnerships to combat poverty and exclusion"

Conference room 8 (by invitation only, contact Renata Kaczmarska, kaczmarska@un.org, if you would like to attend)