The United Nations Division of Social Policy and Development, the NGO Committee for Social Development, and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung welcome you to the

Civil Society Forum

Poverty Eradication: Human Dignity Demands It!

“Poverty is the absence of all human rights.” -- Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Laureate

Tuesday, 8 February 2011, Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building, United Nations Headquarters, NY

10:00–11:00 Social Development: Poverty Eradication Opening Remarks

Moderator: Catherine Ferguson, Chair, NGO Committee for Social Development; UN Representative, UNANIMA International

Speakers:
H.E. Jorge Valero, Chairperson of the 49th Session of the Commission for Social Development; Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
Werner Puschra, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office; Member, Club de Madrid Working Group on Shared Societies
Jane Stewart, Special Representative and Director, International Labour Organization

11:10–11:55 Partnerships for Poverty Eradication

Moderator: Alta Lash, Director, United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods

Part 1- UN Member State
H.E. Morten Wetland, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations

Debt Cancellation for Poverty Reduction

Part 2 – Global Advocate
Martin Lees, International Affairs Expert, The Climate Change Task Force; General Secretary, Club of Rome (2008-2010); Assistant Secretary General of the Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, United Nations

Strategies and Structures to Tackle the Underlying Systemic Causes of Poverty

Part 3 – Dialogue with Audience

(Bureau Members have been invited to participate in Dialogue.)
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12:00–12:10  **Affirmation of the Civil Society Declaration** - Germaine Price, Daughters of Charity
             Kevin Dance, Passionists International

12:10–1:00  **Alternative Structures: Change the Model** – Alta Lash

1:00–2:00  Lunch

2:00–3:30  **Workshops**

1.  **Debt Cancellation – Human Dignity Demands It!**

   **Facilitator:** Barry Herman, The New School
   **Scribe:** Anne Kelly, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary

   •  Melinda St. Louis, Jubilee USA Network
   •  Member States, Norway, Liberia and Tanzania (invited)
   •  Shari Spiegel, UN-DESA

2.  **Microfinance – Human Dignity Demands It!**

   **Facilitator:** Winifred Doherty, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
   **Scribe:** Sylvia Picard-Schmitt, World Christian Life Community

   •  Susan Saiyorri, Jamii Bora
   •  Caroljean Willie, Microfinancing Partners in Africa
   •  Inez Murray, Women’s World Banking
   •  Member State, Kenya (invited)

3.  **Decent Work – Human Dignity Demands It!**

   **Facilitator:** Patricia Connolly, Daughters of Charity
   **Scribe:** Andrea Solazzo, Loretto Community

   •  Jane Stewart, International Labour Organization
   •  Kingsley Ofei-Nkansah, General Secretary, Gen. Agricultural Workers Union, Ghana
   •  Joycelyn Gill-Campbell, Organizer, Domestic Workers United
   •  Member State, Ghana (invited)

3:45–4:30  **Next Steps** – Alta Lash

4:30–4:45  **Closing** – Catherine Ferguson