

**International Forum on Poverty Eradication
United Nations, New York
15 to 16 November 2006**

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Dates, times and location of the meeting

The Forum will be held from 15 to 16 November at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It will be held in Conference Room 2. The meetings start at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

The detailed agenda is attached to this note.

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Information and questions

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Additional travel information

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From John F. Kennedy International Airport (taxi or airport bus):

- **By taxi:** There is a flat (non-metered) fare of \$45 from JFK to anyplace in Manhattan. To this fare may be added the cost of a toll for the bridge or tunnel into Manhattan, depending on the route taken by the driver (the cost of the toll is \$5.00). The rate is per car, not per person, and does not include tip (15%- 20% is expected).
- **By bus:** There are frequent departures by the New York Airport Service bus from outside each terminal at JFK. It costs \$13 to midtown Manhattan; \$17-\$23 for hotel shuttle service, and takes about 45-60 minutes to reach Grand Central Station, at 42nd Street and Park Avenue. Many hotels are within walking distance, yet those unfamiliar with New York City are advised to take a taxi to their hotel.

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- **By bus:** Bus departures are frequent from outside each terminal at La Guardia. It costs \$10-\$13 to midtown; \$17-\$23 for hotel shuttle service, and takes about 30-35 minutes to reach Grand Central Station, at 42nd Street and Park Avenue. Many hotels are within walking distance, yet those unfamiliar with New York City are advised to take a taxi to their hotel.

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- **By taxi:** Fares from Newark to Manhattan are non-metered and determined by the airport taxi dispatcher before the trip begins based on the specific destination. The fares to midtown Manhattan range from \$40-\$60. To the fare may be added the cost of a toll for the bridge or tunnel into Manhattan, depending on the route taken by the driver (the cost of the toll is \$7.00). The rate is per car, not per person, and does not include tip (15%-20% is expected). East side of mid-Manhattan, additional charge of \$5. During weekday rush hours, mornings (am to 9am) and afternoons (rpm to 7pm) and on weekends (Saturday & Sunday) from noon to 8pm, there is an additional \$5 surcharge to all points in the State of New York except Staten Island. Only use taxis at authorized taxi stands.
- **By bus:** Olympia Airport Express bus (\$11-\$16 one-way) goes to the Port Authority Bus Terminal at 42nd Street and Eighth Avenue, or to the vicinity of Grand Central Terminal, at 41st Street and Lexington Avenue. Many hotels are within walking distance, yet those unfamiliar with New York city are advised to take a taxi to their hotel.
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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2006 [Conference Room 2]

10:00 - 11:15	<p>OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION Chair: <i>H.E. Ms. Tiina Intelmann</i>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations, Chair of the Second Committee</p> <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER <i>Mr José Antonio Ocampo</i>, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS <i>Prof. Peter Townsend</i>, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research <i>Ms Wahu Kaara</i>, Ecumenical Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals, All Africa Conference of Churches & Feminist Task Force of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) [Conference Room 2]</p>
11:15 - 12:45	<p>SESSION 1: REDUCING HUNGER AND EXTREME POVERTY</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Prabhu Pingali</i>, Director, Agricultural and Development Economics Division, FAO <i>Ms. Rajul Pandya-Lorch</i>, Head, 2020 Vision for Food, Agriculture, and the Environment Initiative, and Chief of Staff, Director General's Office, International Food Policy Research Institute <i>Mr. David Beckmann</i>, President, Bread for the World <i>Mr. Roberto Bissio</i>, Executive Director, Third World Institute; Coordinator, Social Watch [Conference Room 2]</p>
SPECIAL EVENTS 13:30 - 14:45	<p>ON OVERCOMING POVERTY TRAPS</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Johan Scholvinck</i>, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA <i>Prof. Stephen C. Smith</i>, Professor of Economics and International Affairs, Director, Research Program in Poverty, Development and Globalization, George Washington University <i>Ms. Rabeya Yasmin</i>, Program Co-ordinator, BRAC, Bangladesh <i>Ms. Chinwe Effiong</i>, Regional Director, East and Anglophone W. Africa, Africare [Conference Room 2]</p>
13:30 - 14:45	<p>ON GOOD PRACTICES IN POVERTY ERADICATION INITIATIVES: IMPROVING RESULTS THROUGH STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT AND EX ANTE PIAS</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Roberto Bissio</i>, Executive Director, Third World Institute; Coordinator, Social Watch <i>Ms. Solveig Buhl</i>, Social Development Advisor, GTZ <i>Ms. Cecile Reinhart</i>, ATD 4th World; Co-founder, Croisement de Savoirs <i>Ms. Tracy Dolan</i>, Child Participation Adviser, Christian Children's Fund [Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium]</p>
15:00 - 16:30	<p>SESSION 2: ELIMINATING CHILD POVERTY AND BREAKING THE INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLE OF DISADVANTAGE</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms Elizabeth Gibbons</i>, Chief, Global Policy, Division of Policy and Planning, UNICEF <i>Prof. Peter Townsend</i>, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research <i>Prof. David Gordon</i>, University of Bristol and Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research <i>Ms. Jo Maher</i>, HelpAge International <i>Prof. Michael Samson</i>, Economic Policy Research Institute, Cape Town [Conference Room 2]</p>
16:30-18:00	<p>SESSION 3: BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES AND FACILITATING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram</i>, Assistant-Secretary General for Economic Development, DESA <i>Mr. Charles Gore</i>, Chief for Research and Policy Analysis, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programs, UNCTAD <i>Mr. Augusto de la Torre</i>, Senior Regional Financial Sector Advisor Latin America & the Caribbean, World Bank <i>Mr. Kadmiel Wekwete</i>, Director, United Nations Capital Development Fund, Local Governance Unit [Conference Room 2]</p>

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2006 [Conference Room 2]

10:00 - 11:20	<p>SESSION 4: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN: ACCESS TO ASSETS</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Caren A. Grown, Senior Scholar and Co-director of the Gender Equality and the Economy program, The Levy Economics Institute</p> <p>Ms. Haoua Dia MP, President Senegalese Women's Council</p> <p>Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair, Huairou Commission and Member, High-Level Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor</p> <p>Prof. Cheryl Doss, Professor of Economics, Yale University</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>
11:20 - 12:45	<p>SESSION 5: MAINSTREAMING DECENT WORK INTO POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Riswanul Islam, Director, Economic and Labour Markets Analysis Department, ILO</p> <p>Prof. Martha Chen, Harvard University</p> <p>Mr. Claude Akpokavie, ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities</p> <p>Dr. Ladislaus Columban Komba, Permanent Secretary of Labour, Tanzania</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>
SPECIAL EVENTS 13:30 - 14:45	<p>ON THE MILLENNIUM VILLAGES PROJECT</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Johan Scholvinck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA</p> <p>Prof. Pedro Sanchez, Director, Millennium Villages Project, Director, Center for Tropical Agriculture and the Rural Environment, The Earth Institute, Columbia University</p> <p>Dr. Patrick Mutuo, Science Coordinator, Millennium Villages Project</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>
13:30 - 14:45	<p>ON RIGHTS, PARTICIPATION AND POVERTY ERADICATION</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sharon Altendorf, PBVM, International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation</p> <p>Mr. Quentin Wodon, Lead Poverty Specialist for Africa, World Bank</p> <p>Dr. Iulia-Antoanella Motoc, Member, United Nations Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights</p> <p>Mr. Jacques Petidor, Informal education technician, Ministry of Education, Haiti</p> <p>[Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium]</p>
15:00 - 16:20	<p>SESSION 6A: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF LDCS</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked and Developing Countries and Small Island States (UN-OHRLLS)</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations</p> <p>Mr. Charles Gore, Chief for Research and Policy Analysis, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programs, UNCTAD</p> <p>[Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium]</p>
15:00 - 16:20	<p>SESSION 6B: WORKING TOGETHER, BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)</p> <p>Mr. Bharat Wakhlu, President, Tata Inc., US</p> <p>Ms Wahu Kaara, Ecumenical Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals, All Africa Conference of Churches & Feminist Task Force of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)</p> <p>Ms. Stefania Marcone, Director, International Relations Office, Legacoop</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>
16:20 - 17:40	<p>SESSION 7: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, INNOVATIVE APPROACHES</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant-Secretary General for Economic Development, DESA</p> <p>Prof. Nicholas Negroponte, Founder, One Laptop per Child</p> <p>Prof. Iqbal Quadir, Founder Director, Program in Developmental Entrepreneurship, MIT</p> <p>Mr. Patrick Mulvany, Senior Policy Adviser, Practical Action</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>
17:45 - 18:00	<p>CLOSING PLENARY SESSION</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, President, General Assembly</p> <p>Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant-Secretary General for Economic Development, DESA</p> <p>[Conference Room 2]</p>

