

The MDGs and Human Rights

International Symposium
Harvard University, 22-23 March 2010

Programme

Harvard University, University of Oslo, Institute for Development Studies - Sussex
UNICEF and Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Day 1 (Afternoon)

Introductory Session (14:00-14.30)

Welcome: [Alicia Ely Yamin](#), Harvard University

Opening Addresses:

[Navanethem Pillay](#), UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Video address)

[Mary Robinson](#), President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Background to the MDGs and Human Rights Debates:

[Malcolm Langford](#), Director, Socio-Economic Rights Programme, NCHR, University of Oslo

Chair: [Elizabeth Gibbons](#), Deputy Director, Policy and Practice, UNICEF

Keynote Session 1: Perspectives on MDGs and Human Rights

MDGs & Human Rights in Historical Context: Intentions & Trajectories (14.30-15:45)

Reducing Inequality: The Missing MDG

[Sakiko Fukuda-Parr](#), Professor, New School University, New York

MDGs and human rights in a historical context - intentions and trajectories

[Jan Vandemoortele](#), Independent researcher and formerly UNDP and UNICEF

Chair: [Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona](#), UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty and Associate Research Fellow, University of Oslo

Integrating the Agendas: Possibilities, Practice & Politics (16.15-18:00)

The Economics of Human Rights and MDGs in Practice

[Otaviano Canuto](#), Vice President, World Bank

Millennium Development Goals and Human Rights: Analytical and Process Linkages

[Selim Jahan](#), Director, Poverty Practice, United Nations Development Programme

[Adapting the MDGs to the Development Challenges of Latin America](#)

Simone Cecchini, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean and **Juan Ponce**, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Quito

Chair: Siobhán McInerney-Lankford, Counsel Environment & International Law, Legal Vice-Presidency, World Bank

Cocktails and Tapas for all Participants

Day 2

Keynote Session 2: Extra-Territorial Obligations, MDG 8 and the Economics of Human Rights and MDGs (9:00-11:00)

[Extra-territorial human rights obligations and MDG 8 practice](#)

Mac Darrow, Coordinator, Millennium Development Goals Unit, UN/OHCHR (on special leave 2009/10) and **Aldo Caliari**, Rethinking Bretton Woods Project

[Economic Freedom as a Human Right and Development Paradigm](#)

Jean-Pierre Chauffour, Lead Economist, International Trade Department, World Bank

[Economic Policy through an Ethical Lens](#)

Radhika Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers

[MDGs and Human Rights: Daring to Breaking out of the Liberal Box](#)

Fantu Cheru, Professor Emeritus and Research, Nordic-Africa Institute

Chair: Mary Robinson, President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

Session 3: Exploring Convergence between HR and Select MDGS (11:15-13:00)

[Parallel Session A: Income Poverty in Human Rights Perspective](#)

[Social Protection in the MDGS?](#)

Prof Armando Barrientos, Manchester University

[Decent Work and MDG 1](#)

Heather Grady Managing Director, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

[Comment: Right to Social Security, Food and Land in the MDGs](#)

Michael Windfuhr, Bread for the World

Chair: Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty

Parallel Session B: The Health Goals

[Accountability for What? A Rights Framework to Safe Motherhood and Development Practice](#)

Alicia Ely Yamin, Harvard University

Panel:

HIV/AIDS

Sindi Blose, Just Associates (JASS) & former Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa

Child mortality and health

Abdelmajid Tibouti, Senior Advisor, Health Financing, UNICEF

[Right to water and sanitation: Beyond a Binary Approach](#)

Malcolm Langford, Director, Socio-Economic Rights Programme, NCHR, University of Oslo¹

Chair: Carmen Barroso, Regional Director, IPPF/WHR

Lunch for all participants

Session 4: Cross-Cutting Issues

(14:00-15.30)

Parallel Session D: Participation and Accountability

[Power, Participation and the MDGs in Kenya](#)

Tiberius Barassa, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research, Nairobi

Bård Anders-Andreassen, University of Oslo

[National and International Accountability Mechanisms](#)

Giorgiana Rosa, **Amnesty International**

Comment: Civil Society, Human Rights and the MDGs

Minar Pimple, Millennium Campaign

Comment: Right to Development and Accountability

Stephen Marks, Chair, Working Group on Right to Development and Harvard University

Chair: Alfonso Barragués, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

¹ Joint paper with **Jamie Bartram**, former WHO Water and Sanitation Programme coordinator and Professor, University of North Carolina

Parallel Session E: Equality

Minority Rights

Gay J. McDougall, UN Independent Expert on Minority Issues

Disability Rights, the MDGs and Inclusive Development

Michael Stein and **Janet Lord**, Harvard Disability Project, Harvard University and **Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo**, World Bank and South African Human Rights Commission

Chair: Elisa Canqui Mollo, Member, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Plenary Session 5: MDGs and Human Rights: 2015 and Beyond (16:00-17:30)

Chair: Richard Morgan, Director, Policy and Practice, UNICEF

Panel:

Rights, Capabilities and Human Wellbeing: Assessing Options For a MDG-Plus (Post-MDG) Global Architecture

Andy Sumner, Research Fellow, Institute for Development Studies - Sussex
Meera Tiwari, University of East London

MDGs, International Development Aid and Human Rights after 2015: A Vision to Disentangle the Muddle

Charles Gore, Special Coordinator for Cross Sectoral issues, UNCTAD

MDGs and Human Rights – An Agenda for the Future

Daniel Seymour, Chair, OECD/ DAC Human Rights Task Team and Chief, Gender and Rights Unit, UNICEF

Closing Remarks

Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University and Research Director at the Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo

Day 3

9:00-11:00 Informal Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel Commander, Cape Cod Room

How to take forward conference findings to 2010 UN MDGs Review Process?
Click [here](#) to register for the 3rd day.