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Realizing Rights: Action Update



Dear friend,

We at Realizing Rights have recently been working with our partners to help move national and global debates on migration in a more constructive direction. In the U.S., immigration reform is again in the news. Congress is going back to the table to tackle proposed immigration reform legislation and national headline stories focus on stepped up raids on workplaces that hire undocumented workers.

These issues were on the agenda in [recent meetings](#) we organized in Los Angeles in collaboration with the [University of Southern CA](#), the [Pacific Council on International Policy](#), and [Business for Social Responsibility](#).

We are also continuing our efforts to address the challenges of health worker migration from Africa and the impacts on health systems. I addressed a major conference on [Ensuring Global Human Resources for Health](#) which sought to contribute to global efforts to balance the rights of migrants and the right to health for all.

I encourage you to read about the recent activities of Realizing Rights featured in this newsletter and to learn more about our work by visiting our website - RealizingRights.org

- Mary Robinson

President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

Encouraging Women's Leadership

[International Women's Day 2007](#)



Violence against women remains a devastating reality in many parts of the world; a morally and legally unacceptable reality, whether in the public or private sphere, perpetrated by individuals, states, or organizations. It is a painful manifestation of the wider inequities which persist, and which make women more vulnerable to poverty and disease.

Strengthening Efforts to Realize the Human Right to Health

[A Human Rights Perspective in Health and Foreign Policy](#)



There is a special theme for the latest issue of the Bulletin of the World Health Organization: 'Health and Foreign Policy', which features many articles contesting that the relationship between health and foreign policy is vital and complex, including one contributed by Mary Robinson entitled "The value of a human rights perspective in health and foreign policy".

Influencing Corporate Social Responsibility

[Activism: A business opportunity, not a threat](#)



In the face of growing global challenges and public activism, companies and NGOs need to develop new ways of working together to find common purpose and develop solutions to mutual problems. This was the conclusion from a debate, entitled "Caught in the Headlights", organised by IBLF with corporate and other partners at its Council Meeting on 23 February at Trinity House, London.on.

Shaping More Humane Migration Policies

[Meeting in LA on Migration in Major Cities](#)



Realizing Rights co-convoked a roundtable discussion entitled 'Meeting the Challenges of Migration in Major Cities: The Role of the Business Community', on March 19, 2007 in Los Angeles, chaired by Mary Robinson. It was the third meeting in a global series that brought together business leaders, public officials and civil society organizations for candid discussion.

Realizing Rights: In the News

[Mary Robinson interviewed on Los Angeles Radio](#)



Mary Robinson gave an interview with KPFK FM in Los Angeles where she talked about human rights, globalization, immigration and global warming with Maria Armoudian on the live public affairs show 'The Insighters' which offers insight into today's most pressing issues.

[Q&A with Mary Robinson on the new challenges of globalization](#)



The International Herald Tribune's global economics columnist, Daniel Altman, recently moderated an online discussion between readers and Mary Robinson. The questions posed to Mary Robinson dealt primarily with issues related to globalization but also touched on other issues, e.g. the situation in Darfur, Sudan.

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