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## Realizing Rights: Action Update

Dear friend,

Two global events were on my agenda in January. I participated in the [World Social Forum](#) - which for the first time was held in Africa - and then traveled to the [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos, Switzerland.

Both events focused this year to a great extent on [climate change](#) but I came away feeling more efforts were needed to bridge the ideas, proposals and participants in these two forums for them to really make a difference in shaping opinion and policies around the world. I hope you will find [my web postings](#) with my reflections on the WSF and WEF meetings of interest.

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

### [Vital Voices: Leadership Summit for Women and Girls](#)



A Pan-African leadership summit, "Vital Voices of Africa", was held in Cape Town from January 15th to 19th. It brought together an intergenerational spectrum of participants from over fifty countries around the world to discuss the most pressing issues facing us today.

## Influencing Corporate Social Responsibility

## [Are Human Rights the concern of business?](#)



Does business have human rights obligations, and if so, what are they? Mary Robinson reviewed the controversial and ongoing debate on this issue at a conference in Johannesburg this month, drawing inspiration from the UN Declaration on Human Rights.

## Realizing Rights: In the News

### [Mary Robinson interviewed on WHY-FM's Radio Times](#)



Mary Robinson's discussion with Marty Moss-Coane covered a range of topics including the situation in Darfur, migration as the human face of globalization, human rights responsibilities of corporations, the situation in Iraq, and how the area of human rights matters in an age of terrorism.

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