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## Realizing Rights: Action Update



Dear friend,

As 2006 was coming to a close, I reflected on two human rights challenges: the enormous suffering of women and girls [in Darfur](#) and the links between global [climate change](#) and the rights of millions of people trapped in poverty - without access to clean water, food or basic health care. Issues like these convince me that our work to protect the dignity and rights of all people must continue and be more effective in the year ahead.

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](http://RealizingRights.org)

All of us at Realizing Rights send best wishes for 2007.

- Mary Robinson  
President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

## Fostering Equitable Trade and Decent Work

### [Mining and Human Rights in Ghana](#)



Realizing Rights travelled to Ghana to explore critical human rights issues the country faces in its efforts to promote decent work and sustainable development. Mary Robinson urged the mining sector and the Government of Ghana, as a stakeholder in each mining company, to adopt and enforce regulations to protect the human rights of workers and communities in mining areas.

## Strengthening Efforts to Realize the Right to Health

### [Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Women's Health](#)



Realizing Rights' new five-year program, the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Women's Health, held a dinner discussion in Geneva in November. At this first in a series of planned regional and global meetings to engage Health Ministers, the Geneva meeting saw the development of a call to action on women's health.

## Promoting More Humane Migration Policies

### [Global Radio Marathon marks International Migrants Day](#)



Migration is a worldwide phenomenon and for the past six years, the rights and achievements of migrants worldwide have been celebrated on International Migrants Day. On 18 December, Mary Robinson joined a full day of online radio broadcasts organized by December 18's Radio 18-12 initiative - to highlight the importance of human rights in the growing global debates about migration.

## Realizing Rights: In the News

### [Rights focus sought over climate change](#)



In a lecture delivered in London, Mary Robinson argued that climate change is an issue of global injustice which impacts today on the poorest people's prospects for development. She called on policymakers to adopt an approach to climate change that is rooted in the international human rights framework and which strikes a fairer balance between developed and developing nations.

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