



REALIZING RIGHTS THE ETHICAL GLOBALIZATION INITIATIVE

Realizing Rights: Action Update Fall 2008



Our work at Realizing Rights has placed important additional focus over recent months on the theme of [Decent Work](#), an issue of growing importance in the midst of the current global financial crisis.

During September, we were pleased to join with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Government of Liberia, among other partners, in highlighting how the Decent Work agenda can help promote economic growth and contribute to the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals. We participated in and helped organize [events in Oslo, Monrovia and New York](#) as part of a wider Decent Work-Decent Life campaign and as a contribution to the [Every Human Has Rights Campaign](#) to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We are now only weeks away from commemorating the anniversary of the Universal Declaration on 10 December. It is my hope that world leaders, civil society organizations, the private sector and other actors will use this moment to reflect on the ongoing challenges to human rights and recommit to taking individual and joint action to realize human rights - including the right to decent work - for all people.

You will find more information on these and other issues in this newsletter and by visiting RealizingRights.org.

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

Promoting Equitable Trade and Decent Work



[Green Jobs: Towards Decent Work in a Sustainable, Low-Carbon World](#)

The pace of 'green job' creation is likely to accelerate in the years ahead. In New York, our Director of Policy and Strategy and the Trade and Decent Work Program, Heather Grady, helped present the first comprehensive and authoritative report interlinking the global environmental challenges of climate change and employment.

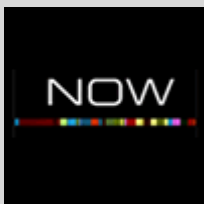
Realizing the Right to Health



[Brain Drain of Healthcare Workers](#)

The migration of doctors and nurses from developing countries can be disastrous for health systems. In the MacArthur Foundation's Fall 2008 newsletter, Peggy Clark -Managing Director of Realizing Rights- talks about the brain drain of healthcare workers. And Mary Robinson [talks in the British Medical Journal](#) about a proposed global code of practice on international recruitment of health workers.

Enhancing the effectiveness of Women's Leadership



[Women, Power and Politics](#)

Are women changing the face of power around the world? Is a new generation of women on the rise? Will they lead differently than men? And will women leaders be a force that changes the world? These are the questions asked by a new one-hour special of the PBS show 'Now' entitled: "Women, Power and Politics: A Rising Tide?"

Influencing the direction of Corporate Responsibility



[A Call to Action on Reporting](#)

Realizing Rights, the United Nations Global Compact (UN GC) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) are marking the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights by calling on companies to make a commitment to improve at least one aspect of their human rights reporting. Companies are being called to make a commitment to measuring and publicly reporting on human rights as a business issue.

Realizing Rights: In the News



[Bloomberg Night Talk: An interview with Mary Robinson](#)

Mary Robinson was interviewed on Bloomberg Television's 'Night Talk' in September. Discussions with host Mike Schneider included the relevance of Human Rights in today's world and how we can all play our part to ensure that Human Rights can be realized for all.



[2008 Prix Des Générations award](#)

Mary Robinson has been honored with the 2008 Prix Des Générations award at a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. The accolade is awarded annually by St. Gallen University's World Demographic Association to an international personality who has made 'an outstanding contribution on behalf of future generations'.