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2010 Human Development Conference

Thanks to all our participants for making the 2010 Human Development Conference a success. We hope to see you at the 2011 Conference.

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Welcome to the home of the Human Development Conference at the University of Notre Dame

Welcome to the home page of the second annual Human Development Conference (HDC). Under the theme "People, Power, and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World," the 2010 conference will take place on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on **February 26-27**, and will draw together ambitious, innovative young development thinkers from across the nation and globe. It is our hope that dialogue and engagement between these students, their peers, and distinguished academics will generate a deeper commitment to and understanding of how to bring forth authentic development that respects human dignity.

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On our website you will find information on:

- [call for papers](#)
- [important upcoming dates and events](#)
- [the student committee and staff members who are organizing the conference](#)

Our website also serves as a center for discourse—a place where students can seek out news and information, and raise questions or concerns on critical development issues unfolding internationally. We intend our website to become a catalyst to further interest in the conference and in development generally. Should you find yourself inspired to learn more, do not hesitate to [contact us](#). Please explore our website freely, and let the beginning of a fruitful conversation on this critical topic of development start here.

In Peace,

The HDC Committee



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Notre Dame, Indiana USA
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Friday

11:00 AM Presenter Registration and Lunch

Hesburgh Center

12:00 PM Open Registration

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1:00 PM Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Hesburgh Center Auditorium

1:15-2:45 PM Introductory Plenary Session

Moderated by [Fr. Bob Dowd](#) (University of Notre Dame) and Fr. Joseph Kisekka (Uganda Martyrs University)

Global Constitutionalism and Human Development

[Adam Gannaway](#), The New School

Analysing the Performance of the Poverty Eradication Action Plan in Kwapa Sub-County, Uganda

[Willex Otabo](#), Uganda Martyrs University

The Colonial Roots of Divergent Human Development Trajectories: Forced Settlement, Colonial Occupation and Health and Education Outcomes in the Developing World, 1960-2000

[Olukunle Owolabi](#), University of Notre Dame

Development Agencies and Human Agency: Promoting Socio-Structural Change in Rural Burundi

[Andrew Peterson](#), University of Notre Dame

2:45-4:30 PM Speed Networking (Hesburgh Center)

4:30-6:00 PM Panel Session #1

Approaches to Development I (Hesburgh Auditorium)

Moderated by Steve Reifenberg (University of Notre Dame)

This panel will explore some of the varied approaches and frameworks that are currently utilized by actors and organizations in the field of development. Panelists will examine religious and theoretical underpinnings in detail, and challenge traditional development models.

Across Borders of Every Sort: An Analysis of the Development Model Used By the Congregation of Holy Cross in India's Tripura State

[Joseph Gaylord](#), Stonehill College, SIT-Geneva & Christine Hurst, Stonehill College, SIT-India

Care and Power: Roles and Rules for Outsiders in Authentic, Local Human Development

[Kristi Haas](#), University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

Enlightenment as Freedom: Convergences Between Amartya Sen's Capability Approach and SGI (Soka Gakkai International) Theories of Enlightenment

[Jenny Ohrstrom](#), New York University

Stresses on the Environment (C-102)

Moderated by Charles Ssekyewa (Uganda Martyrs University)

This panel explores agricultural and water supply problems in Brazil, Panama, Oman, and Jordan. These ecological issues impact social, political, and economic developments among populations. Panelists will discuss emerging projects and policies for environmental stability in the developing world.

Food Security in Sustainable Development: A Case Study of Chop-and-Mulch Agriculture in Brazil

Page May, Mt. Holyoke College, SIT-Brazil

The Potential of Using Compost as an Agricultural Amendment: Attitudes and Materials in Rural Panama

[Amy Lamb](#), University of New Hampshire, SIT-Panama

Potential for Solar Desalination in the Sultanate of Oman

[Martha Bass](#), Washington University in St. Louis, SIT-Oman

Jordan's Modern Problem: Water and International Economic Development in the Northern Badia
Duncan Pickard, Tufts University, SIT-Jordan

Understanding the Challenges Facing Modern Women (C-103)

Moderated by Alicia Decker (Purdue University)

This panel addresses both the long-standing obstacles to and recent successes in female empowerment throughout the world. Panelists will discuss the destructive power of rape along the U.S.-Mexico border, the encouraging growth of micro-finance initiatives in Chile, women's perspectives of adequate healthcare and the positive attitude of many women in Oman to female politicians.

The Empowerment of Women in Santiago, Chile Through the Usage of Micro-credit
Michael Citarella, Colorado University, SIT-Chile

A Silent Reality: Femicides on the Border
Alicia Quiros, University of Notre Dame

Attitudes towards Women in Politics in the Sultanate of Oman
Alexa Sendukas, University of Texas, SIT-Oman

On the Brink: Perspectives on Healthcare for the Muslim Women of Ngaoundere
Sarah Keil, Indiana University/Wittenberg University, SIT-Cameroon

Youth and Systems of Violence (C-104/C-105)

Moderated by Catherine Bolten (University of Notre Dame)

This panel explores the violent realities experienced by youth living as street children and gang members. Panelists will discuss the causes and consequences of this violence but will also challenge popular conceptions of these youth by relying on the youth's own words and perspectives.

Perspectives and Response: Analyzing Conceptualizations and the Obstacles to Constructive Response to Youth Violence in Gangs
Amber Herkey, University of Notre Dame

Will These Wounds Ever Heal? Beneath the Scars of Kampala's Street Children
Jenna Knapp, University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

The Circle of Gang Life: An Overview of the Factors Surrounding Gangsterism In and Around Cape Town
Wendy Viola, Cornell University/Portland State, SIT-South Africa

6:15 pm Remarks by Special Guest – Ray Chambers (Hesburgh Auditorium)

Saturday

9:30-11:00 AM Panel Session #2

International Influence on Education (Hesburgh Auditorium)

Moderated by Tamo Chattopadhyay (University of Notre Dame)

In our increasingly globalized world, a conceptualization of global interdependence, solidarity and collaboration is vital. This panel will present research in development in education achieved through a relationship-centered approach. By fostering an environment that recognizes the power and gifts of both locals and internationals, a model for transformation and authentic human development can be realized.

Students Following Freire's Footsteps: Teacher Training and Empowerment Programs in Rural Guatemala
Martin Rozenberg, Florida State University

Ground Up: Desires and Dislocations in Sierra Leonean and American Agricultural Education
Zack Poppel, University of Illinois

Policy, Action, and Education: What are the Limitations of Freedom?
Sarina Rosenthal, Bates College, SIT-Uganda

Conservation as a Pathway to Development (C-102)

Moderated by Alyson Dagang (SIT Study Abroad)

This panel considers the relationship between environmental preservation and human development. Panelists will discuss not only the impact of conservation efforts on communities' standards of living, but also the extent to which communities promote preservation.

The Role of the Local Community in Integrated Conservation with Development Projects: A Case Study of the Phu My Lepironia Conservation Project
Marion Boulicault, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Vietnam

The Effects of Ecotourism on Village Residents in Ghana
Sara Graybeal, Macalester College, SIT-Ghana

Community-based Conservation in Mongolia's Eastern Steppe
Alexandra Sprague, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, SIT-Mongolia

Economic Assumptions, Development Plans, and the Results (C-103)

Moderated by Kwan Kim (University of Notre Dame)

This panel will discuss the limits of mainstream economic theory in efforts for authentic human development. Free market principles often inform ideas about the motives and actions of people entering the economic sphere, but this is not always accurate or conducive to development. The panel includes case studies from Chile, Mexico, and Burundi and a presentation on the promising contributions of political economy.

Dolls and Development
Prisma Garcia, University of Notre Dame

Contributions to Development from Political Economy
[Matthew Panhans](#), University of Notre Dame

Human Development and Economic Growth: The Burundian Case
Simplice Niyungeko, Uganda Martyrs University

The Education Quasimarket: Free Market Fundamentalism and Chilean Professors
Ned Crowley, Brandeis University, SIT-Chile

Approaches to Development II (C-104/C-105)

Moderated by [Rahul Oka](#) (University of Notre Dame)

This panel will explore some of the varied approaches and frameworks that are currently utilized by actors and organizations in the field of development. Panelists will examine religious and theoretical underpinnings in detail, and challenge traditional development models.

Interfaith Dialogue Fosters Human Development: The Views of Fethullah Gülen
[Fatih Harpci](#), Moravian Theological Seminary

The Significance and Use of Solidarity in Development NGO Methodology
[Anne Angarola](#), University of Vermont, SIT-Ireland

Access to Healthcare by Movimento Sem Terra
[Eloise Stancioff](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Brazil

11:15-12:45 PM Panel Session #3

Challenges to Preventive and Curative Health Care (Hesburgh Auditorium)

Moderated by Stella Nakiwala (Uganda Martyrs University)

The developing world shares a disproportionate burden of disease and challenges to adequate healthcare without the resources of the developed world. The panel discusses how providing the proper care for malaria, tuberculosis, dengue fever, HIV/AIDS and mental illness requires a realistic investigation of the causes and creative responses.

Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis in a Refugee Community: A case study of the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Hoima District
[Mary Kowal](#), Boston University, SIT-Uganda

Dengue Fever: Medical Treatment & Social Determinants of Health
[Julia Schiff](#), Tufts University, SIT-Brazil

The Core Resource: Informal Caretakers of the Mentally Ill in Uganda.
[Dara Carroll](#), Northwestern University

Ugandan Youth: Perspectives on HIV/AIDS
John Villecco, University of Notre Dame

Medical and Social Treatment of Children Living with Special Needs in Uganda
[Diondra Burney](#), Villanova University, SIT-Uganda

Effects of International Business and Finance on Development (C-102)

Moderated by [Georges Enderle](#) (University of Notre Dame)

This panel explores the progress to meeting the Millennium Development Goals, the status of fair trade in Argentina, and the world financial crisis. Panelists will discuss the role of international business in development, the International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, and Sovereign Wealth Funds limited reach in meeting the MDGs, and the problems associated with rising food costs.

The Fair Trade Movement in Argentina; A Case Study: La Fundación Gran Chaco and indigenous artisans in Formosa
[Samantha Balaban](#), University of Massachusetts - Amherst, SIT-Argentina

How Sovereign Wealth Funds can Drive Agricultural Development
[Jesse Bisignano](#), Vassar College, SIT-Switzerland

Corporate Engagement in Poverty Reduction
Katherine Schilling, University of Notre Dame

The Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Human Development and Welfare in the Mexican Context
[Lucia Alcalá](#), Universidad Autónoma de Zacateca.

Challenges and Opportunities for Local Education (C-103)

This panel examines the impacts of educational policy, poverty, hunger, and outside organizations on schools in developing nations. Panelists seek to provide a realistic assessment of the barriers to education and suggest methods for action.

The Missing Link: Problems, Perceptions, and Possibilities of Education in Rural Ghana.
[Josh Cleveland](#), Wheaton College

School Lunches and Development in Uganda
[Lara Goodrich](#), Whitman College

Educating for Less: A Case Study of Cost-Effective Education at Loreto Sealdah (Kolkata, India)
[Emily Keebler](#), University of Notre Dame

Universal Education in Northern Uganda: A Case Study of Pader District
Eric Buley, Pacific Lutheran University, SIT-Uganda

Water-A Necessity for Life (C-104/C-105)

Moderated by Patricia Maurice (University of Notre Dame)

The development of any society hinges on the availability of clean water for all aspects of life. This panel will investigate some of the technical considerations that must be taken into account when embarking on the planning and implementation of a sustainable water resource. Topics range from well-head protection and groundwater modeling in Benin to development strategies in Kosovo.

Anadji Agbo, Benin: A Model for the Development of Flowing Well Infrastructure
[Mary Beauclair](#), University of Notre Dame

Research as Prelude to Rural Development in Kosovo
[Peter Brice](#) and Forrest Webb, Wheaton College

Groundwater Protection in a Fractured Rock Environment
[Stephanie Storer](#), University of Notre Dame

1:45-2:30 PM Poster Presentations (Hesburgh Center)

2:30-4:00 PM Panel Session #4

Development at What Price? Barriers Arising on the Path to Progress (Hesburgh Auditorium)

Moderated by [Vania Smith-Oka](#) (University of Notre Dame)

This panel explores the effects of development of traditional cultures. Panelists discuss the impacts of diet transitions, migration, changing social roles, and ancient medicine on health and the environment. Coping with these impacts, panelists seek to reconcile the harms of modernization with its benefits.

Holistic research and practice of Western Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine
[Rebecca Johnston](#), University of Tulsa, SIT-China

The Diabetes Epidemic in Urban Indian: "The Price for Progress"
Jillian Varonin, Whitman College, SIT-India

Emerging and Reemerging Health Effects of Road Construction through the Ecuadorian Amazon
[Olivia De Lancie](#), University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Ecuador

Mental health of sub-Saharan migrants in Rabat and Casablanca
[Heather Skrabak](#), Boston University, SIT-Morocco

Maintaining Identity and Agency (C-102)

Moderated by Maurizio Albahari (University of Notre Dame)

This panel explores the lives of marginalized societies, including refugees living in exile. The presenters discuss the cultural experience of isolation, and the challenging decisions they face concerning their welfare, homeland, and future. The panel raises the question, how can we work for development while helping to maintain local identity and agency?

Undoing Untouchability: The Impact of Dalit Activism on Caste Discrimination
Priyamvada Trivedi, University of Notre Dame

Migration Out of Tibetan Settlement Camps in Pokhara and Chairok, Nepal
Sarah Beck, William and Mary, SIT-Nepal

Imagining Backwardness: The Impacts of Formal Education on the Identity of Chang-pa Nomads in Ladakh, India

[Drew Cameron](#), University of Puget Sound/University of Washington, SIT-India

Any Soil Can Host a Dead Body: Land Rights, Displacement, and Genocide
[Eleanor Huntington](#), University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

Fighting the Legacy of Injustice and Reconstructing Post-Conflict Society (C-103)

Moderated by Larissa Fast (University of Notre Dame)

This panel covers the road to recovery after debilitating conflicts in developing countries. In many developing countries, inter-country conflicts and violent regimes destroy civil society institutions that require years of rebuilding. Panelists will explore both traditional and experimental methods for fostering a society of peace, including economic, social, and educational initiatives.

Inside the Candy Colored College: Examining the Different Roles of United World College Students in Reconstructing a Sustainable Future in Mostar

[Sarajane Blair](#), Colby College, SIT-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Economics for Peace: Congruent Spaces of Economic Development and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda
Rachel Miller, University of Notre Dame

Formal and Nonformal Education of Formerly Abducted Persons in Northern Uganda
[Kaitlyn Scott](#), Brown University, SIT-Uganda

Sustainable Infrastructure and Technology (C-104/C-105)

Moderated by Rabi Mohtar (Purdue University)

This panel addresses the vital role that sustainable infrastructure and technology play in human development. Panelists will discuss the impacts of architecture in the post-conflict reconstruction of northern Uganda, the relationship between fortified salt production and Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti, the absence of electricity for rural communities in Uganda, and human waste management in Samoa.

The Use of Composting Toilets as a Means of Active Resource Management in the Samoan Islands
Eric Campbell, Denison University, SIT-Samoa

Rural Electrification in Uganda
Zachary Ezor, Colby College, SIT-Uganda

Rebuilding Northern Uganda: How to Architecturally Address the Reconstruction Efforts in a Post-war Environment
Tim Reidy, University of Notre Dame

Salt Production and Its Relationship to Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti
Patricia Wilbur & Lindsay Gilbertson, University of Notre Dame

4:15-5:15 PM Documentary Presentation and Discussion (Hesburgh Auditorium)
Discussion Moderated by Jason Gehrig (Maryknoll Lay Missioners/Catholic Relief Services)

Local Effects of Climate Change: A Bolivian Story about Glaciers and Water Resources
Tyler Depke, Hope College, SIT-Bolivia

6:00 pm Dinner and Keynote – Joseph Sebarenzi
(Monogram Room, JACC)



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Our Vision

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for the 2010 Human Development Conference at the University of Notre Dame. We are delighted to have such a great group of students and faculty from around the country and world to share their work. We all come from so many different fields, yet are unified by a common goal to better our world. It is our hope that this student conference serves as a springboard for both dialogue and relationships that begin here and are carried forward into the future.

The reality of our globalized world means we are more intricately connected than ever. Trade and economics, health and migration, climate change and the environment; these are just a few of the inextricable links that tie our lives together as citizens of this world. In this conference, we aim to cultivate that sense of interconnectedness between the diverse backgrounds that you represent. Similarly, we strive to convey the message that human development requires the participation of the global community and individuals from across societies. By bringing together many academic disciplines to discuss development in an array of areas, we seek to identify what "human development" means in our world and our future. How will each of us uniquely advance a life of dignity and justice for all of humankind? How can we each use the power and agency that we have to affect change in our world? How can we help others realize the power and agency they themselves possess?

What is your vision of the future of human development?

During this conference, we challenge you to take these issues beyond the lecture hall. Delve into discussion with the people around you and find out what makes them tick. Find the people who share your passion. Push yourself to learn from those whose passions differ from your own. Make a point of staying in contact with the people you meet. Realize that we need one another to bring forth authentic human development. As you walk the halls of the Hesburgh Center this weekend, know that you are brushing shoulders with some of the most motivated young minds in the development world. Make friends. Create change. Take the vision we have and make it reality.

Andrew Seelaus
2010 HDC Co-Chair
Civil Engineering
Class of 2010

Barbara Vi Thien Ho
2010 HDC Co-Chair
History/International Peace Studies
Class of 2010



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{ Friday } FEB 26

- 11:00 AM** **Presenter Registration and Lunch** Hesburgh Center
- 12:00 PM** **Open Registration** Hesburgh Center
- 1:00 PM** **Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs** Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- 1:15 PM** **Plenary Session** Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- 2:45 PM** **Speed Networking** Hesburgh Center
- 4:30 PM** **Panel Session 1**
- 6:00 PM** **Break** Hesburgh Center
- 6:15 PM** **Remarks by Ray Chambers** Hesburgh Center Auditorium

{ Saturday } FEB 27

- 9:00 AM** **Coffee and Breakfast, Late Registration** Hesburgh Center
- 9:30 AM** **Panel Session 2**
- 11:00 AM** **Break** Hesburgh Center
- 11:15 AM** **Panel Session 3**
- 12:45 PM** **Lunch** Hesburgh Center
- 1:45 PM** **Poster Presentations**
- 2:30 PM** **Panel Session 4**
- 4:00 PM** **Break** Hesburgh Center
- 4:15 PM** **Movie and Discussion** Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- 5:15 PM** **Break** Hesburgh Center
- 6:00 PM** **Keynote Dinner with Joseph Sebarenzi** JACC Monogram Room

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Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, housed in the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, promotes the interdisciplinary study of international human development at the University of Notre Dame.

The Ford Program supports research, teaching, and direct engagement with communities burdened by tremendous challenges to authentic human development. The aim of these three pillars is to understand the conditions that affect human welfare, including the dynamics of extreme poverty, economic growth and development, the political and social determinants of the distribution of wealth and opportunity, politics and public policy, population and individual health, human rights, and human dignity.

The Ford Program is committed to building a transnational and interdisciplinary alliance of scholars, students, public servants, and conscientious citizens to address critical challenges confronted by those living in extreme poverty.

Learn more about the Ford Program at kellogg.nd.edu/ford.

Center for Social Concerns

The Center for Social Concerns of the University of Notre Dame facilitates community-based learning, research, and service informed by Catholic Social Tradition. Offering an array of credit-bearing seminars and courses, and community service opportunities, the center provides students an opportunity to examine pressing social issues from multiple perspectives. The center also has a unique niche in the teaching and scholarly lives of faculty at the University. Assisting faculty to develop courses through which students contribute to off-campus organizations while benefiting from community expertise and supporting faculty scholarship that responds to community issues, the aim of this work is authentic campus community collaboration toward the attainment of the common good.

The Center for Social Concerns strives to embody the University of Notre Dame's effort "to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice" (excerpt from Notre Dame's Mission Statement).

Learn more about the work of the Center at socialconcerns.nd.edu.



SIT Study Abroad, a Program of World Learning

A pioneer in experiential, field-based study abroad, SIT Study Abroad provides academically engaging semester and summer programs in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East for undergraduate students.

SIT Study Abroad programs examine critical global issues in a specific cultural and geographical context. Studying with host-country faculty and living with families, students gain a deep appreciation for local cultures, develop language skills, and become immersed in topics ranging from the politics of identity to post-conflict transformation, from global health and development to environmental policy.

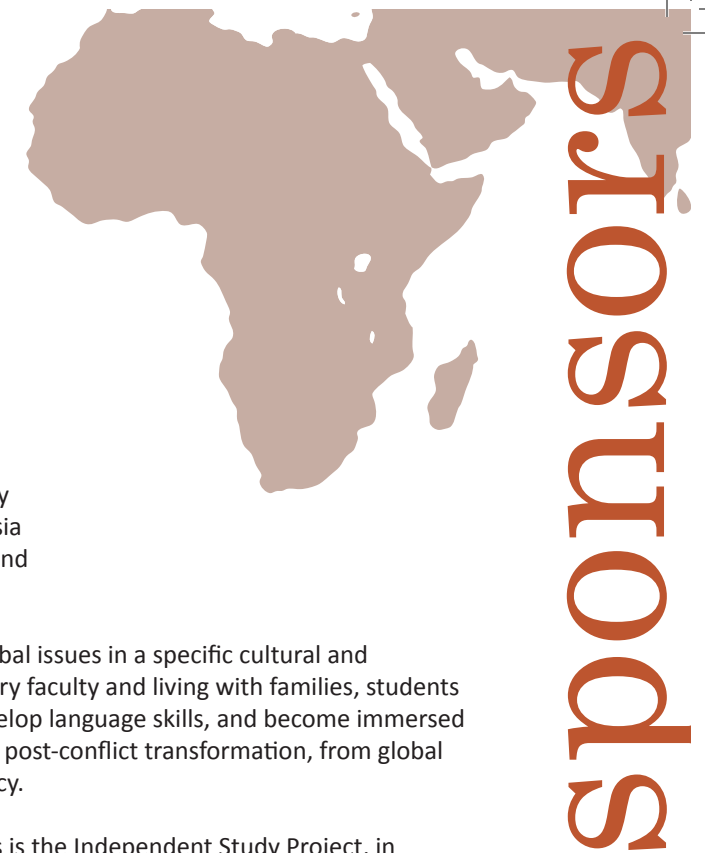
The highlight of the program for many students is the Independent Study Project, in which students use primary sources to explore an issue relevant to the program theme. Students are encouraged to pursue topics that are of interest and value to the local community. Many SIT alumni continue to focus on the subject of their independent study through senior theses and grants and fellowships such as Fulbright and Watson, and later incorporate these experiences into further education and career paths.

Learn more about SIT Study Abroad at sit.edu/studyabroad.

Speed Networking Presenters

This will be a fast-paced event that exposes conference attendees to several different examples of pursuing development efforts after finishing school. Groups will rotate between different speakers to hear each person's story and approach to development. The networking rotations will be followed by an opportunity for coffee and conversation.

- **Allison Burket and Bahati Ntama Jacques** Africa Faith and Justice Network
- **Patrick Corrigan** Notre Dame alum, current Master in Public Policy candidate at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government
- **Jason Gehrig** Former Maryknoll Lay Missioner, El Alto, Bolivia
- **Raymond Gilpin** U.S. Institute of Peace
- **Thomas Harvey** Nonprofit Professional Development, University of Notre Dame
- **Jessica Howell** Catholic Relief Services
- **Katherine Taylor** Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame



2010 Conference: Fostering the Space for Sustained Dialogue

Dear Human Development Conference Presenters and Participants,

Thank you for attending the Human Development Conference 2010! Our goal is that the conversations begun here will carry on into the future, with each of you leading the way. For those visiting Notre Dame, we encourage you to exchange email addresses along with ideas so as to keep in touch with others interested in these important issues. For those at Notre Dame, take advantage of the variety of resources available to learn about human development on campus, from events at the Kellogg Institute and the Center for Social Concerns to academic courses and extracurricular opportunities. Our committee seeks to bring these opportunities to your attention for conversation, communication, and community.

The future of development rests in our individual initiatives to keep solidarity and sustainability at the forefront of the discussion in our universities, our nations, and our world. Please take advantage of what inspires you this weekend to go beyond this one conference.

In peace,

Charlie Gardner and Eleanor Huntington
The Sustained Dialogue Co-Managers

Keeping Us Connected Through Modern Technology

The Facebook page for the Human Development Conference is a forum for the discussion of authentic human development and our role as young, concerned citizens. In the time leading up to the conference, the page featured updated discussion topics, blogs, videos, and news articles related to development. The page serves as an open forum for both presenters and fans of the conference alike, in which all members of the group are encouraged to make their own contributions to the website in order to foster a sustained dialogue on the current critical issues in the field of human development. We hope that when the conference draws to a close, avenues such as Facebook keep us students of development collaborating and communicating.

Join us! Find us on Facebook by searching: [Human Development Conference 2010](#)

Jeremy Tamargo
Publicity Manager

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

JOSEPH SEBARENZI



Joseph Sebarenzi was born in Rwanda in 1963. He studied in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where he earned his bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of Lubumbashi. He earned his master's degree in international and intercultural management at SIT Graduate Institute in the United States specializing in conflict management. He is currently completing his PhD in International Human Rights Law.

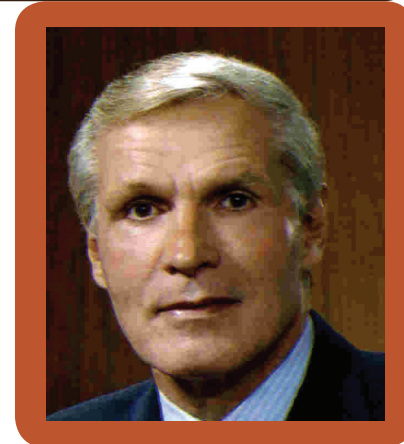
Sebarenzi was a high school teacher in Rwanda; worked as an executive in nongovernmental organizations in Rwanda, Burundi, and the

Democratic Republic of Congo; and served as speaker of the Rwanda Parliament from 1997 to 2000. As speaker, he was referred to by many as an independent politician bent on denouncing abuses and enhancing the independence and role of the parliament.

Sebarenzi serves on the faculty of CONTACT at the SIT Graduate Institute. He speaks about reconciliation, forgiveness, and conflict management at colleges, universities, and events across the United States, and regularly appears on radio and TV, including NPR, BBC, and Voice of America.

He is the author of a riveting personal and political memoir, *God Sleeps in Rwanda: A Journey of Transformation* (Atria, 2009).

RAY CHAMBERS



A humanitarian and philanthropist from Newark, NJ, Ray Chambers serves as the UN Secretary-General's first Special Envoy for Malaria. He is the founder of numerous foundations and charities that address social justice and development issues, both here and abroad.

Chambers achieved great success on Wall St. as the cofounder of WESRAY Capital Corporation but eventually turned his attention toward philanthropy. He has been instrumental in the revitalization of Newark, NJ, and focuses much of his work on the empowerment of at-risk youth there. He is the founding chairman of the Points of Light Foundation and cofounder, with Colin Powell, of America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth. Chambers is also the cofounder of the National Mentoring Partnership.

Inspired by the Millennium Development Goals, he partnered with Jeffery Sachs to create the Millennium Promise Alliance. He is the founder and cochairman, with Peter Chernin, president of News Corporation, of Malaria No More, and is taking a leave of absence from that role to focus on his appointment as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Malaria.

The Committee that Made It Happen

Larisa Conant *Creative Arts Manager*

Larisa is a senior Graphic Design & Marketing Major and “military brat” that has spent several years abroad. She is interested in social entrepreneurship.

Charlie Gardner

Sustained Dialogue Co-Manager

Charlie is a senior Program of Liberal Studies major with a minor in Catholic Social Tradition from St. Louis, MO. He has taught at a parochial secondary school in rural Tanzania. He is interested in faith-based and educational initiatives in contexts of international poverty.

Kristi Haas *Conference Presenter Liaison*

Kristi is a senior Program of Liberal Studies major from Davenport, IA. Having spent time in El Salvador, Uganda, and Jerusalem, she is interested in approaches to local development, in particular as communities meet religious, secular, and political influences from abroad.

Barbara Vi Thien Ho *Conference Co-Chair*

Barbara is a senior History and International Peace Studies double major from Portland, OR. She studied, worked, and conducted research in Uganda and Bosnia-Herzegovina. She is particularly interested in conflict prevention, long-term peacebuilding, and issues of reconciliation and justice.

Eleanor Huntington

Sustained Dialogue Co-Manager

Eleanor is a senior History and Film major from River Forest, IL. She studied in Uganda and is interested in migration, displacement, and refugee issues, particularly in East Africa.

Colleen Moran

Off-Campus Outreach Manager

Colleen is a senior Political Science and English major from Glenmoore, PA. She has worked in Senegal and is interested in the development of financially sustainable health-care systems in low-income areas.

Katherine Moran

Pre-Conference Logistics Manager

Katherine is a senior Political Science and Psychology major from Glenside, PA. She has studied in Santiago, Chile, and is interested in education issues, particularly related to persons with disabilities.

Brianna Muller

Undergraduate On-Campus Outreach Manager

Brianna is a senior Pre-Professional Studies and Anthropology major from Denver, CO. She studied in Mexico and worked in Guatemala and is interested in community-based approaches to development, especially those pertaining to women and health.

Andrew Seelaus *Conference Co-Chair*

Andrew is a senior Civil Engineering major from Clarksville, MD. He has worked and lived in Peru and Ghana in a variety of capacities. In the future, he would like to work on safe drinking water and sustainable infrastructure projects in developing countries.

Brett Shannon

Conference Weekend Logistics Manager

Brett is a senior Biological Sciences and Philosophy major from Sanibel Island, FL. He is interested in global health, particularly in the evolution of drug resistance in the malaria parasite.

Grace Shrader

Undergraduate Outreach Manager

Grace is a sophomore Biological Sciences major from Chesterton, IN. She worked at schools in Chennai, India and is interested in the impact of environmental public health on human development.

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Conference Poster Presenters

The Perseverance of Aboriginal Australian Time Philosophy and its Impact on Integration Into the Mainstream Labor Force

Kelly Adams Johns Hopkins University, SIT-Australia

Deprivation, Discrimination and Dictators: Analyzing the Causal Mechanisms Behind Ethnic Conflict

Danny Bruce, Charlie Fick and Luke Powers Carleton College, SIT-Ireland

An Analysis of the Perceptions of Adolescents in the Dinka Community in Kakuma Refugee Camp

Katie Bunten-Wren Brandeis University/Wellesley College, SIT-Kenya

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The Potential of Using Compost as an Agricultural Amendment: Attitudes and Materials in Rural Panama

Amy Lamb University of New Hampshire, SIT-Panama

The Construction of Body and Image: Media Representation and Self-identity in Peru

Susan Reed Connecticut College, SIT-Peru

Community-based Conservation in Mongolia's Eastern Steppe

Alexandra Sprague University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Transnational Advertising and Sexism in Argentina

Anna Szymczak Carthage College, SIT-Argentina

Notre Dame International Development Organization (NDIDO) and Flowing Wells in West Africa

John Walsh University of Notre Dame

{Friday}

Introductory Plenary Session

1:15-2:45 PM

(Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Co-moderated by Fr. Bob Dowd, CSC, Political Science and Director of the Ford Program, University of Notre Dame

Co-moderated by Fr. Joseph Kisekka, Ethics and Development Studies and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Uganda Martyrs University

Global Constitutionalism and Human Development
Adam Gannaway, The New School

Analysing the Performance of the Poverty Eradication Action Plan in Kwapa Sub-County, Uganda
Willex Otabo, Uganda Martyrs University

The Colonial Roots of Divergent Human Development Trajectories: Forced Settlement, Colonial Occupation and Health and Education Outcomes in the Developing World, 1960-2000
Olukunle Owolabi, University of Notre Dame

Development Agencies and Human Agency: Promoting Socio-structural Change in Rural Burundi
Andrew Peterson, University of Notre Dame

Speed Networking

2:45-4:30 PM

(Hesburgh Center)

See page 3 for a list of speed networking presenters.



Panel Session #1

4:30-6:00 PM

Approaches to Development I (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

This panel will explore some of the varied approaches and frameworks that are currently utilized by actors and organizations in the field of development. Panelists will examine religious and theoretical underpinnings in detail, and challenge traditional development models.

Moderated by Steve Reifenberg, Executive Director of the Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

Across Borders of Every Sort: An Analysis of the Development Model Used by the Congregation of Holy Cross in India's Tripura State
Joseph Gaylord, Stonehill College, SIT-Geneva & Christine Hurst, Stonehill College, SIT-India

Care and Power: Roles and Rules for Outsiders in Authentic, Local Human Development
Kristi Haas, University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

Enlightenment as Freedom: Convergences Between Amartya Sen's Capability Approach and SGI (Soka Gakkai International) Theories of Enlightenment
Jenny Ohrstrom, New York University

Stresses on the Environment (Hesburgh Center C-102)

This panel explores agricultural and water supply problems in Brazil, Panama, Oman, and Jordan. These ecological issues impact social, political, and economic developments among populations. Panelists will discuss emerging projects and policies for environmental stability in the developing world.

Moderated by Charles Ssekyewa, Agriculture and Director of Research, Uganda Martyrs University

Food Security in Sustainable Development: A Case Study of Chop-and-Mulch Agriculture in Brazil
Page May, Mt. Holyoke College, SIT-Brazil

The Potential of Using Compost as an Agricultural Amendment: Attitudes and Materials in Rural Panama
Amy Lamb, University of New Hampshire, SIT-Panama

Potential for Solar Desalination in the Sultanate of Oman
Martha Bass, Washington University in St. Louis, SIT-Oman

Jordan's Modern Problem: Water and International Economic Development in the Northern Badia
Duncan Pickard, Tufts University, SIT-Jordan

Understanding the Challenges Facing Modern Women (Hesburgh Center C-103)

This panel addresses both the long-standing obstacles to and recent successes in female empowerment throughout the world. Panelists will discuss the destructive power of rape along the U.S.-Mexico border, the encouraging growth of micro-finance initiatives in Chile, women's perspectives of adequate healthcare and the positive attitude of many women in Oman to female politicians.

Moderated by Alicia Decker, History and Women's Studies, Purdue University

The Empowerment of Women in Santiago, Chile Through the Usage of Micro-credit
Michael Citarella, Colorado University, SIT-Chile

A Silent Reality: Femicides on the Border
Alicia Quiros, University of Notre Dame

Attitudes towards Women in Politics in the Sultanate of Oman
Alexa Sendukas, University of Texas, SIT-Oman

On the Brink: Perspectives on Healthcare for the Muslim Women of Ngaoundere
Sarah Keil, Indiana University/Wittenberg University, SIT-Cameroon

Youth and Systems of Violence (Hesburgh Center C-104/C-105)

This panel explores the violent realities experienced by youth living as street children and gang members. Panelists will discuss the causes and consequences of this violence but will also challenge popular conceptions of these youth by relying on the youth's own words and perspectives.

Moderated by Catherine Bolten, Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

Perspectives and Response: Analyzing Conceptualizations and the Obstacles to Constructive Response to Youth Violence in Gangs
Amber Herkey, University of Notre Dame

Will These Wounds Ever Heal? Beneath the Scars of Kampala's Street Children
Jenna Knapp, University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

The Circle of Gang Life: An Overview of the Factors Surrounding Gangsterism in and around Cape Town
Wendy Viola, Cornell University/Portland State, SIT-South Africa

6:15 PM

Remarks by Special Guest

(Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Ray Chambers *UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Malaria*
See page 5 for complete biography.

{Saturday}

Panel Session #2 9:30-11:00 AM

International Influence on Education

(Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

In our increasingly globalized world, a conceptualization of global interdependence, solidarity and collaboration is vital. This panel will present research in development in education achieved through a relationship-centered approach. By fostering an environment that recognizes the power and gifts of both locals and internationals, a model for transformation and authentic human development can be realized.

Moderated by Tamo Chattopadhyay, Institute for Educational Initiatives, University of Notre Dame

Students Following Freire's Footsteps: Teacher Training and Empowerment Programs in Rural Guatemala

Martin Rozenberg, Florida State University

Ground Up: Desires and Dislocations in Sierra Leonean and American Agricultural Education

Zack Poppel, University of Illinois

Policy, Action, and Education: What are the Limitations of Freedom?

Sarina Rosenthal, Bates College, SIT-Uganda



Economic Assumptions, Development Plans, and the Results (Hesburgh Center C-103)

This panel will discuss the limits of mainstream economic theory in efforts for authentic human development. Free market principles often inform ideas about the motives and actions of people entering the economic sphere, but this is not always accurate or conducive to development. The panel includes case studies from Chile, Mexico, and Burundi and a presentation on the promising contributions of political economy.

Moderated by Kwan Kim, Economics and Policy Studies, University of Notre Dame

Dolls and Development

Prisma Garcia, University of Notre Dame

Contributions to Development from Political Economy

Matthew Panhans, University of Notre Dame

Human Development and Economic Growth: The Burundian Case

Simlice Niyungeko, Uganda Martyrs University

The Education Quasimarket: Free Market Fundamentalism and Chilean Professors

Ned Crowley, Brandeis University, SIT-Chile

Conservation as a Pathway to Development

(Hesburgh Center C-102)

This panel considers the relationship between environmental preservation and human development. Panelists will discuss not only the impact of conservation efforts on communities' standards of living, but also the extent to which communities promote preservation.

Moderated by Alyson Dagang, Associate Academic Dean for Latin America, SIT Study Abroad

The Role of the Local Community in Integrated Conservation with Development Projects: A Case Study of the Phu My Lepironia Conservation Project

Marion Boulicault, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Vietnam

The Effects of Ecotourism on Village Residents in Ghana

Sara Graybeal, Macalester College, SIT-Ghana

Community-based Conservation in Mongolia's Eastern Steppe

Alexandra Sprague, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, SIT-Mongolia

Approaches to Development II (Hesburgh Center C-104/C-105)

This panel will explore some of the varied approaches and frameworks that are currently utilized by actors and organizations in the field of development. Panelists will examine religious and theoretical underpinnings in detail, and challenge traditional development models.

Moderated by Rahul Oka, Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

Interfaith Dialogue Fosters Human Development: The Views of Fethullah Gülen

Fatih Harpci, Moravian Theological Seminary

The Significance and Use of Solidarity in Development NGO Methodology

Anne Angarola, University of Vermont, SIT-Ireland

Access to Healthcare by Movimento Sem Terra

Eloise Stancioff, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Brazil

Panel Session #3 11:15 AM-12:45 PM

Challenges to Preventive and Curative Health Care (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

The developing world shares a disproportionate burden of disease and challenges to adequate healthcare without the resources of the developed world. The panel discusses how providing the proper care for malaria, tuberculosis, dengue fever, HIV/AIDS and mental illness requires a realistic investigation of the causes and creative responses.

Moderated by Stella Nakiwala, MD, Health Sciences, Uganda Martyrs University

Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis in a Refugee Community: A case study of the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Hoima District
Mary Kowal, Boston University, SIT-Uganda

Dengue Fever: Medical Treatment & Social Determinants of Health
Julia Schiff, Tufts University, SIT-Brazil

The Core Resource: Informal Caretakers of the Mentally Ill in Uganda
Dara Carroll, Northwestern University

Ugandan Youth: Perspectives on HIV/AIDS
John Vilecco, University of Notre Dame

Medical and Social Treatment of Children Living with Special Needs in Uganda
Diondra Burney, Villanova University, SIT-Uganda

Effects of International Business and Finance on Development (Hesburgh Center C-102)

This panel explores the progress to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the status of fair trade in Argentina, and the world financial crisis. Panelists will discuss the role of international business in development, the International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, and Sovereign Wealth Funds' limited reach in meeting the MDGs, and the problems associated with rising food costs.

Moderated by Georges Enderle, International Business Ethics, University of Notre Dame

The Fair Trade Movement in Argentina; A Case Study: La Fundación Gran Chaco and indigenous artisans in Formosa
Samantha Balaban, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, SIT-Argentina

How Sovereign Wealth Funds can Drive Agricultural Development
Jesse Bisignano, Vassar College, SIT-Switzerland

Corporate Engagement in Poverty Reduction
Katherine Schilling, University of Notre Dame

The Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Human Development and Welfare in the Mexican Context
Lucia Alcalá, Universidad Autónoma de Zacateca

Challenges and Opportunities for Local Education (Hesburgh Center C-103)

This panel examines the impacts of educational policy, poverty, hunger, and outside organizations on schools in developing nations. Panelists seek to provide a realistic assessment of the barriers to education and suggest methods for action.

Moderated by Mary Ann Traxler, Education, Saint Mary's College

The Missing Link: Problems, Perceptions, and Possibilities of Education in Rural Ghana
Josh Cleveland, Wheaton College

School Lunches and Development in Uganda
Lara Goodrich, Whitman College

Educating for Less: A Case Study of Cost-Effective Education at Loreto Sealdah (Kolkata, India)
Emily Keebler, University of Notre Dame

Universal Education in Northern Uganda: A Case Study of Pader District
Eric Buley, Pacific Lutheran University, SIT-Uganda

Water—A Necessity for Life (Hesburgh Center C-104/C-105)

The development of any society hinges on the availability of clean water for all aspects of life. This panel will investigate some of the technical considerations that must be taken into account when embarking on the planning and implementation of a sustainable water resource. Topics range from well-head protection and groundwater modeling in Benin to development strategies in Kosovo.

Moderated by Patricia Maurice, Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, University of Notre Dame

Anadji Agbo, Benin: A Model for the Development of Flowing Well Infrastructure
Mary Beauclair, University of Notre Dame

Research as Prelude to Rural Development in Kosovo
Peter Brice and Forrest Webb, Wheaton College

Groundwater Protection in a Fractured Rock Environment
Stephanie Storer, University of Notre Dame

1:45-2:30 PM Poster Presentations

(Hesburgh Center)

See page 8 for poster titles and presenter information.

Panel Session #4

2:30-4:00 PM

Development at What Price? Barriers Arising on the Path to Progress (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

This panel explores the effects of the development of traditional cultures. Panelists discuss the impacts of diet transitions, migration, changing social roles, and ancient medicine on health and the environment. Coping with these impacts, panelists seek to reconcile the harms of modernization with its benefits.

Moderated by Vania Smith-Oka, Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

The Holistic Approach: The Effects of Urbanization upon the Traditional Role of Chinese Women and the Application of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Rebecca Johnston, University of Tulsa, SIT-China

The Diabetes Epidemic in Urban India: "The Price for Progress"
Jillian Varonin, Whitman College, SIT-India

Emerging and Reemerging Health Effects of Road Construction through the Ecuadorian Amazon
Olivia De Lancie, University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SIT-Ecuador

Mental Health of Sub-Saharan Migrants in Rabat and Casablanca
Heather Skrabak, Boston University, SIT-Morocco

Maintaining Identity and Agency (Hesburgh Center C-102)

This panel explores the lives of marginalized societies, including refugees living in exile. The presenters discuss the cultural experience of isolation, and the challenging decisions they face concerning their welfare, homeland, and future. The panel raises the question, how can we work for development while helping to maintain local identity and agency?

Moderated by Maurizio Albahari, Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

Undoing Untouchability: The Impact of Dalit Activism on Caste Discrimination
Priyamvada Trivedi, University of Notre Dame

Migration Out of Tibetan Settlement Camps in Pokhara and Chairok, Nepal
Sarah Beck, William and Mary, SIT-Nepal

Imagining Backwardness: The Impacts of Formal Education on the Identity of Chang-pa Nomads in Ladakh, India
Drew Cameron, University of Puget Sound/University of Washington, SIT-India

Any Soil Can Host a Dead Body: Land Rights, Displacement, and Genocide
Eleanor Huntington, University of Notre Dame, SIT-Uganda

Fighting the Legacy of Injustice and Reconstructing Post-Conflict Society (Hesburgh Center C-103)

This panel covers the road to recovery after debilitating conflicts in developing countries. In many developing countries, inter-country conflicts and violent regimes destroy civil society institutions that require years of rebuilding. Panelists will explore both traditional and experimental methods for fostering a society of peace, including economic, social, and educational initiatives.

Moderated by Larissa Fast, Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Inside the Candy-Colored College: Examining the Different Roles of United World College Students in Reconstructing a Sustainable Future in Mostar
Sarajane Blair, Colby College, SIT-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Economics for Peace: Congruent Spaces of Economic Development and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda
Rachel Miller, University of Notre Dame

Formal and Nonformal Education of Formerly Abducted Persons in Northern Uganda
Kaitlyn Scott, Brown University, SIT-Uganda

Sustainable Infrastructure and Technology

(Hesburgh Center C-104/C-105)

This panel addresses the vital role that sustainable infrastructure and technology play in human development. Panelists will discuss the impacts of architecture in the post-conflict reconstruction of northern Uganda, the relationship between fortified salt production and lymphatic filariasis in Haiti, the absence of electricity for rural communities in Uganda, and human waste management in Samoa.

Moderator to be announced

The Use of Composting Toilets as a Means of Active Resource Management in the Samoan Islands
Eric Campbell, Denison University, SIT-Samoa

Rural Electrification in Uganda
Zachary Ezor, Colby College, SIT-Uganda

Rebuilding Northern Uganda: How to Architecturally Address the Reconstruction Efforts in a Post-war Environment
Tim Reidy, University of Notre Dame

Salt Production and Its Relationship to Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti
Patricia Wilbur & Lindsay Gilbertson, University of Notre Dame

**Documentary
Presentation and
Discussion**

4:15-5:15 PM

(Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Discussion Moderated by Jason Gehrig, Former Maryknoll Lay Missioner, El Alto, Bolivia

*Local Effects of Climate Change: A Bolivian Story about Glaciers and
Water Resources*

Tyler Depke, Hope College, SIT-Bolivia

**Dinner and
Keynote Speaker**

6:00 PM

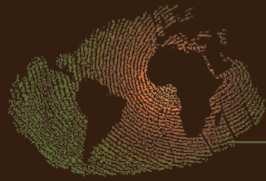
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Joseph Sebarenzi *Former Speaker of the Rwandan Parliament and
lecturer at the SIT Graduate Institute*
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Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today.
Let us begin.”

-MOTHER THERESA





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2010 Conference Focuses on the Power of People, from the Local to the International Community

On February 26 and 27, 2010, over 300 bright young minds gathered to share and discuss their experiences and research at the second annual Human Development Conference at the University of Notre Dame.

Organized by students for students, the conference drew undergraduate and graduate student presenters and attendees from across the country and as far away as Uganda to engage in discussion about global progress toward authentic human development.

The theme for this year's conference, "People, Power, and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World," called participants to identify the landscape of current development efforts; analyze successes and challenges of the past; and synergize their experiences into a view of the future of sustainable human development. Eighty students presented research they had conducted in 38 countries. Attendees came from 38 colleges and universities across the globe.

From the opening session, the conference challenged presenters and attendees to explore outside the confines of their own fields of study and expose themselves to new ideas and ways of thinking about development. With panel topics ranging from healthcare to education to reconciliation, participants had the opportunity to uncover the diverse disciplines that authentic development requires.

Joseph Sebarenzi, the former speaker of the Rwandan Parliament, gave the keynote address, speaking passionately about his experience as a genocide survivor and his unwavering efforts to create reconciliation, peace, and development in Rwanda and the world. Eloquently conveying the principles necessary for authentic human development—solidarity and a commitment to the common good—he left the audience moved by his resilience, faith, and hope in humanity.

Ray Chambers, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Malaria, spoke Friday evening on his commitment to the Millennium Promise and Malaria No More. Other highlights included a new "Speed Networking" component that allowed attendees to engage in conversation with development practitioners, poster presentations, and a closing banquet.

Participants were enthusiastic about the weekend experience.

"This conference gave me the inspiration to return home with a recommitment to my research and work in development," one student declared.

Members of the student committee that organized the conference hope it is only the beginning of a longer conversation between student presenters, students, and the greater global community on the challenges of authentic human development and the role of youth in meeting that challenge.

The Human Development Conference was hosted by the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns and the SIT Study Abroad, a program of World Learning.



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