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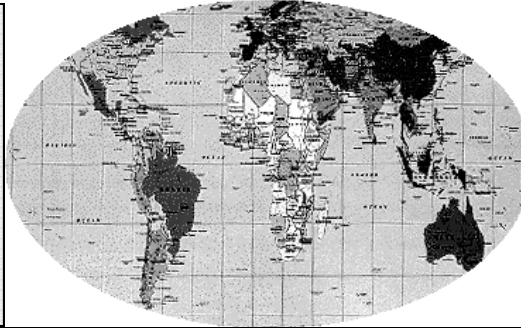
Newsletter of the International Development Program

April 13, 2009

IDPSA Friday Forum

*No More Friday Forums This Semester
Good Luck with Finals and Have A Great
Summer*

Watch the ListServ for more information
www.idpsa.org



Website of Interest

www.intdev.org

The ID Program would like to welcome its newest faculty member, Daniel Esser. He will be teaching ID and Urban Development in the Fall. Take a look at his work on his website.

Women and Food Security: Finding Solutions to the Global Food Crisis *Thursday, April 16, 10:00 -11:30am - Doors open at 9:30am*
MCC Headquarters, 875 15th ST NW Washington, DC 20005

Food security is a top priority area in poverty reduction worldwide. It is an issue that disproportionately effects and presents challenges and opportunities for integrating women in development. MCC and Women Thrive Worldwide will host a high-level keynote speech followed by panel of experts discussing innovations in food security and the vital role women play in long-term economic development.

Featuring a keynote address by: **Melanne S. Verveer**, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
Panelists will include: **Ritu Sharma**, President and Co-Founder, Women Thrive Worldwide; **Debdatta Sengupta**, Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute; **Kristin Penn**, Senior Director for Agriculture, MCC

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 14, 2009 to <http://www.mcc.gov/rsvp/april16>

"Health, Human Rights & the War on Gaza: Evidence from the Frontlines" *Thursday, April 16, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.*
The Palestine Center

Dr. Mads Gilbert - *Professor, University of Tromso, Norway - Department Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, University Hospital North Norway*

Norwegian doctor Mads Gilbert has worked on and off in Gaza for over 20 years, but what he saw unfold in Gaza's Shifa Hospital during Israel's three-week offensive was a "living hell." Despite his long experience working in war zones, in general, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Lebanon, in particular, he and his colleagues were "quite overwhelmed" by what was happening in Gaza. Dr. Gilbert wrote about his experience in Gaza during the most recent war in the January 2009 issue of the premier medical journal *The Lancet*.

This briefing is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served to registered guests at 12:30 p.m. The briefing and question/answer period will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Registration is required. Unregistered guests will not be admitted.

To register, click [here](#) or call (202) 338-1958 ext.11 by noon Wednesday, 15 April 2009.

Why HIV/AIDS is Still Exceptional? *Monday, April 20, 3:00pm—4:30pm*
Center for Global Development, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC

Presented by the Center for Global Development. Please join us for a discussion with Dr. Alan Whiteside, where he will examine the origins of AIDS exceptionalism and how it has helped and hindered our response to the epidemic. Whiteside will ask if exceptionalism is still a useful concept in light of our current knowledge about the epidemic, the global financial crisis and changes in health governance. Nandini Oomman and Mead Over from the Center for Global Development will serve as discussants for what promises to be a fascinating conversation.

Featuring: **Alan Whiteside**, Professor of Health Economics and Director of Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), KwaZulu-Natal University; **Nandini Oomman**, Director, HIV/AIDS Monitor, and Senior Program Associate, Center for Global Development; **Mead Over**, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development
Moderated by **Ruth Levine**, Vice President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

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More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve

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"The Global Crisis, the G20 & Impacts on Development."

35th Anniversary Lecture on Development

Hosted by IDP & SID

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director, World Bank & Former Finance and Foreign Minister of Nigeria

The Speaker will focus on the current global financial crisis, the recent G20 meeting in London, and their impacts on emerging markets and low income countries

Location: Kay Spiritual Center, AU Campus

April 15 2009, 6:00pm to 7:30 pm

Followed by a Reception

Enquiries: Crystal Wright at 202 885 1657

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*** Speaker's Background** (From Wikipedia)

Education - Dr Okonjo-Iweala was educated at Harvard University (A.B. Magna Cum Laude 1977) and earned her Ph.D. in regional economics and development from the MIT.

Career - Prior to her ministerial career in Nigeria, Okonjo-Iweala was vice-president and corporate secretary of the World Bank. She left it in 2003 after she was appointed to President Obasanjo's cabinet as Finance Minister on 15 July.

In October 2005, she led the Nigerian team that struck a deal with the Paris Club, a group of bilateral creditors, to pay a portion of Nigeria's external debt (US \$12 billion) in return for an \$18 billion debt write-off. Prior to the partial debt payment and write-off, Nigeria spent roughly U.S. \$1 billion every year on debt servicing, without making a dent in the principal owed.

Okonjo-Iweala also introduced the practice of publishing each state's monthly financial allocation from the federal government in the newspapers. She was instrumental in helping Nigeria obtain its first ever sovereign credit rating (of BB minus) from Fitch and Standard & Poor's. Nigeria is considered to have defaulted on its sovereign debt in 1983 (debt rescheduling is considered a type of default by rating agencies).

She resigned as Nigeria's Foreign Minister in August 2006 following her sudden removal as head of Nigeria's Economic Intelligence team by President Olusegun Abasanjo. She left office at the end of August 2006.

In October 2007 World Bank President Robert Zoellick appointed her to the post of Managing Director, effective December 2007.

Non-profit work - She is a fellow at the [Brookings Institution](#). Okonjo-Iweala also serves on the Advisory Board of the [Global Financial Integrity Program](#) and on the Board of Directors of the [World Resources Institute](#).

Honors and awards

- [Time Europe](#) Hero 2004 • [This Day](#) Nigeria Minister of the Year 2004
- [Euromoney Magazine](#) Global Finance Minister of the year 2005
- [Financial Times/The Banker](#) African Finance Minister 2005 • [Nigerian of the Year](#) 2006.