



International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment

Thursday, October 17th, 2024

ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, 1:15-2:30 pm

Commemorative Stone

in Honor of the Victims of Extreme Poverty

UN Garden, North lawn 3-3:30 pm

Part one

ECOSOC Chamber

1:15: Introduction of Co-Mc's by Maryann Broxton, Main Representative of the United Nation, International Movement ATD Fourth World.

1:19: Introduction and welcome by Co-Master of Ceremony, **Ms Stacy White**, ATD Fourth World Activists, and **Ms Clara Ceravolo**, UNICEF

1:24: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) reading of Secretary General Antonio Guterres' statement on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

1:26: Mr. Charles Katoanga, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), UN DESA offers remarks on the theme of the day.

Keynote speakers

1:30-1:41

Ms. Asha Mohamed, ATD Fourth World Activist, Tanzania offers a statement.

Mr. Alain Meylan, ATD Fourth World Activist, Switzerland offers a statement.

Mr Tyler Byrd, Housing Advocate and Activist, New York, offers a statement.

1:43-1:48 Musical performance

ALBA Musik performs “Rise up” by Audra Day

1:50 - 2:18 Guest speakers

Ms Nancy Santos, Assistant Director, Project Access, Roxbury Community College, Boston, offers a statement.

Ms. Rashmi Banga, Chief, Development Research Branch in Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

Mr. Olivier Richard, Head of the Climate and Development Team, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations offers reflection on keynote speakers statements and theme of the day.

2:25-2:30 MC’s thanks speakers, direct attendees to the Poverty Stone, UN Garden, North Lawn for the second part of the commemoration, and invites attendees to reception at ATD Fourth World House at 4:30pm.

Part two

Poverty Stone, UN Garden, North Lawn

3pm: **ALBA Musik** performs original song, “Paradoja” (Paradox)

3:06pm: **Mr Donld Lee**, President, ATD Fourth World offers a statement on the spirit of the day.

3:11pm:

School children reading the Poverty Stone inscription in the six UN languages

3:20p: Moment of silence.

3:21: **Laura Inesta, Bella Meese, and Asher Holland** perform “Hallelujah” by Rufus Wainwright.

3:26pm: Gesture

3:29pm: Co-MC’s thanks speakers and attendees, invites people to attend the reception at the ATD Fourth World House, Group photo by stone.

4:30-7:30: Reception at ATD Fourth World House, 172 First Ave (between 10th and 11th St), New York.

Speaker’s bios:

(In order of speaking)

Stacy White is a passionate and committed peer worker, finding fulfillment in supporting and empowering others. Her unwavering dedication to helping unhoused individuals speaks volumes about her caring nature and drive to make a positive impact in her community. With a focus on enhancing community health and safety, Stacy has obtained certifications in Narcan training and harm reduction services. She is currently working towards achieving her goal of becoming a full-time peer specialist, aiming to expand her ability to provide invaluable support to those in need.

Stacy's heart lies spending quality time with her grandchildren, cherishing the joy and love they bring to her life. She has been an ATD Fourth World Activist in New York City for over 10 years and was a keynote speaker at the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in 2018.

Clara Ceravolo works in the Child Poverty and Social Protection team within the Social Policy and Social Protection Division at UNICEF. She focuses on strengthening the inclusivity and gender-responsiveness of social protection systems, programs, and measures globally. Her work involves developing technical resources as well as engaging in global advocacy and collaborating with civil society actors. Clara has a background in gender equality from her work with the Generation Equality program at UN Women.

She holds an MPA from New York University and has previously studied at the University of Leeds and Sciences Po.

Ms. Wenyan Yang is the Chief of the Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD). As Acting Chief of the Coordination and Outreach Unit, she was responsible for implementing overall outreach and communications activities in the UN Division for the Advancement of Women and for facilitation of the Non-Governmental Organization participation in the UN intergovernmental processes, especially the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women. She started her UN career as an Economic Affairs Officer in the Macroeconomic and Development Policy Analysis Division, contributing to the major departmental publication World Economic and Social Survey.

Mr. Charles Katoanga leads the work of the Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), which serves as the UN system focal point on Youth, Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, Families, Cooperatives, the social dimensions of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and Sport for Development and Peace, and coordinates follow-up to the 1995 World Summit for Social Development. DISD is the substantive secretariat for the Commission for Social Development, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

He was appointed Director of the Division by the Secretary-General in September 2024, following a 24-year career in the United Nations Secretariat. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Katoanga was the Chief of Staff of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. He has served in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Department of Management.

Asha Mohamed is a long time ATD Fourth World Activist from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. As a child, she participated in ATD's Street Library activities in her community. As an adult, her experiential knowledge of poverty and community was a valuable asset when she served as a co-researcher in the Hidden Dimensions of Poverty participatory research projects. Asha is a respected advocate in her community who informs people of their rights.

She is also a mother of three beautiful children.

Alain Meylan is an ATD Fourth World Activist from Switzerland. As a co-researcher in the Poverty, Identity, Society participatory research project, Alain relied on his experiential knowledge of State sanctioned family separation to build the trust with families with the same experience and work towards structural change. He has shared

the research results at the Federal Palace, to the Rotary Club, to the Hautes Ecoles Sociales, to the UN in Geneva. He enjoys working with young people and families to inform them of their rights.

Alain is a loving husband and father.

Tyler Byrd was born and raised in New York City. His and his family's personal experience of having lived in the City's homeless shelter system for seven years made him a fierce advocate for affordable housing, and system reform to eliminate the mistreatment that people living in poverty receive on a daily basis. There he became especially attuned to the mistreatment and discrimination experienced by migrants' families who were also seeking shelter. He is currently an undergraduate student studying urban planning at the University at Albany.

Nancy Santos is the Assistant Director of Project Access at Roxbury Community College (RCC), located in the Roxbury neighborhood Boston, Massachusetts. The Project Access Team provides students with holistic support to address the non-academic issues that often prevent degree completion, including food insecurity, housing insecurity, health insurance access, legal referrals, and more. Ms. Santos also played a key role in the development and implementation of The Rox Box, RCC's first-ever on campus food pantry.

"We know that sometimes life happens, and we want to be there for our students," stated Ms. Santos, who has been a part of the RCC community for over 13 years. "We advocate for them and help them to obtain the resources they need in order to focus on completing their education."

Ms. Santos is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Springfield College, graduating in 2025.

Rashmi Banga, Chief, Development Research Branch, joined the United Nations in 2011. Previously, she served as a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries (ECIDC), UNCTAD and as an Adviser and Head, Trade Division in the Commonwealth Secretariat, where she provided policy support to more than 30 countries. She was a former Associate Professor of Economics in the University of Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University in India. She earned her doctorate from Delhi School of Economics, specializing in development economics, international economics and econometrics. She has worked extensively on issues around climate change, digital revolution, industrial policy, international trade, food security, South-South cooperation and foreign direct investments. She received the International Economic Development Research Award

from Export-Import Bank of India and has been a recipient of two Gold Medals for her research on globalization and development from the Global Development Network, World Bank.

Mr. Olivier Richard is the Head of Development and Climate Unit at the French Mission to the UN. He entered the French MOFA in 2003, was Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Burkina Faso Desk officer, First Secretary in Kinshasa and then in Pretoria. Afterwards, he became Head of the Innovative Financing for Development Unit in the Globalization Directorate, Deputy Director for East Africa, Deputy Head of the Private Office of the Minister for Development and then Deputy Head of Mission in Bangkok.

Donald Lee has been a friend and ally of ATD Fourth World for many years. In 2020 he was named President of ATD Fourth World International. Before that Donald was President of the International Committee for October 17 from 2012 to 2020.

Donald served as an economist with the United Nations for 20 years. He began his career in the United Nations at the organization's regional headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand. He later moved to New York where his responsibilities focused on issues of sustainable social and economic development, with special attention to poverty eradication and employment. Since 2000, he has been involved in the organization of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty commemoration on October 17 at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Donald Lee is committed to eradicating poverty and hunger everywhere, and to defending the human rights and dignity of people living in extreme poverty.

ALBA MUSIK is flamenco mixed with a rich variety of musical influences like pop, jazz, funk, Latin and world music. The dynamic duo based in NYC is powerhouse vocalist Bárbara Martínez and virtuosic guitarist Albert Alabedra. Together they compose the music and perform live, often accompanied with their extended family of ALBA musicians and dancers. Their first album "Dawn" made it to the first round for a GRAMMY nomination and just one year later they released a live performance album ("Live at Drom NYC"). They followed their first collection of uplifting songs with a second album released this year that delves into deeper messages. ALBA songs are stories crafted in Spanish, but their expressiveness and their vivid imagery still manage to captivate English-speaking audiences. ALBA makes you want to listen all day and clap and move and shout OLE!

Laura Inesta, Bella Meese, and Asher Holland all music students at the New School in New York City.

