



7th Global Conference on Human Development

17-21 November 2008

Hida Earth Centre

Takayama, Japan

An agenda-setting
conference exploring
the future of human
development

Unlocking the
Potential to Create a
New World Together



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Civilizations come to birth and proceed to grow by successfully responding to successive challenges. They break down and go to pieces if and when a challenge confronts them which they fail to meet.

ARNOLD TOYNBEE

The conventional view only serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking.

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH

As a global community, where are we succeeding and where are we failing to overcome the most urgent development challenges that we face?

You are invited to be part of the solution and help chart a new agenda.

The 7th Global Conference on Human Development will assess our collective successes and failures, and develop new approaches that build upon our current efforts to create a more just, sustainable world.

Broad Participation

INTEGRATED, MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACH

Participants will come from civil society, government, academia, and the private sector – including men and women; youth, adults, and elders; students and scholars; policy makers and activists; artists and scientists; grassroots leaders and government officials. This comprehensive, integrated approach facilitates an essential exchange of information and collaboration across disciplines and areas of interest.

Identify the Questions

UNIQUE PRE-CONFERENCE PROCESS

Bring your research, field experience, and insight to identify the underlying problems blocking breakthrough in all major arenas of human development. What are the key questions we need to address together in each of these areas in order to accelerate human development progress?

- n Effective Governance and Protection of Human Rights
- n Persistence of Poverty
- n Environmental Degradation and Climate Change
- n Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihoods
- n Violent Conflict and Social Disintegration
- n Access to Healthcare and Preventing the Spread of Disease
- n Literacy and Education
- n Consumerism and Over-Consumption
- n Disconnectedness and Barriers to Engagement
- n Private Sector Collaboration

How does gender inequity, a cross-cutting issue, exacerbate each of these 10 challenges?

Join the conference community online at www.japan2008.org for workshops and discussion forums, and to download the Pre-Conference Workshop Guide in order to explore these challenges in your workplace and community.



Innovative Research

FRAMING THE DISCUSSIONS

Research on the major development challenges that we face and progress toward the Millennium Development Goals is being prepared to objectively assess success and failure in all major arenas of human development. This research will be made available to conference registrants to inform and stimulate discussion.

Hands-On Workshops

FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

The heart of the conference is a set of participatory workshops, where we explore together new ways to overcome our most intractable development challenges. Each workshop will respond to a single question, identified by participants in advance. At the conclusion of the workshops, participants will have consensus action agendas for the future. The methodology for realizing this outcome is a unique workshop process, designed by an international faculty of leading facilitators.

Why You Should Come

- n Augment your work with new ideas and colleagues
- n Deepen your understanding of development challenges
- n Better understand why efforts succeed or fail
- n Have your voice heard in the global community
- n Be a direct participant in designing long-term solutions to our deepest challenges

SCHEDULE

Pre-Conference Courses

Saturday and Sunday, 15-16 November

- n Group Facilitation Methods
- n Participatory Strategic Planning
- n Community Development Intensive
- n and more!

International faculty, multiple languages offered

Monday, 17 November

- n Opening Ceremony including Keynote Address
- n Presentation of Research

Tuesday, 18 November

- n Working Groups: Day 1
- n Creative Initiatives in Human Development Presentations

Wednesday, 19 November

- n Site Visits: Human Development in Japan

Thursday, 20 November

- n Working Groups: Day 2 - Building Strategies and Plans

Friday, 21 November

- n Working Groups: Day 3 - Outcomes and Action Agendas
- n Closing Ceremony



We are not alone in our successes or failures
and we now extend beyond the parameters of
our projects because we are tied together into a
network of people who care.

AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO A PREVIOUS GLOBAL ICA
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



REGISTER TODAY!

www.japan2008.org

Special early registration
rate: ¥40,000
(approx. USD \$400)
through 31 August 2008.

Discounted early registra-
tion rate for developing
country participants and
students: ¥35,000 (approx.
USD \$350)

Additional ¥5,000 (approx.
USD \$50) after this date.

Special rates at local hotels
are available - details at
registration.

Your support is needed
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development practi-
tioners, scholars, and
students from developing
countries, who cannot
otherwise participate.
Support the Fund now at
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Help set the global agenda for the future of human development

ADD YOUR VOICE!

- n Participatory pre-conference process producing the
focus questions for conference working groups
- n Hands-on working groups investigating the underlying
problems blocking breakthrough in all major arenas of
human development
- n Featured speakers from civil society, government,
academia, and the private sector
- n Site visits exploring human development in Japan
- n Action agendas created at the conference implemented
by partner organizations and participants
- n Special pre-conference courses: Group Facilitation
Methods, Participatory Strategic Planning, Community
Development Intensive, and more!

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