

**International Human Rights Funders Group  
July 15-16, 2002**

**Open Society Institute – (212) 548-0600  
400 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY**

**AGENDA**

**Monday, July 15**

**9:00-9:30am**                      *Coffee*

**9:30-9:40am**                      ***Welcoming Remark from the Steering Committee***  
Thomas Leney, United Nations Foundation

**9:40-12:30pm**                      ***Human Rights Education Session***  
Facilitator: Mary Estrin, General Service Foundation

“Labor Rights and Globalization”

This panel will address the profound impacts of globalization on labor rights around the world. Three distinguished experts, a key member of Congress and two leading rights activists, will discuss the ways in which treaties and negotiations within the WTO have affected national and international labor standards. The activists, one from the global North and the other from the global South, will discuss the impact of the WTO regime on workers and communities, and speak about a recently formed international coalition to ban sweatshops worldwide.

**The Honorable Dennis J. Kucinich**  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

**Bayardo Izaba Solis**  
Director of Legal Defense  
CENIDH / Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights  
Managua, NICARAGUA

(Simultaneous translation by **Barbara Briggs** of the National Labor Committee)

**Charles Kernaghan**  
Executive Director  
National Labor Committee  
New York, NY

**12:30-1:30pm**                      *Lunch*

**1:30-4:30pm**                      ***Special Projects Session***  
Facilitator: Shalini Nataraj, Reebok Human Rights Foundation

- **Leveraging New Funds to Support Human Rights**  
Dorothy Thomas, Shaler Adams Foundation
- **Fund for Global Human Rights**  
Mary Ann Stein, The Moriah Fund

**Tuesday, July 16**

**9:00-9:30am**

*Coffee*

**9:30-10:45am**

***Business Meeting Session***

Facilitator: Mona Younis, Mertz Gilmore Foundation

- Old Business
- Where We Are: Accomplishments in 2000-2002  
Where We Are Going: Plans for 2002-2003
- Sub-group reports
  - Human Rights and Peace and Security  
Thomas Leney, United Nations Foundation
  - Human Rights and the Environment  
Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation
  - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
Julie Richardson, General Service Foundation
- Web site and database demonstration  
Mijoung Chang, Mertz Gilmore Foundation
- Other business:
  - IHRFG logo
  - Visit to Office of UNHCHR in Geneva
  - Making contact information available
  - Next two meetings: January 13-14, 2003, San Francisco  
July \_\_\_\_, 2003, New York

**10:45-11:00am**

*Break*

**11:00-12:30pm**

***Programming Trends Session***

Facilitator: Julie Richardson, General Service Foundation

Participants will be invited to share their observations regarding current gaps in human rights funding, whether programmatic (activities or programs), substantive (rights or issues) or geographic (countries or regions). The objective will be to assist and inform grantmakers with regard to the prevailing and/or emerging resource needs of the human rights movement.

**12:30-1:30pm**

***Lunch ... and The Funders' Soapbox!***

Facilitator: Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

An opportunity for participants to speak extemporaneously on their philanthropic passions (people, projects or programs), promote a favorite organization, appeal for advice, etc.!

**1:30-4:00pm**

***Networking Session***

Facilitator: Nancy Stockford, The John Merck Fund

“Human Rights Practitioner Training Programs”

A panel of grantmakers with extensive experience in evaluating and funding human rights training programs will be “interviewed” about the effectiveness of the programs which have proliferated in recent years. The panelists will discuss their experiences in and share their insights into programs that vary in format, duration, location and more.

**Helena Brykarz**

Program Executive  
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund  
San Francisco, CA

**Michael Gibbons**

Associate Director  
Banyan Tree Foundation  
Washington, DC

**Flora Liebich**

Senior Governance and Human Rights Specialist  
Canadian International Development Agency  
Québec, CANADA

**6:00-9:30pm**

***Special Event***

**Dinner and Address: Mary Robinson,  
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**St. Bart's Café and St. Bartholomew's Church  
(Park Avenue & 50<sup>th</sup> Street)**

**(6:00-7:00pm)**

*Cocktail Reception*

**(7:00-8:00pm)**

*Dinner*

**(8:00-9:30pm)**

*Address and Conversation*

**Welcome** by Mona Younis, IHRFG Coordinator

**Opening Remarks** by Gara Lamarche, Open Society Institute

**Address by Her Excellency Mary Robinson,  
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**