



Civil Society Groups Give World Leaders a “C” on Fighting Poverty

High level civil society leaders rate the UN MDG Summit:

Adelaide Sosseh, *Co-Chair, Global Call to Action Against Poverty*

“The only responsibility that developed countries have is not being met. A renewed focus on maternal health is good, but let us be clear - MDG #8, the Global Partnership for Development, is lagging the most behind, not MDG #5, improving maternal health. That's why the other goals are not being met.”

Grade: C

Joanna Kerr, *Chief Executive, Action Aid*

“We do not need one more document with aspirations...people cannot eat aspirations.”

Grade: E for “Expensive Event”

Ray Offenheiser, *President, Oxfam America*

“President Obama brings hope to the MDG summit today by introducing a new US global development that defines the US mission for fighting global poverty.”

Grade: C+

Colm Ó Cuanacháin, *Senior Director, Amnesty International*

“The outcomes of this Summit do not reflect the human rights obligations of states in areas such as housing or health. Despite the focus on accountability in discussions no specific mechanisms to monitor states were agreed. Indigenous people and other discriminated groups are all more ignored.”

Grade: None

Gemma Adaba, *UN Representative, International Trade Union Confederation*

“People have a right to decent employment and replacement income when they can not work. The recognition of universal social protection, sustained promotion in the rights of all labors, better income, basic social services is positive, but no accountabilities tools were found in these documents, just intentions.”

Grade: C

Lucy Mulenkei, *International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI/ IWF)*

“All the external funding goes to the national level and most of the times will never arrive to the rural areas. Many of the people in the rural areas in Africa don't know what the MDGs are. We demand more justice.”

Grade: C, for “Civil Society” who are participating.

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