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Petition to end impunity initiated in the wake of CIA torture report



Following the release of the US Senate Intelligence Committee's study of the CIA's detention and interrogation program on December 9, 2014, two former UN Assistant Secretaries-General and UN Humanitarian Coordinators for Iraq, Hans von Sponeck and Denis Halliday, initiated a petition to start a judicial process against the violators of the UN Convention Against Torture and the Geneva Conventions. The petition, which has now become global through the campaigning of the Brussels Tribunal, an activist think tank and peace organization with a focus on Iraq, will be delivered to the US Government, the International Criminal Court, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Human Rights Council and the European Court of Justice.

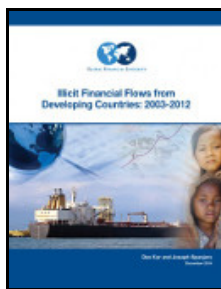
Men and Boys for Gender Justice: Delhi Declaration and Call to Action



The second MenEngage Global Symposium was held in New Delhi, India, from November 10-13, 2014 and brought together more than 1200 activists and professionals coming from 94 countries. The outcome of

the Symposium was the creation of the Delhi Declaration and Call to Action. This document presents the shared concerns of all participants regarding the gaps in the progress of the gender justice movement and, against this background, affirms the commitment of all parties to the continuous engagement of boys and men in key efforts to ensure gender equality and gender justice for all. Wide-reaching and transformative recommendations are proposed: from putting in place systems to ensure individuals are held accountable for gender equality, promoting gender equitable socialization and engaging men to participate equally in care work.

New Report: Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries: 2003-2012



Washington based think tank Global Financial Integrity has launched its latest edition of “Illicit Financial Flows from the Developing World: 2003-2012.” The study finds that developing and emerging economies lost US\$6.6 trillion in illicit financial flows from 2003 through 2012, with illicit outflows increasing at a staggering average rate of 9.4 percent per year—roughly twice as fast as global GDP. This study is GFI’s 2014 annual global update on illicit financial flows from developing economies, and it is the fifth annual update of GFI’s 2008 report, “Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries 2002-2006.” This is the first report to include estimates of illicit financial flows from developing countries in 2012—which the study pegs at US\$991.2 billion.

Pricing the priceless – Economic valuation of nature





The economic valuation of nature has now been debated for several years, having already been implicit in the Kyoto Protocol that set targets for greenhouse gas emissions and provided the framework for trading CO₂ equivalents. The role of nature in models to measure prosperity and of market-based instruments in nature conservation was discussed at a conference organised by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Global Policy Forum and terre des hommes in Bonn, Germany, in November. Presentations and discussions at the conference focused on conceptual origins of the concept, on methodological problems in establishing the true value of ecosystem capital and services and also on whether a valuation of nature need inevitably result in trade and markets. While participants in the meeting generally agreed that an assessment of nature and establishing it in national accounting could supply additional useful information for political decision-making, some also maintained that an economic valuation of nature could not counter further harm to the environment.

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