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**14-16 September - Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico** Social Watch Coordinating Committee meeting

**17 September- New York, US** Launch of the Social Watch Report 2010

**20-22 September - New York, US** MDG Summit

October

**9-11 October - Washington D.C., US** Annual meeting of the IMF and WB

**20-22 October - Santa Cruz, Bolivia** Social Watch Regional Capacity Building Workshop for Latin America

**Social Watch report 2010 calls for a New Deal**



The Social Watch network is preparing to launch its 2010 edition of the Social Watch report entitled "After the Fall. Time for a New Deal" on 17

September in New York, prior to the UN MDGs Summit. The report collects the views of thousands of organizations around the world calling for a change in the "business as usual approach" and demanding a comprehensive justice program. The launch will also include a presentation of the updated Basic Capabilities Index and the Gender Equity Index developed by the network.

Ten years ago the Millennium Declaration promised "a more peaceful, prosperous and just world" and governments committed to achieve eight basic goals by 2015. To review progress and gaps in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the UN convened a High-level Plenary Meeting to be held on 20-22 September 2010 in New York. Social Watch representatives have been invited by the president of the General Assembly to debate with the heads of State during the official round tables. The network will also be represented in several parallel events and panels.

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**LETTER FROM THE SECRETARIAT**

**In search of the lost box**

Growth with equity is one of the major challenges which national economies throughout the world are facing and which gives rise to the greatest differences even amongst developing countries. Although there is a certain amount of consensus regarding the fact that State and public policy play a fundamental role in redistributing wealth more equitably, there is still resistance to the concept of equality of rights. A glance at the latest data from Latin America and the Caribbean shows the principal obstacles to combining growth with equity.

In 1992, in a study published several months after his tragic death, Chilean economist Fernando Fajnzylber produced a chart in which Latin American countries were organized from larger to smaller according to two criteria; economic growth and inequality. Once each country was situated according to the combination of these two variables, one box remained empty: the one in which high growth is combined with low inequality.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON..... SW National Coalition

### Social Watch Bolivia

This month's "Focus on..." section highlights the work of Social Watch (SW) Focal Point in Bolivia: the Labour and Agricultural Development Research Centre (CEDLA, in Spanish), which will be hosting the next regional training workshop for Latin America, to be held from 20 to 22 October 2010 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

CEDLA has been a focal point for SW since 1997 and one of its principal researchers, Gustavo Luna, is currently a member of the Social Watch Coordinating Committee. The national coalition is composed of over 20 non-government organizations throughout the country. These organizations work in various different areas, such as human rights, child rights, labour rights, the indigenous peoples and peasant movement, development, territorial concerns and poverty reduction.

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### Forum on Cooperation for Development: we need new aid delivery mechanisms

The second Forum on Cooperation for Development held 29-30 June at the UN headquarters in New York, reviewed the Official Development Assistance (ODA) agenda. The main conclusions focused on aid effectiveness to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the need to reconsider the financial paradigm and incorporate new forms of cooperation.

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### Launch of the Arab Social Watch Report 2009

Members of Social Watch Lebanon and the coordinator of the network came together with government representatives in Beirut in July 2010 to launch the Social Watch report 2009 for the Arab region. The event also followed the presentation of the UNDP report "Assessing the MDG Process in the Arab Region" and provided an opportunity for a public debate between government authorities, civil society organizations from several Arab countries and United Nations experts.

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### Cameroon: bill pushes for gender mainstreaming in development policies

The Federation of Organizations of the Cameroon Civil Society (FOSCAM, for its initials in french), Social Watch's Focal Point in Cameroon, participated in the elaboration of a draft bill for mainstreaming gender into national policies for growth and employment in that country.

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### Technology transforms election monitoring in Kenya

## EYE ON NEW RESOURCES

### Multidimensional Poverty Index presents new ways of measuring poverty

The idea that poverty can be measured by income alone has been sustained by international organizations including the World Bank to this very day. Numerous efforts were made in the recent years to provide new approaches to measure poverty that are more complex and multidimensional.

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### Blame and Banishment: new UNICEF report on children affected by HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The current economic and political crises in Eastern Europe and Central Asia have revealed crumbling social safety nets when confronted with economic hardship. Children and young people living with HIV/AIDS face social exclusion in the only region where infection rates remain clearly on the rise. A new report by UNICEF launched at the XVIII International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria, revealed the region is badly off track to meet MDG 6, which calls for halting and beginning to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015.

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### UNODC report presents data on transnational organized crime

In July 2010 the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) launched the report: "The Globalization of Crime: A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment". It is the first ever "threat assessment", that tries to fill a knowledge gap and pave the way for future world crime reports. It focuses on trafficking flows, connects the dots between regions, and gives a global overview of illicit markets: it reports about the ways and means international mafias

Civil society organizations, including Social Watch 's focal point in Kenya, SODNET, developed a web platform to monitor the development of the country 's constitutional elections that took place on 4 August 2010. This was the second attempt to give Kenya a new constitution after the failure that provoked post election violence in 2008 killing thousands, displacing 300,000 and affecting all Kenyans. The crowdsourcing platform Uchaguzi ("decision" in Kiswahili), was initially developed as a website aimed to map reports of violence in Kenya. The website was used to map incidents of violence and peace efforts throughout the country based on reports submitted via mobile phone (SMS) and the web (e-mail or Twitter).

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### **UN creates new entity for gender equality**

On July 2010, at the UN headquarters, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously to create the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women - to be known as UN Women - a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide. Will it be able to meet expectations?

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have grown into an international problem.

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### **Online courses on knowledge management for developing countries**

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have signed a cooperation agreement to deliver jointly a series of online courses on knowledge management and web 2.0 technologies for developing countries.

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