



Human Rights Council

SOCIAL FORUM 2008

1-3 September 2008
Conference Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Provisional Programme of work

- Monday, 1 September 2008 -

10h00 – 10h30 **Opening of the Social Forum**

Poverty and Human Rights

10h30 – 12h00 **Human rights and extreme poverty**

I. Normative Framework

II. Enabling Environment

- i) Foreign debt and poverty**
- ii) International trade policies and poverty**
- iii) International assistance and cooperation and poverty reduction**

12h00 – 13h00 **General discussion**

- 15h00 - 17h00
- iv) The role and responsibility of the State in poverty eradication**
 - v) The role and social responsibility of transnational corporations in poverty eradication**
 - vi) The role of civil society in the eradication of poverty at grass-root levels**

17h00 – 18h00 **General discussion**

- Tuesday, 2 September 2008 -

Social Dimension of the Globalization

- 10h00 - 12h00 **I. Global Challenges**
- i) Food security, the food crisis and the right to food**
 - ii) Access to affordable essential drugs and health care**
 - iii) Climate change**
 - iv) Migration**
- 12h00 – 13h00 **General discussion**
- 15h00 – 17h00 **II. National Strategies**
- v) Good governance and Corruption**
 - vi) Access to technology**
 - vii) Decent and favourable work conditions**
- 17h00 – 18h00 **General discussion**

- Wednesday, 3 September 2008 -

- 10h00 - 11h30 **Interactive debate with holders of the relevant thematic procedures mandates of the Human Rights Council**
- 11h30 – 13h00 **Possible themes for the 2009 Social Forum**
- 15h00 – 17h30 **Conclusions and recommendations to be presented to relevant UN bodies**
- i) Raising international awareness**
 - ii) Specific and action oriented initiatives**
 - iii) An enhanced role of the UN system**
- 17h30 – 18h00 **Closure of the Social Forum**
