

## **PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE – UN UPDATE, DECEMBER 2013**

**TUTU DESK CAMPAIGN:** This fall Srs. Deirdre and Maureen attended the launch of the Tutu Desk Campaign here in New York. Archbishop Tutu, himself was present and it was an honor for us to be in his presence. This campaign provides portable school desks to children in sub Saharan Africa. In this region over 95 million children do not have the benefit of a class room desk. Research indicates that the lack of a desk, a writing surface, affects handwriting, concentration and overall academic performance.

To date over 1 million desks have been distributed. The Campaign aims to provide 20 million desks to 20 million children by 20000. The Partnership encourages our members to consider promoting this campaign. For more information, go to: [www.tutudesk.org](http://www.tutudesk.org)



**OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS** is continuing to hold meetings this fall. In each session, civil society (NGOs) has presented briefs on recommendations. In November the fifth session focused on macroeconomics and energy. The focus regarding macroeconomic issues is to “rethink the prevailing economic development paradigm” by aiming for the realization of human rights and well-being within ecological limits, rather than among growth itself. Recommendations include: aligning macroeconomic and related policies with economic, social and cultural rights obligations, making decent work and social protection for all an economic priority, reducing inequalities and promoting redistributive measures and reforming the architectures of international tax, and finance as well as trade and investment.

Regarding energy, civil society supports a specific goal on energy with ambitious and comprehensive targets. Focus is on the need to reduce emissions and energy consumption, while following a human rights –based approach. More specific recommendations include: achieving universal energy access, ensuring clean, safe and locally appropriate energy generation, advancing energy efficiency as well as enabling effective financing for energy and establishing

the role of stakeholders. On your behalf, the Partnership, as members of the Integrity of Earth group, co-authored and distributed a position paper on renewable energy during this session. To read this, go to our web site: [www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com](http://www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com)

Presently the sixth session is focusing on means of implementation and global governance. Civil society is advocating for new resources of public and private finance as well as strong accountability mechanisms for commitments.

Regarding global governance, there is need for participatory, transparent and accountable global institutions while listening to all voices. There is a strong need to incorporate human rights in all levels of policy making. Reforms are necessary to ensure these obligations are fulfilled by institutional institutions and Member States.

**PROGRAMS:** Our fall program schedule was full. In September we hosted a group from Dublin's All Hallows Adult Learning program; in October college students from Loyola-Marymount in California and high school students from Toronto Canada. These last groups were able to participate in events at the UN in observance of the Day of the Girl.



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS- 2014:** “Becoming Global Citizens – The UN and the Post 2015 Agenda”

**February 18,19**

**March 19,20**

**April 14,15**

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