

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POVERTY, FOOD & HEALTH**

The Institute of Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, is organising the 2nd International Conference on Poverty, Food and Health, this time dedicated to the Human Rights approach, which will take place in Lisbon, on 28th to 30th November 2007. This event is organised under the patronage of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Council (<http://www.eu2007.pt/UE/vEN/> <<http://www.eu2007.pt/UE/vEN/>> ) and make the link across the European Presidencies programmes of the Troika countries Germany - Portugal - Slovenia, on some health and nutrition issues. However, it's the Portuguese Presidency privilege and a unique opportunity over these 18 months, to discuss poverty and integrating human rights in poverty, food and health.

Our aim is to gather some of the leading experts from different fields in order to generate authoritative and meaningful debate that contributes to raise new ideas and perspectives for policy action to tackle poverty in its different dimensions. This is an opportunity and a challenge to bring the human rights approach to poverty, food and health to the European politicians and policy makers.

The main topics are:

- \* Poverty and human rights. The state of the art.
- \* Achieving the right to food
- \* Why integrating human rights in poverty reduction strategies does not so much?
- \* Sustainable development and global governance
- \* How global governance is committed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals?.
- \* The economic costs of socio-economic inequalities in health in the EU
- \* Drawing lessons from food security and nutrition research, analysis and information for improved decision making and response

We believe that a great participation from different backgrounds will be crucial for the positive outcomes that we hope will emerge from this event.

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I would be very grateful if Forum members could GIVE SUGGESTIONS for EMERGING TOPICS we SHOULD INCLUDE in this Conference Programme or in the next Conference in March/April 2009.

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The Conference website will be available with all the information about the programme and venue. ([www.pfh2007.org](http://www.pfh2007.org))

Thank you very much.

My best wishes,  
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