



United Nations Association in Canada
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INVITATION

Public Launch of the

Human Development Report 2010

The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development

The United Nations Association in Canada and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) cordially invite you to take part in the Canadian launch of the *Human Development Report 2010*. This year's launch will take place on Thursday, November 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the National Arts Center (The Salon). The event will feature both the presentation of the Report and reactions in terms of specific issues and significant indicators.

The first Human Development Report in 1990 opened with the simply stated premise that has guided all subsequent Reports: "People are the real wealth of a nation." By backing up this assertion with an abundance of empirical data and a new way of thinking about and measuring development, the Human Development Report has had a profound impact on development policies around the world.

The 2010 Report continues the tradition of pushing the frontiers of development thinking. For the first time since 1990, the Report looks back rigorously at the past several decades and identifies often surprising trends and patterns with important lessons for the future. These varied pathways to human development show that there is no single formula for sustainable progress—and that impressive long-term gains can and have been achieved even without consistent economic growth.

Looking beyond 2010, this Report surveys critical aspects of human development, from political freedoms and empowerment to sustainability and human security, and outlines a broader agenda for research and policies to respond to these challenges.

The *Human Development Report 2010* includes and updates the original Human Development Index (HDI) that compares the relative levels of human development in 169 countries, and presents data tables on various aspects of human development, including the new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), created by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, in collaboration with IDRC, and released publicly in July. Canada has regularly stood at, or near the top of the HDI (4th in 2009).

Kathryn White, Executive Director of UNA-Canada will chair a panel that will include, **Mr. David Morrison** Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, and **Mr. Rohinton Medhora**, Vice-President of the International Development Research Centre

DATE: Thursday, November 4th
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: National Arts Centre (The Salon)

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– but copies can be ordered from the UNA-Canada National Office (\$30.00 plus GST per copy)