

# **HOLD THE DATE!**

## **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

Meeting the Millennium Development Goals:  
First Step on the Road towards Human Rights for All

Wednesday, December 10, 2003  
3-5 p.m.

InterAction  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 701  
Washington, DC  
Metro: Dupont Circle

International Human Rights Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This universal "Bill of Rights" guarantees all of us the enjoyment of these rights and the obligation to ensure that the entire human family realizes these rights.

At the beginning of this millennium, 189 governments agreed to cut poverty in half by 2015-this pledge is the MDGs. With only 11 years remaining to realize these goals, we are still disturbingly distant. The UN Conference on Financing for Development held in Monterrey, Mexico in 2001 represents the global promise to provide the financial and human resources to realize these goals. But it does not stop there. Monterrey represents the promise to view all countries, from the North and South, as partners in development, responsible and accountable to one another and their citizens.

What progress have we made towards realizing this vision-towards fulfilling the MDGs and of the dream of Monterrey? What will we need to do to continue to move forward? Over the last month the UN has negotiated a resolution to implement the Monterrey process--What steps do they recommend? What is our role as international civil society?

Please join the New Rules for Global Finance Coalition and InterAction as we review this process.

Representatives of the UN Financing for Development Secretariat in New York, the United Nations Development Program, the US Department of State, and Congressional staff have been invited to join us.