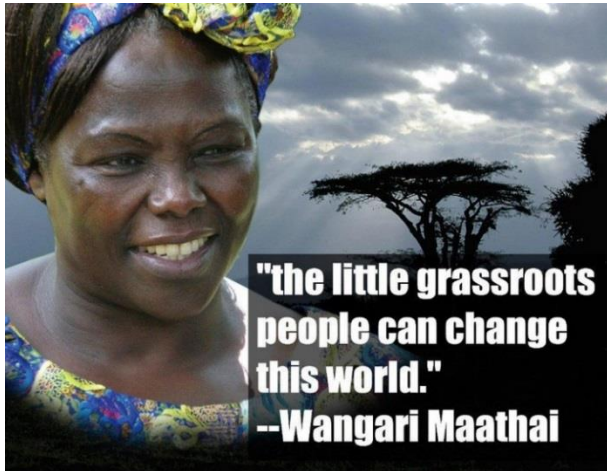


INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY



**"the little grassroots
people can change
this world."
--Wangari Maathai**

**17 October 2017
IPA Global Action**

It is only when the voices of the poor and vulnerable, who have a stake in shaping their future, are heard and heeded that development can become sustainable.

Previous IPA Global Projects for 17 October

Presentation people from around the world making personal contributions

- 2006** Fundraising for Bakhita Women's Dam Project Zambia
- 2008** Fundraising for Capacity Building Projects Zimbabwe
- 2009** Fundraising to send three sisters from India, Philippines and Pakistan to Conference on Advance Global Health: Achieve the MDGs
- 2010** Fundraising to send two young people from Zambia to the CSW
- 2012** Fundraising to send two teens from India to the CSW
- 2013** Fundraising to send indigenous people to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
- 2014** Fundraising for a Sustainable Community Development project in Papua New Guinea
- 2015** Fundraising to provide aid for Syrian refugees
- 2016** Fundraising for water project in Papua New Guinea

What is the IPA Project for 17 October 2017?

IPA invites all members, associates, colleagues, friends of Nano to donate funds to bring grassroots voices to the United Nations. Please read below about IPA's invitation to help raise the voice of the grassroots to the global stage.

Please contribute to our cause.

Leaders please send collections to

Society: Sister Gabrielle Morgan

Conference: IPA Networker (Sr. Elena Hoye, 2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001)

Union: Congregation Bursar at Monasterevin, Ireland

Grassroots Voices at the Table



This year IPA invites all its members, associates, colleagues, friends of Nano to donate funds to the important need to raise up the voices of the grassroots. People at the grassroots are anxious to ***do something***. They are especially anxious to ***do something meaningful***. They are people who are willing to let go of inhibitions, fears, and preconceptions and speak up for justice. Motivated grassroots people can be counted on to carry the burden for any particular cause. They do these things because of ***their belief in the ideals that define what it means to work for what is right***.

In adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), countries around the world have agreed to an agenda to end poverty and promote sustainable growth. When over 800 million people around the world live in extreme poverty, a collective declaration of intent to “leave no one behind” is heartening. Over the next 15 years, the success of these admirable goals will largely depend on grassroots people – and the degree to which they are the agents, as well as the beneficiaries, of change. Without the full participation of the poor and the marginalized in both creating and maintaining sustainable systems, it will be difficult to achieve these goals.

The mission of IPA is to channel our resources so that we can speak and act in partnership with others for global justice. Our role at the United Nations is to work for global justice needs. It is essential that the voices of the grassroots are at the table. We ask you to financially contribute to bringing these voices to the global stage.