

International Committee for October 17



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International Committee for October 17: Appointment of Mrs. Josephine Alumanah

October 17, 2017, Pierrelaye, France—We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Josephine Alumanah to the International Committee for October 17. The Committee was established in 2008 to promote and support the observance of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, observed on October 17th each year, which is recognised as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the United Nations.

Donald Lee, President of the International Committee, in announcing the appointment said: “We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Josephine Alumanah as a member of the International Committee. Through her teaching, research and community service she has demonstrated her strong commitment to improving the lives of children, youth and women in Nigeria, especially among people living in extreme poverty. Her experience and knowledge as an academic and activist will greatly contribute to the work of the Committee to promote and support the spirit and objectives of October 17 in Africa.”

Mrs. Alumanah, a native of Nigeria, is the founder and current executive director of Action in Distress (AID) Foundation that was founded in 2006 to meet the critical needs of women and young people in Nigeria. Action in Distress addresses the underlying conditions conducive to self-destructive life styles among women and young people in Nigeria by offering them comprehensive long-term solutions as credible alternatives to violence, crime and delinquency. Through such programs, women and young people are provided access to real opportunities for genuine personal development while. She is also a Professor at the University of Nigeria.

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The International Committee for October 17 was established in 2008 with the following goals: to promote the 17 of October as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, as recognised by the United Nations, uniting those who are striving together to end poverty; to promote the observance of the 17 of October in its original spirit; and, to promote opportunities where people from a variety of backgrounds, including those whose lives are most difficult, can work together in the fight against extreme poverty as a violation of Human Rights.

(<http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/international-committee-for-october-17>)

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first celebrated as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty at a major public rally held on the 17 of October 1987 in Paris, where one hundred thousand people from all backgrounds responded to a call from Father Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World, to gather at the Plaza of Liberties and Human Rights. On this day, a declaration was engraved on a Commemorative Stone proclaiming that extreme poverty is a violation of human rights and affirming the need for all people to unite to ensure that these rights are respected.

(<http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/history-of-october-17>)

In 1992, the United Nations proclaimed the 17th of October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Since then, governments, local authorities, members of civil society and the private sector have recognized the importance of this International Day, which has become a key rallying point for a growing number of citizens and organizations from all backgrounds, in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty.

(<http://www.un-documents.net/a48r183.htm>)

Action in Distress (AID) Foundation is a Nigeria-based nonprofit that was founded in 2006 to meet the critical needs of women and young people in Nigeria. It is dedicated to creating comprehensive long-term solutions that provide their target audience with real opportunities for genuine personal development and credible alternatives to violence, crime and delinquency while seeking to address the underlying conditions conducive to self-destructive life styles.

(<http://aidindistressfoundation.org/wp/>)