

The Spanish Alliance Against Poverty which is the largest Spanish coalition, is part of a growing human rights advocacy network focused on mobilization against poverty. The alliance is comprised of more than 1000 organizations whose members are from both Spanish and international NGOs, trade unions, youth organizations, religious groups, and social organizations of all type.

We consider Poverty and Inequality are the world's biggest problem. We believe we can, and we must, strive to make our methods for deciphering its causes and solutions ever more effective.

Considering the efforts made by the MDG's movement and currently by those in charge of the post 2015 agenda, we believe it is absolutely necessary to work worldwide in a coordinated and sustained manner to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.

Sustainable development commitments can only be achieved if there is an international body able to coordinate, gather and translate relevant scientific and academic data in a way that accurately and legitimately informs political decisions. We consider absolutely essential to coordinate our own efforts throughout the year on a greater, worldwide scale.

It is necessary to establish a mechanism capable of integrating all the scientific and academic reports relevant to the three dimensions of sustainable development. Thus we, along with Social Watch Spain and GCAP Spain, propose the creation of an International Experts Panel to Eradicate Poverty and Reduce Inequality. This panel would lead international academic, scientific and policy research assessments on poverty and inequality dimensions.

It is a pathway to strength the science-policy interface at the High Level Political Forum

We envision this Panel could be inspired by other expert bodies such as the (IPCC) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It would provide a means to coordinate all available reports on poverty and inequality in a comprehensive way and allow us to know the causes, draw comparisons and new perspectives,

(general and country specific ones), and obtain more accurate and relevant solutions. All these causes, perspectives and solutions with their scientific support.

“The time has come to reconnect science and policy” it was written in the last Executive summary

We understand this Panel should be created under the UN system, and see the ECOSOC as the most appropriate sphere for its implementation within the context of the post 2015 development agenda as stated in the resolution 67/290:

“...the Forum, under the auspices of the ECOSOC shall conduct regular reviews, starting in 2016, on the follow-up and implementation of sustainable development commitments and objectives, including those related to the means of implementation, within the context of the post-2015 development agenda.”

We are currently working on an international advocacy strategy at international level for the creation of the proposed Expert Panel, and in this context we have called an International Meeting (to be held in October 2014)

The objective on the meeting will be to place the idea of the Expert Panel within the development agenda, in light of the opportunities that the post-2015 process is opening.

We agree that a Panel created to coordinate the scientific reports worldwide, working throughout the year, obtaining data, area by area, country by country will allow us to know the causes and new perspectives and to obtain more accurate and relevant solutions to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.

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