

## **How the statement relates to the substantive agenda of the ECOSOC High Level Segment**

According to the Substantive agenda of the ECOSOC High Level Segment **innovation** is a priority of ECOSOC to strengthen the MDGs. Innovation especially in states in special situations – fragile states in conflict or post-conflict areas– require efficient education tools.

After the International Year of Reconciliation 2009 of the United Nations one of the lessons gained was, that dialogue and Reconciliation processes led to a better understanding, change within the engaged people and sometimes, as well, of structures involved. What was missing, were holistic Reconciliation concepts to promote implementation of the education-related goals at all levels.

The implementation of the S.E.R. Foundation's goals is focused on supporting well-being, personal growth, and development, especially of children, in all aspects of existence: physically (aid for minimum of existence, health, environment), intellectually (schooling/education), emotionally (strengthening and balancing by therapy, music, arts, sports) and spiritually (re-discovering their unique spiritual roots, heritage). The guiding principle is reconciliation as the first step towards peace and reconciliation diplomacy.

Therefore S.E.R. Foundation put five Best Practise Education and Reconciliation projects together. Youth for Peace and Reconciliation by the NGO JAMAA, Burundi, The Rainbowhouse and S.E.R. Kinderhilfe, Germany, The Ideas Office and RadioChico, Switzerland. They all have many years experience and/or won several awards. These best practise will be broadcasted by RadioChico to make them available for all.

Through education **productive work is created** to overcome extrem poverty (MDG1).

According to a representative survey ([www.cmdg.ch](http://www.cmdg.ch)) 88% of the Swiss population didn't know the MDGs in 2008. These results were even worse in 2009 in workshops, in colleges and universities in Switzerland and Germany related to Reconciliation and the implementation of the MDGs. This shows, in the **public media lies a considerable potential to accomplish the MDG2 and all the others MDGs.**

Obviously the power to implement the MDGs top down isn't efficient enough. In addition Reconciliation can be implemented bottom-up if Civil Society is strong enough and ready to support it. Coordination and Fund Raising of all actors are essential as well as efficient marketing of the MDGs.

S.E.R. Foundation recommends ECOSOC a „**Decade for global Education and Reconciliation**“ with an **Education and Reconciliation Action Plan to implement the MDGs**. Important are Education and Reconciliation centers on all continents and Conferences or Forums about the topic to exchange Best Practise.

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