In an era when the international community is facing the most pressing human rights and development challenges in history, scholars and activists are increasingly looking to how human rights can underpin development so as to achieve better outcomes for those who are the ultimate subjects of development - the world’s people.

The concept of ‘rights-based development’ poses a new challenge, along with significant opportunities, for scholars and practitioners working in and across the fields of human rights and development. However, dialogue between practitioners and scholars and between these sectors and the wider community has been limited. ActionAid and The Institute of Social Sciences at The University of Sydney are therefore partnering to host a series of seminars that will foster discussion and debate over the relationship between human rights and development with a broader audience. Three seminars will be hosted throughout 2010, which will be open to government, civil society, students and the general public, each topic concerning the linkage of human rights and development.

On 13 August 2010, guest panellists from ActionAid, The University of Sydney and the Australian Education Union will lead the second debate entitled: ‘Education: Are we on track for the Millennium Development Goals.’

**Speakers and panel members:**

Dr Elizabeth Cassity, Faculty of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney  
Ms Darcel Russell, Deputy Federal Secretary, Australian Education Union  
Ms Anjela R V Taneja, Education Program Officer, ActionAid India

*Light refreshments will follow the event.*

RSVPs welcome but not essential. To RSVP or request more information, please email humanrights.democracy@sydney.edu.au