



Message from the Director

Welcome back and compliments of the season.

The latest issue of *Poverty in Focus* - [*The MDGs and beyond: Pro-Poor Policy in a Changing World*](#) - is based on articles published simultaneously in the *IDS Bulletin*. In order to stimulate debate around what needs to be done to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, both publications will be formally launched at the MDG roundtable *The 2010 UN MDG Review: What to do differently? What to do the same?*, an event to be held jointly with IDS and UNDP on Monday 25th January in New York. For the first time in the MDG review year, a diverse panel of actors in the development field, will be brought together to discuss what the September review agenda might look like.

The new IPC-IG's *Poverty In Focus* highlights the need for a renewed political momentum to achieve the MDGs. Through the articles, we try to provide with a clear understanding of what has worked, what has not, why, and how we can move on. The guest editors are Andy Sumner (Institute of Development Studies Sussex) and Claire Melamed (ActionAid). I am pleased that the issue has a foreword by Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, former administrator of UNDP and a key leader of the UNDP team that sought to bring the MDGs centrestage in the early years of this decade.

On a different and equally important theme, we are pleased to launch a One Pager on the lessons of [*The Doha Round and Kenya: Good and Not So Good Lessons*](#), by Eduardo Zepeda, formerly a colleague at the IPC-IG and now with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace/UNDP. In my view the issues covered in this one pager are also of interest to other developing countries as they strive to address the challenges of inclusive globalization.

We also bring to you translated versions of past publications, such as One Pages and Poverty In Focus in Portuguese, Spanish and French, namely [*Têm os Países mais Pobres menos Capacidade de Redistribuição?*](#) by [Martin Ravallion](#) (Development Research Group, World Bank) , [*Têm os Programas TCR um Efeito Colateral Pró-pobres?*](#) by Christian Lehmann (IPC-IG), [*Gotas de Chuva para a Educação: Como Melhorar o Acesso à Água nas Escolas?*](#) by Acácio Lourete, Christian Lehmann e Raquel Tsukada (IPC-IG), [*El Acceso Equitativo a los Servicios Básicos: Más Allá del Dilema Abastecimiento Público versus Abastecimiento Privado*](#) by Degol Hailu and Raquel Tsukada (IPC-IG), [*¿Los Programas de TMC Tienen un Efecto Indirecto Favorable a los Pobres?*](#) by Christian Lehmann, [*¿Los Países Más Pobres Tienen Menos Capacidad de Redistribución?*](#) by Martin Ravallion and [*Conservation et Écotourisme au Brésil et au Mexique : l'impact du Développement*](#) by David Ivan Fleischer (IPC-IG).



We value your feedback and engagement in debate on these important issues and look forward to an exciting and productive year of engagement.

Best regards,
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