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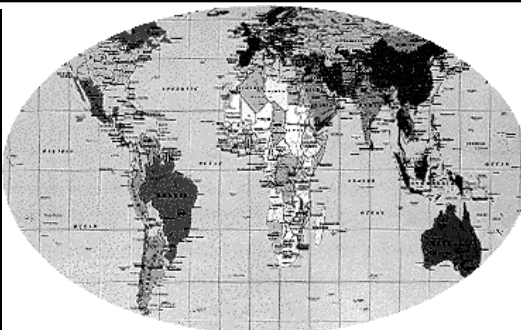
February 16, 2009

## IDPSA Friday Forum

*Micro and Small Enterprises in the Global South: How do they help the poor?*

Friday, February 20th, 5:00 to 6:30  
MGC 200

Watch the ListServ for more information  
[www.idpsa.org](http://www.idpsa.org)



## Interested in Contributing?

Have something to say?

We are looking to re-work the DevNet and are interested in your thoughts.

Send us editorials or comments on any development or world events topics that interest you. Please send submissions to [idpdevnet@yahoo.com](mailto:idpdevnet@yahoo.com)

## **Raise Hope for Congo Concert**

*February 19, 8:30pm*

*DC9, 1940 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC*

You are invited to a concert Elikeh is having at DC9 on February 19. This show is to raise awareness about widespread sexual violence against women and girls plaguing the war-torn Democratic Republic of the Congo, in central Africa. Today Congo is caught in an epidemic of appalling sexual violence, as militias use rape as a military tactic to destroy communities and exert control over natural resources. The conflict has been marked by cycles of escalation, and the international response has been wholly inadequate. Tickets are \$10

Elikeh ([www.elikeh.com](http://www.elikeh.com)) will be joined by PS24 ([www.myspace.com/ps24music](http://www.myspace.com/ps24music)) and GOISHEUS ([www.myspace.com/godisheus](http://www.myspace.com/godisheus))

Come do the right thing and dance. Its gonna be Afro,Funky and Roots. Fund going to Enough Project.  
[www.enoughproject.org](http://www.enoughproject.org)

## **The Attacks in Mumbai: Indian Domestic and Foreign Policy Impacts**

*Thursday, February 26, 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.*

*East-West Center in Washington, 1819 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 2nd Floor Conference Room*

The "26/11" Mumbai attacks have been described by many western commentators as an unprecedented terrorist challenge to India. The attacks, carried out by militants with ties to Pakistan, have caused India to rethink a variety of domestic and regional policies, as well as its relationship with regional governments and the United States. Ms. Polly Nayak, recently returned from a month in India, will discuss how evolving Indian perceptions of and reactions to the events of 26/11 will shape the country's security policies, election politics, communal relations, and counterterrorism cooperation with the United States.

Featuring: **Ms. Polly Nayak**, Independent Consultant and former U.S. Intelligence Officer

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M.

This event is free and open to the public. **Please note that this event will be off-the-record.**

Please RSVP to Alison Hazell by email ([RSVPDC@EastWestCenter.org](mailto:RSVPDC@EastWestCenter.org)), fax (202) 293-1402, or telephone (202) 327-9752. Please include your name, title, organization, address, phone number, email, and country of citizenship. All personal information is for East-West Center use ONLY and is not circulated. Please note that seating for this event is limited.

# **Job/Internship Opportunities**

*More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve*

**All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email [idsis@american.edu](mailto:idsis@american.edu) with your full name and email address to subscribe.**

## **UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program**

**Fall 2009**

*Applications are due by 5pm, February 26, 2009*

The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA/NCA) provides an opportunity for Washington area graduate students interested in international affairs, development, trade, finance, and related disciplines to explore the field of international organizations. The Fellows Program offers participants the chance to build strong professional and academic skills through relevant internship experiences and a series of 8-10 seminars on global issues and the United Nations.

### **Seminars**

UNA/NCA Fellows are required to attend the series of seminars. The seminars will be on the challenges and opportunities facing the UN system and will cover many topics of contemporary importance. Prominent experts and officials will be included as guest speakers. Past seminars have featured notable experts such as: Dr. William Durch, former Project Director of the UN Panel on UN Peace Operations; Salih Booker, Executive Director, Global Rights; Dr. Desmond Birmingham, Head, Fast Track Initiative Secretariat, World Bank; Frank Vogl, founder, Transparency International; and Diana Wells, Co-President, Ashoka.

### **Components of the UNA/NCA Fellows Program**

- An 8-or-10 session seminar program focusing on pertinent current issues facing the United Nations System, including reform challenges, and featuring leading figures working on those issues;
- A substantive work experience of up to 20 hours per week in the Washington area office of an international organization. Developing networking skills among the Fellows through discussions of their internship experiences;
- The opportunity to earn academic credits from certain universities. (applicant responsible for exploring this option with faculty advisor at his/her university)

### **Internship Requirement**

UNA Fellows are required to obtain an internship at an international organization during the semester in which they participate in the program. Such internships usually run up to 20 hours per week. Over the years, Fellows have interned in a large number of organizations in the Washington area and have participated in a wide range of substantive analyses, programs and initiatives. Such organizations include official agencies, NGOs, think tanks and private firms. Given the market options for such organizations, almost all of these internships are unpaid, alas.

### **Certificate of Accomplishment**

Those who complete the program by participating in the seminar series and completing their internships will be awarded a Certificate by the UNA/NCA.

### **Submission of Application**

Applications are welcome from graduate students in good standing from any of the Consortium Universities who will be in these graduate programs during the Fall semester. The application has five parts, listed below:

- 1) the two-page application (please see attached)
- 2) an essay (250-300 words) discussing the applicant's 5-year career plan
- 3) a copy of the applicant's unofficial graduate transcript
- 4) one letter of recommendation
- 5) an updated resume

**Completed applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Thursday February 26, 2009** by email to Robert J. Berg, Director, UNA Graduate Fellows Program, [BobBerg500@cs.com](mailto:BobBerg500@cs.com); and Scott Permar, Recruitment Coordinator, [s.perman@gmail.com](mailto:s.perman@gmail.com)

### **Selection Process/Timetable**

Final decisions for Fall 2009 UNA/NCA Fellows likely will be completed within two weeks of the application deadline. The selection will be based upon the application and, for those under final consideration, a personal interview with a member of the UNA/NCA Fellows Board. Instructions for scheduling this interview will be available when each Fellow is contacted.

**For Further Information [Click here](#) or Contact:**

Bob Berg, Director, UNA/NCA Graduate Fellows Program, ([bobberg500@cs.com](mailto:bobberg500@cs.com)) or Abi Pereira, Education Chair, UNA/NCA, ([abipere@aol.com](mailto:abipere@aol.com))