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## 25 September 2017: 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals

On the second anniversary of the adoption by countries of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, ATD Fourth World International, the Global Call for Action against Poverty (GCAP) and many other organisations are calling upon the governments of all countries party to this agreement to take all action necessary to achieve these objectives.

"These objectives are of critical importance", says Isabelle Pypaert Perrin, General Delegate of the ATD Fourth World International Movement International Leadership Team, "but governments will only be successful in implementing the Global Goals if they involve people living in extreme poverty and with the active support of all citizens to act in solidarity for a different society. We invite each and everyone to join in this mobilization [www.poverty-stop.org](http://www.poverty-stop.org) and to participate in 17 October, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty".

On 25 September 2015, 193 heads of States, assembled at the UN in New York, committed to "End Poverty in all its Forms Everywhere" and adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, to be implemented by 2030. For the first time, these Goals involve all countries in the world, whereas the preceding Millennium Development Goals only applied to the so-called developing countries (in the southern hemisphere), implicitly assuming that developed countries (in the northern hemisphere) had eradicated poverty.

For the first time also, after many years of intense lobbying, ATD Fourth World and its partner organisations, most notably the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and Social Watch, succeeded in getting the following imperative incorporated into the SDGs viz. "Leave No One Behind", thus doing away with the violence of past policies that failed to take into account those people who endure extreme poverty.

But success in eradicating extreme poverty will be difficult as long as it keeps being measured by arbitrary financial indicators that render poverty invisible in developed countries. This is why ATD Fourth World and Oxford University have embarked on an international participative research project on the dimensions of poverty and relevant indicators - a project in which people living in extreme poverty are co-researchers alongside other experts. The results of this research will be presented to the UN in 2019.



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