

The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty: A New Framework for Action?

French Development Agency and ATD Fourth World

Thursday, 27 January 2022, 5pm – 7pm (French time)

Programme

Host: Charlotte Le Grix de la Salle, Journalist

5:00 pm-5:45 pm: The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty: presentation of research approach and results

The Merging of Knowledge methodology used in The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty research involves bringing researchers, policy makers, business leaders, social workers, and teachers together with people who have a lived experience of poverty. Merging of Knowledge is based on ATD Fourth World's philosophy of action, which takes into account the knowledge, experience, and commitment of people living in poverty. Using the Merging of Knowledge methodology allowed this research project to arrive at a multidimensional understanding of poverty, articulating the economic, social, institutional, cultural, and psychological dimensions of poverty. This introductory session will present the methodological principles and summarize the results.

The session will include a 10 minute video on implementing The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty research in the six countries.

Xavier Godinot, Research Director, ATD Fourth World; and *Abdallah Bendjaballah*, ATD Fourth World Activist, member of the national research team in France (15 minutes)

Subtitled video interview (10 minutes) with:

Professor Kitojo Wetengere, Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Academic Affairs, University of Arusha, Tanzania

Upendo Sipora Christopher, Deputy Headmistress, Bunge Primary School, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Rehema Mapunda, ATD Fourth World Activist, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

5:45 pm-7:00 pm: Round table: What are the results and achievements of the research that help us better understand and reduce poverty? How can we come up with indicators and operational tools for development and international aid?

One reason ATD conducted this unprecedented research was that traditional indicators used to measure poverty are inadequate tools for public policy around poverty reduction. By adding new dimensions to the definition of poverty, we radically change the way it is understood. This improved understanding can lead to new policy tools, including better indicators, for poverty eradication in the fields of education, social services, health, etc.

This second session will bring together those in the aid sector to discuss how and under what conditions ATD Fourth World, its partners, and others can use The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty research results to fight poverty and reduce inequalities.

François Bourguignon, Professor Emeritus, Paris School of Economics, Director of Studies at EHESS (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences)

Sylvie Bukhari-de Pontual, President, CCFD Terre Solidaire

Marie-Hélène Loison, Deputy Director General, AFD

7:00 pm: Conclusion: Thomas Melonio, Executive Director of Innovation, Research and Knowledge, AFD