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"Children are hardest hit by poverty because it strikes at the very roots of their potential for development-their growing bodies and minds"

"Poverty remains the single biggest obstacle to meeting their needs, protecting and promoting the rights of children"

A World Fit for Children, Outcome Document of the UN Special Session on Children (2002)

For two days, 45 children will meet in Dar El Salaam, Tanzania. They will come from Africa, Arab States, Asia, Europe, Israel and Latin America and the Caribbean. They will come from different cultural and religious traditions. They are all involved with GNRC, which is a network working for a better world for children. The meeting is called "GNRC 4th Forum" and will be held on 16th to 18th June 2012. All children, under the age of 18 will meet already 14-15 June for a preparatory meeting.

The Forum for Children will be held in Africa, and will be dedicated to addressing the critical theme of poverty. The GNRC Fourth Forum will begin on 16th June which is

very important in Africa. Years ago, hundreds of brave children demonstrate on that day, demanding better education and life conditions. They were not armed, when speaking out against imposed poverty and yet, they were gunned down by the Apartheid regime of South Africa. Therefore, it is called the *Day of the African Child*.

We believe that the participation of children in the meeting is important. We know we will benefit from your active participation and insights.

Through your participation, you will be encouraged to:

- Raise your needs and ideas for action together with other participants
- Learn more to better understand the challenges and your responsibilities in your own community
- Be involved in concrete follow up actions to address poverty situations
- "*be the change, you want to see in the world*"

Child Poverty means that children ...:

- **don't have proper food, clean drinking water, good sanitary conditions, access to health clinics, proper housing, schools and access to information**
- **live in a dangerous environment that can damage their growth**
- **are missing resources which they need to survive and grow**

This is a child friendly summary of the Concept Note of the GNRC 4th Forum that you can find on the (http://www.gnrc.net/en/aboutus/fourthforum/fourthforum_main.html)