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Mr. Cassam Uteem, Former President of Mauritius, Becomes President of International Movement ATD Fourth World

ATD Fourth World recently named **Mr. Cassam Uteem** as new president of the Board of Directors. Mr. Uteem will take up his responsibilities in this role as of 1 January, 2015.

Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of the Republic of Mauritius from 1992 to 2002, was the first Head of State to champion the recognition by the United Nations of October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (adopted in December 1992). Later, Mr. Uteem served as President of the International Committee for October 17 from 2008 to 2012. His ardent commitment to see an end to poverty gave rise to a long-term friendship with the human rights-based, anti-poverty organization International Movement ATD Fourth World.

At its recent meeting in November, ATD Fourth World's Board also named as Vice President **Ms. Janet Nelson**, former Deputy Director of UNICEF at its European regional office in Geneva.

ATD Fourth World thanked previous Board president (2006-2014) **Ms. Nina Lim Yuson** of the Philippines for her unwavering commitment to people living in poverty, and her intense work on obtaining the adoption by the UN (27 September, 2012) of the “Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights.”

Mr. Uteem said of his selection, “I am very touched, flattered and honored by the friendship you have shown me, the trust you've placed in me, and the privilege you've given me in asking me to chair the Board of Directors of the International Movement ATD Fourth World. I couldn't imagine turning away from what I consider to be a 'solemn duty' - that of advancing further and faster, if possible, the objectives of ATD Fourth World, especially reducing poverty and respecting the dignity and human rights of people in poverty around the world.”

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