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Policy Forum and HakiElimu have decided to dedicate this month's debate to the issue of UN Reform in Tanzania. The debate is titled **"*Delivering as One: UN Reform in Tanzania*"**.

In January 2007, Tanzania was handed a unique opportunity by being selected as one of eight countries to pilot the new United Nations (UN) reform initiative known as 'Delivering as One'. Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Uruguay and Viet Nam are the other countries piloting the reform in the period 2007-2008. The aim of the reform initiative is for the UN as an organisation to achieve better results with its work in Tanzania by becoming more effective and efficient through closer cooperation and coordination both internally, among the UN agencies, and externally with government, civil society, the private sector and development partners.

This initiative gives pilot countries like Tanzania an opportunity to strategically focus on key national priorities and enhance its performance by working together with the UN to reduce poverty, improve democratic governance, and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which include better rights and welfare of women and children and the combating of major diseases like HIV/AIDS. Specifically for Tanzania, the UN reform initiative is aligned to the national growth and poverty reduction strategies, known by their Swahili names: MKUKUTA for the mainland plan and MKUZA for the Zanzibar equivalent.

Hence, the initiative raises several issues for discussion: What the reform initiative will mean for equity, democratisation, poverty reduction and good governance; how civil society in Tanzania is being engaged in the reform process; what UN reform means in terms of aid effectiveness; and how UN reform in Tanzania can help the country with regards to aligning itself along the Paris Declarations.

These issues, along with how the reform initiative will help in achieving a more equitable and democratic UN in terms of decision-making, will feature as part of the discussion during the Breakfast Debate on Friday, 25th of April 2008. Invited participants at the meeting include representatives of Government, private sector, civil society, donors, the media and concerned citizens. The discussions are held over light breakfast and enable participants to reflect and debate the issues.

The 7:30 People and Policy Debates are held on the last Friday of every month and this month the venue will be the **CENTER FOR ENHANCEMENT OF EFFECTIVE MALARIA INTERVENTIONS (CEEMI)** Conference Room along **Ocean Road/ Kivukoni Street**, from 0730 to 0930. Their main purpose is to examine and debate the extent to which policies serve ordinary people, and identify imaginative questions and solutions.

The debates are jointly organized by Policy Forum and HakiElimu. The main presenter for this month's debate is Mr. Oscar Fernandez Taranco, the UN Resident Coordinator.

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