

International Committee for October 17



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International Committee for October 17: Appointment of Justin Byamungu

October 17, 2017, Pierrelaye, France—We are pleased to announce the appointment of Justin Byamungu to the International Committee for October 17. The Committee was established in 2008 to promote and support the observance of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, observed on October 17th each year, which is recognised as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the United Nations.

Donald Lee, President of the International Committee, said: "I am delighted to welcome Mr. Justin Byamungu as a member of the International Committee. He is a young civil servant from the Democratic Republic of Congo. As a member of the [Tabori](#) Coordination team in Bukavu, he has been particularly committed to working with young people living in the poorest families, and to fighting poverty. His experience and commitment to the defense of the poorest will enrich and strengthen the work of the Committee for the promotion and support of the spirit and objectives of October 17. "

Mr. Justin Byamungu, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been an active and committed member of the Tabori Coordination team in the city of Bukavu where he has worked with young people from the poorest families. He is personally committed to overcoming extreme poverty by defending the rights of people living in extreme poverty. Recently, he moved to Kinshasa where he is currently working as a civil servant.

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The International Committee for October 17 was established in 2008 with the following goals: to promote the 17 of October as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, as recognised by the United Nations, uniting those who are striving together to end poverty; to promote the observance of the 17 of October in its original spirit; and, to promote opportunities where people from a variety of backgrounds, including those whose lives are most difficult, can work together in the fight against extreme poverty as a violation of Human Rights.

(<http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/international-committee-for-october-17>.)

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first celebrated as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty at a major public rally held on the 17 of October 1987 in Paris, where one hundred thousand people from all backgrounds responded to a call from Father Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World, to gather at the Plaza of Liberties and Human Rights. On this day, a declaration was engraved on a Commemorative Stone proclaiming that extreme poverty is a violation of human rights and affirming the need for all people to unite to ensure that these rights are respected.

(<http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/history-of-october-17>.)

In 1992, the United Nations proclaimed the 17th of October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Since then, governments, local authorities, members of civil society and the private sector have recognized the importance of this International Day, which has become a key rallying point for a growing number of citizens and organizations from all backgrounds, in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty. (<http://www.un-documents.net/a48r183.htm>.)

Tapori is a worldwide network of children whose motto is: "*We want all children to have the same chances.*" They work together to make this hope a reality.

<http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/get-involved/tapori-children-network/>

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