

“Education—and the lack of education—is an unfolding crisis. It is an emergency. We’ve seen how economies have been able to move mountains of money to shore up their economies, and only move molehills for education. That needs to change.”

Queen **Rania Al Abdullah** of Jordan at the World Economic Forum in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland in January



“We’re in a situation where we’re

going from a model where everything you saw was true and was highly metered—that is, highly controlled—to an explosion of information where not everything you see is true. And it’s very difficult for humans to sort out what’s true and what’s false.”

Eric Schmidt, chairman and CEO of Google, comments in an interview with CNN on the credibility of information found on the internet

“There can be no food security without climate security.”

United Nations Secretary-General **Ban Ki Moon**, addressing world leaders on food security



“Hunger is the most cruel and concrete sign of poverty. Opulence and waste are no longer acceptable when the tragedy of hunger is assuming ever greater proportions.”

Pope Benedict XVI in a speech at the World Summit on Food Security 2009 in Rome



“No one will escape the consequences of climate change. Wealth will be no barrier nor will technology be the panacea, even if we can afford it.”

Nobel peace laureate Archbishop **Desmond Tutu** of South Africa and former Prime Minister of Ireland **Mary Robinson** in an opinion piece published in the *South China Morning Post* and Malaysia’s *New Straits Times* before the Copenhagen summit on climate change in December