



## **Invitation to Press Conference**

### **Release of report on**

### **Implicating Tourism in the Commonwealth Games 2010**

On 27th July 2010 EQUATIONS (Equitable Tourism Options) will release a report **titled "Humanity – Equality – Destiny?" Implicating Tourism in the Commonwealth Games, 2010.**

Mega events have little to do with bolstering tourism, and in fact can have a negative impact. The report investigates the links between mega-sport events, tourism, and notions of development.

EQUATIONS report examines critically the hopes and myths, as well as assumptions and mental models about tourism's potential of the 2010 Commonwealth Games. Linked to this are the preparations being undertaken for tourists, a key aspect being the transformation of Delhi into a world class city. The social, cultural, economic, environmental, political, and human rights impacts ensuing from the preparations under way are examined. In particular, the place of accountability, democratic process and public consensus in hosting the CWG 2010 in Delhi are explored.

**EQUATIONS and HLRN are convening a Press Conference on 27th July 2010 to share findings based on this report which comes in a series of investigations by civil society groups on the developments and implications of the CWG 2010.** We will use the occasion of the Press Conference to brief the media on other developments related to the Commonwealth Games as well.

#### **Speakers:**

- **Rosemary Viswanath, Chief Functionary, EQUATIONS**
- **Kalyani Menon-Sen, Independent Researcher and Activist**
- **Usha Ramanathan, Independent Law Researcher**
- **Shalini Mishra, Senior Researcher, Housing and Land Rights Network**

#### **Chair:**

**Miloon Kothari**, *Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing; Executive Director, HLRN.*

#### **Venue:**

**Tuesday, 27th July 2010 at 3:30 pm**

***Conference Hall, Press Club of India, 1 Raisina Road, New Delhi***

***Please join us for tea after the Press Conference***

The report will also be available post release at <http://www.equitabletourism.org>

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