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Ex-US official on mission to help the poor

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Former US secretary of State Madeleine Albright is in the country to promote legal rights for the poor.

Dr Albright is leading a delegation of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor across Africa and other developing parts of the world to seek ways of ensuring that the poor are involved in economic and social development.

She Dr Albright co-chairs the New York-based commission, together with economist Hernando de Soto of Peru.

Looking for solutions

"We're looking for solutions that are both local and global, for under-development is a problem that affects every continent," Dr Albright said yesterday.

She was addressing a consultative conference on legal Empowerment of the Poor in Kenya organised by the commission at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi.

She described poverty as an overcrowded prison without justice, and which must be unlocked. Dr Albright, who was accompanied by Environment minister Kivutha Kibwana, said millions of people, especially in towns worldwide, lived outside the protection of the law.

The commission, which is hosted by the UNDP, was launched by a group of industrialised and developing countries to help governments and NGOs work to help the poor get legal rights.

Countries that helped establish the commission include Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Norway, Sweden, South Africa, Tanzania and Britain. It is hosted by the UNDP and is expected to complete its work in 2008.

The two-day conference, which ends today, is organised in collaboration with the UN-Habitat, the UNDP and Unep, to discuss the various issues hindering poor people from access justice in Kenya. The commission has conducted similar consultations in Brazil, Ukraine and Indonesia. This week, it is visiting Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia, and will next year be moving to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mexico and Guatemala.

Dr Albright, who was the 64th US secretary of State, also served as the country's



representative to the UN. She is also the founder of the Albright Group.

She is scheduled to visit Toi Market in Kibera slums, then hold a press conference later.



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