

Eradication of Poverty in the 21st Century

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“The gap between people having to do with money; that’s poverty” said a delegate from New Zealand. Within one of the three capital cities of South Africa, poverty levels are rising from the excess number of people coming to Cape Town because of the water crisis, the water crisis is causing more people to move to Cape Town because of it’s larger water supply which is raising the poverty levels due to the amount of water being used quicker, I think by listening to other countries proposals South Africa could adopt new ways to preserve the water supply and end this crisis. During the committee meetings on the day of the 15th I went around to the two separate ECOFIN rooms and asked certain countries and leading delegates who were writing the resolutions what they thought South Africa could do to relive or possibly even resolve their crisis. One of the first delegates I talked to was representing Singapore. The delegate from Singapore said that in Singapore the economy is so high and poverty levels are so low because when someone losses their job the government helps support the individual or family as much as it can. When I asked a delegate from the UK who was one of the main people constructing the resolution in ECOFIN 1. This delegate was from the UK and was really giving me a lot of feedback. This delegate thought that some things south Africa could do to lower the poverty levels is to construct homeless shelters that have community gardens for a source of food for the people, to make soup kitchens, and to provide jobs. Earlier while sitting in on the discussion Laos mentioned that to better improve shelters they wanted to put health care centers in [the shelters] so that not just the jobless or the homeless can be benefited but also the surrounding community. In conclusion these countries and many more had some amazing ideas to solve one of the world’s biggest problems, even though funding was a debate I really think that so many countries across the world could implement some of these strategies and greatly improve the lives of their citizens.