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“We declare that human rights are for all of us, all the time: whoever we are and wherever we are from; no matter our class, our opinions, our sexual orientation .” – UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon



The extraordinary moment when Hilde Back mirrored this statement by donating money to sponsor a child in a rural primary school in Kenya, did not seem so extraordinary at the time. She believed she had accomplished a good deed and thought nothing of it from that point onwards. That was until Christopher Mburu found Ms Back many years later, a woman he had never met, to remind her of that one small act. He had achieved what seemed impossible; becoming a Harvard Graduate and further being appointed a lawyer to the United Nations. Her generosity helped aid Mr. Mburu to fulfil a dream that many within his community had had as children. As a result, he was able to stand up for others right's by creating his own scholarship program in Kenya: the Hilde Back Education Fund.

To celebrate Human Rights Day, Ciné-ONU in partnership with OHCHR screened - A Small Act, at the BOZAR in Brussels. The film follows Chris Mburu's unbelievable journey which places emphasis on how one small decision can yield multiple amazing outcomes. Believing in the importance of education, the film covers Chris's newly established fund to aid Kenyan children through secondary schools, improving their lives dramatically.



Post screening there was a conversation with Chris Mburu himself followed by a Q & A with the audience. Highlighting the importance of education, Chris eloquently explained that "kids in the world should not have to wait for European help. It should be compulsory that governments provide education as it is a fundamental human right."





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