

UNDP Side Events during the MDG Summit

20 September 2010

Launch of the 2010 - 2011 Asia-Pacific MDG Report: "Paths to 2015"

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Millennium UN Plaza Hotel (29th Floor, Landmark View Room) at East 44th Street and 1st Avenue

The report will be presented following a panel discussion. Event participants include President of the Asia Development Bank Haruhiko Kuroda, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Noeleen Heyzer, and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia Pacific Ajay Chibbher.

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Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Climate Change: Scaling Up Local Solutions to Achieve the MDGs

6:00 - 9:30 p.m., American Museum of Natural History, West 77th Street (between Central Park West and Columbus Ave)

This gala awards ceremony will recognise the achievements of 25 Equator Prize-winning community groups from the developing world that are working to protect their ecosystems. UNDP Administrator Helen Clark will deliver a speech at the celebration. Super model and UN Environmental Ambassador Gisele Bündchen, actor and UN Goodwill Ambassador Edward Norton, Prince of Monaco Albert II, UN Special Envoy on climate change Gro Harlem Brundtland, UN Foundation Chairman Ted Turner, UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner and New York Times Dot Earth blogger Andrew Revkin will attend.

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Launch of the 2010 Africa Regional MDG Report "Assessing Progress in Africa toward the Millennium Development Goals"

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 5 in the North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

Event participants include Chair of the African Union and President of Malawi Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the African Development Bank Donald Kaberuka, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa Abdoulaye Janneh and UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa Tegegnwork Gettu.

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"Climate vulnerability and its impacts on the MDGs": panel discussion and multi-media presentations

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 6, in the North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

Heads of delegation will share their country experiences and views on South Asia, and the region's climate change vulnerability and impact on the MDGs, as well as future partnerships. Organised by Bangladesh and co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will participate.

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Launch of the MDG Achievement Fund and Institute of Development Studies' "Can the MDGs provide a pathway to Social Justice?: The Challenge of Intersecting Inequalities"

1:15 - 3:00 p.m., Manhattan Room, Millennium UN Plaza Hotel (at East 44th Street and 1st Avenue)

The key findings of the report will be presented, followed by an interactive panel discussion to explore policy direction options for tackling social exclusion. UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, Spanish Secretary of State for International Cooperation Soraya Rodriguez and President Ramos-Horta of East Timor will make opening remarks. UNDP Associate Administrator Rebeca Grynspan will be a panelist.

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Accelerating Progress Towards the MDGs through Inclusive Business Workshop

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Millennium UN Plaza Hotel (at East 44th Street and 1st Avenue)

Over 150 leaders from business, government, and donor organisations will discuss the powerful role that business can play in accelerating progress towards the MDGs. Speakers include UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, Anglo American CEO Cynthia Carroll, Diageo Africa Managing Director Nick Blazquez, and Director of CSR Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School of Government Jane Nelson. Contact lorin.kavanaugh-ulku@undpaffiliates.org

World Business and Development Awards (invite only)

6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Millennium UN Plaza Hotel (at East 44th Street and 1st Avenue)

The biennial World Business and Development Awards recognises companies that apply their inclusive business expertise to the worldwide efforts to achieve the MDGs. Speakers include Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah, United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Development Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, and the Chairman of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Dr. Mo Ibrahim. Contact karen.newman@undpaffiliates.org

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Inclusive Growth and Employment in Africa - Accelerating the Achievement of the MDGs

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., UN Church Center (at East 44th Street and 1st Avenue)

This panel discussion will focus on inclusive growth and employment creation as catalysts for achieving the MDGs in Africa. UNDP Administrator Helen Clark will moderate the panel discussion. Participants include Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Tanzania Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda, African Development Bank President Donald Kaberuka, ILO Executive Director Mariá Angélica Ducci and Chairman of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Dr. Mo Ibrahim.

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The Forgotten Billion

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 6 in the North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

Organised by UNDP and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification Secretariat, this roundtable will focus ways to enhance progress towards the MDGs in the drylands. UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director for the Bureau for Development Policy Olav Kjørven will co-chair this event.

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Turning Evidence into Practice: Learning from What Works to Accelerate MDG progress (official side event)

1:15 - 2:30 p.m., Conference Room 6 in the North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

Seeking to answer the question "what happens next?", this side event will focus on the pragmatic steps that can be taken in the next five years to meet the MDGs. Presenting the MDG Acceleration Framework (MAF) developed by UNDP, and drawing on evidence of what works from the past decade, this event will illustrate work now being piloted in countries to systematically identify and address bottlenecks in the way of achieving results.

UNDP Administrator Helen Clark will host the event. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Presidents of Colombia, Lao PDR and Liberia will also participate.

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