



**CONSULTATION BETWEEN HEADS OF STATE AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON
ELIMINATING POVERTY THROUGH THE MDGs
24 SEPTEMBER 2008 |**

BOSS ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, CHURCH CENTER, UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK

AGENDA

- 8.45 am Registration and Refreshment
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Dr. William F. Vendley, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks: Mr. Salil Shetty, Director, UN Millennium Campaign
- 9:25 a.m. Honorable Alimamy P. Koroma, Minister, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Government of Sierra Leone
Developing Partnership for Scaling Up of Poverty Reduction Activities
- 9:40 a.m. Mr. Martin Dinham Director General International, Department for International Development
The Call to Action: Need to accelerate progress on the MDGs and help make 2008 a turning point in the fight against poverty
- 9:55 a.m. Mr. Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
Significance of the MDGs for Children
- 10:05 a.m. Mr. Steve Killelea, Founder, Global Peace Index

Session One: 10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Theme: ***Advancing Action Partnership between Governments and Religious Communities to Achieve the MDGs***

Moderator: Dr. Din Syamsuddin

Speakers: Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (requested)

The His Grace John O. Onaiyekan, Roman Catholic, NIGERIA, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Abuja, and Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

Serigne Mansour Sy, President, Federation of Islamic Associations of Senegal and Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

Dr. Vinu Aram, Director, Shanti Ashram, and Vice-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

Discussion

Session Two: 11:05 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Theme: *Advancing Joint Advocacy to Scale Up Efforts to Achieve the MDGs*

Moderator: Rev. Gertrude Kapuma

Speakers: Mr. Salil Shetty, Director, UN Millennium Campaign

Dr. Din Syamsuddin, President, Muhammadiyah and Honorary President, *Religions for Peace*

Dr. Katherine Marshall, Senior Advisor, World Bank

Ms. Stellamaris Mulaeh, Programme Coordinator, Fastenopfer Kenya Country Programme and Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

Discussion

Concluding Session: 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Multi-religious Statement and Concluding Remarks – Dr. William F. Vendley, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*