

MDG Success: Accelerating Action and Partnering for Impact

In September 2013, the Secretary-General will host a high-level forum to catalyze and accelerate further action to achieve the MDGs. The event will focus on concrete examples of scaling up success and identifying opportunities for more. The emphasis will be on the “how” – bringing together examples from partnerships across the spectrum of MDGs and Secretary-General’s initiatives. It is intended that the outcomes of the forum will enrich the deliberations of the General Assembly on the 24 and 25 of September, and beyond.

The Secretary-General’s event will replace multiple single issue events with one coherent day-long event that will draw lessons across issue areas and mobilize support for the full range of MDGs. This will provide a platform for progress on the Secretary-General’s initiatives and validate his vision for strengthening strategic partnership across the UN system.

The event will be set in structured dialogues on lessons and strategies across issue areas, focusing on key functional elements such as achieving scale, accountability and innovation, to ensure country-level implementation and ownership, and key players with a critical role to accelerate progress. The event will draw from multi-stakeholder initiatives and movements such as Every Woman Every Child, Sustainable Energy for All, the Global Education First Initiative, Zero Hunger Challenge, the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement, UN Global Pulse and the Call to Action on Sanitation, whose goals and activities span the MDGs.

The key added value of the event will be to showcase joint efforts, push for refined, actionable and highly-motivated “last mile” commitments in each issue area and across the board, offering the experience of the different Secretary-General’s multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives as a model to chart the way forward. Folding the initiatives into one full day session will demonstrate enhanced coherence around the development agenda and its means of implementation – and it will help push the debate on partnership as critical tool for mobilizing finance, expertise, knowledge, and broad coalitions of leaders around UN goals and mandates.

As recognized by the Report of the High-level Panel on Post-2015, we must leverage the strength of all actors whose deeds, products and services come to bear on development if we are to achieve our goals. Under the Secretary-General’s leadership, and with high level participation by Heads of State and Government, the President of the General Assembly, business CEOs, philanthropists, civil society leaders, as well as heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes and other international organizations, the event will present an opportunity to focus on the means of implementation that will match ambitions with concrete mechanisms and resources.

The event will be held on Monday, 23 September, in the Trusteeship Council. It will also utilize global online outreach, the Social Good Summit (22-24 September at the 92nd Street Y) and the 1000 minutes social media rally convened in April among MDG partners around the world.