

UN launches website to track all commitments towards Millennium Development Goals

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New York, 5 June: United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will tomorrow launch a website that will track progress on financial and policy commitments made at international forums and elsewhere towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Mr. Ban will launch this joint UN System-wide initiative at an informal meeting of the General Assembly. The website, <http://iif.un.org/>, which will be known as the Integrated Implementation Framework (IIF), is his initiative designed to better track the commitments made in support of the Goals.

The IIF is an interactive web portal that will provide an overview of all international commitments made in direct support of the MDGs since 2000. It will provide information on the nature of these commitments, track their delivery, signal prevailing gaps, demonstrate inconsistencies and identify gaps between the support provided and the support that is required for achieving the MDGs. In this way, it will enhance accountability and help make the global partnership more effective.

The web platform is expected to serve as a springboard for discussions on the post-2015 development agenda, which is under discussion as the 2015 deadline for the MDGs approaches. It will also serve as a one-stop resource for policymakers, academics, researchers and civil society interested in what governments and the international community have done and are doing in support of the achievement of the MDGs by 2015. With less than three years left before the target year, the site will provide a reality check for all those involved and will assist in identifying remaining gaps.

The website will be populated with information gathered from the entire UN System, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other sources. The initiative is a follow-up to the UN High-Level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals in 2010. This web-based tool was endorsed by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB).

Since the UN Millennium Summit in 2000, Member States have agreed on development priorities and strategies to pursue the MDGs. And yet, there remains a lack of clarity regarding the precise nature of many of the commitments made by donors and recipient countries alike.

The MDG Gap Task Force, an open-ended mechanism for monitoring delivery towards MDG 8, the global partnership for development, is responsible for implementing the IIF. The MDG Gap Task Force currently includes more than 20 UN agencies, programmes and funds and the OECD. The IIF draws largely on existing UN System-wide mechanisms in bringing together available information, while filling information gaps where necessary.

The initiative is funded through voluntary contributions and has so far received funding from the Governments of Canada, Nigeria and the Republic of Korea.

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