

Side Event

Commitments to accelerate progress on the MDGs

Time, Date & Venue:

13:15-14:30 on September 21, 2011 @ CR2, UN North Loan Building

Organizer:

Japan, Bangladesh, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Viet Nam, Zambia, UNDP, UNICEF, WB

Objective:

To maintain and strengthen political momentum for the achievement of the MDGs

Modality:

- Highlight the outcomes of the Tokyo MDGs Follow-Up Meeting
- Share the good practices of the stakeholders and pursue synergy among them
- Encourage discussions regarding the MDGs among various international fora (OECD-DAC, G8/G20, HLF4, Rio+20 etc.)

Possible participants:

Representatives from the governments, international organizations, private sector, NGOs, and hosts of other fora

Draft program (TBD):

1. Opening remarks (Japanese Foreign Minister (Chair), Deputy SG)
2. Report on the outcomes of the Tokyo MDGs Follow-Up Meeting (Japan)
3. Panel discussion: successful experiences and progress made (South Africa (Chair))
 - (1) Narrowing the Implementation Gap for Achieving MDGs (Miss Helen Clark of UNDP)
 - (2) Equity approach (Mr. Anthony Lake of UNICEF)
 - (3) Inclusive Growth (Ms. Tamar Manuelyan Atinc of WB)
 - (4) Country evidence on accelerating progress and priorities in the remaining period (Bangladesh, Rwanda, Senegal, Viet Nam, Zambia)
 - (5) Private sector's initiatives (Gates Foundation)
 - (6) Moderated interventions from the floor & Wrap up (South Africa)
4. Closing remarks (Japan, South Africa, Zambia)