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## SMARTER PARTNERSHIPS IN A COMPLEX WORLD: THE POTENTIAL OF MDG 8

Side Event: UN High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the MDGs  
Organised by UNITAR, Egypt and the OECD

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.00-12.45 and 1.15-2.30

Conference Room 5, North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters

Partnerships lie at the heart of success stories of progress towards the MDGs. In the current context of decreasing ODA, smarter partnerships involving new actors, innovative features and accountability have proven their effectiveness in leveraging the maximum from development resources. They should be replicated to further accelerate progress towards the MDGs by 2015.

This event will showcase outstanding partnership practices that have contributed to advancing the MDGs in the areas of:

- Aid and development
- Emergency response, and
- Human rights

It will present significant and innovative new partnerships which offer scope for accelerating MDG achievement in the remaining five years. Finally, panellists and the audience will decide “what really works”, and identify concrete recommendations in a manifesto for MDG8.

High-level representatives from Member States (Egypt, Brazil, Colombia, Timor Leste), the United Nations and civil society are expected to participate, and high potential new partnerships for MDG achievement to be officially announced in the areas of Humanitarian Response, Development and Corporate Social Responsibility.

## 10.00 A.M. SESSION 1

### PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK – WHAT DO WE KNOW?

#### WELCOME REMARKS BY OECD, UNITAR AND EGYPT

#### LOOKING BACK: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MDGS

A new paradigm of aid as a partnership has emerged, embodied in MDG8 but going beyond the traditional development context to also address needs in other international cooperation areas. This discussion will highlight new partnerships that have worked in various contexts, and their underlying principles.

Speakers will present case studies on:

- Human Rights: **Navanethem Pillay**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Aid Effectiveness: **Talaat Abdel-Malek**, Co-Chair of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, Egypt
- Multilateral engagement: (tbc)
- Development. Brazil's MDG Observatory: **Jose Antonio Fares**, Superintendent of SESI Parana
- South-South Co-operation: speaker tbc
- Humanitarian Assistance. Rapid response mapping in Haiti: **Francesco Pisano**, UNOSAT Manager
- Conflict and Fragility. The experience of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding: **Emilia Pires**, Minister of Finance, Timor Leste

..... 11.30 BREAK .....

#### LOOKING FORWARD: HIGH POTENTIAL NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR MDG ACHIEVEMENT

Innovative partnerships offer additional scope for accelerating MDG achievement over the next five years. This panel will look at some examples:

- Enhancing the contributions of the private sector. **Georg Kell**, Head of UN Global Compact
- Furthering Public Private Partnerships. **Kemoko Touré**, Director General of the Chamber of Mines, Guinea
- Responding to 21<sup>st</sup> century global challenges: **Leonard Ferrari**, Provost and Executive Vice President, Naval Postgraduate School
- Announcement of an initiative for the MDGs by a Member State (tbc)

Closing Session 1: OECD Secretary General **Angel Gurría** (tbc)

..... 12.45 BREAK .....

## 1.15 P.M. SESSION 2

### THE AUDIENCE DECIDES: HOW DO WE MAKE PARTNERSHIPS SMARTER?

#### A MANIFESTO FOR MDG8

Everyone agrees that partnerships are essential, **but what really works?** In this TV-style debate, Brian Kagoro (UNDP, previously with Action Aid) will challenge panellists to put forward concrete recommendations to the General Assembly in a manifesto for MDG 8. The audience will decide what it should contain.

Panellists:

- **Tuiloma Neroni Slade**, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- **Lydia Alpizar**, Executive Director, Association of Women's Rights in Development
- **Talaat Abdel-Malek**, Co-Chair of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, Egypt
- **Marielza Oliveira**, Associate Director for Governance, UNITAR
- Other panellists to be confirmed

#### CLOSING REMARKS

End time 2.30pm

Please note that participation is limited – only register if you are sure you will attend. To register, please visit [http://www.unitar.org/ny/event\\_registration](http://www.unitar.org/ny/event_registration). Registration closes on **Tuesday, 14 September 2010**.

The event will be held in English.