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## **\$2.5 billion mobilized in new commitments to achieve global anti-poverty goals**

Additional commitments to boost MDG achievement were announced today, bringing the total to **\$2.5 billion in new commitments** ahead of the 2015 target date for the Goals.

UK International Development Secretary Justine Greening announced new UK Government support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Global Fund worth \$1.6 billion (£1 billion) over the three-year period of 2014-2016. The support will deliver life-saving antiretroviral therapy for 750,000 people living with HIV, 32 million more insecticide-treated nets to prevent the transmission of malaria, and TB treatment for over a million more people.

The Government of Norway announced that it will contribute \$75 million over three years to finance life-saving commodities and their related delivery costs as part of a newly formed “Reproductive, Newborn, and Maternal Health Trust Fund.”

Energia, the international network on gender and sustainable energy, committed over \$10 million (8 million Euros) to support and strengthen work on gender equality and women's empowerment in the energy sector, particularly for universal energy access. The commitment – supported by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Foreign Ministry of Finland and the Asia Development Bank – is part of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

**Details of further commitments follow below.**

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## **UN mobilizes innovative partnerships to achieve global anti-poverty goals**

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 23 September 2013 – United Nations Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon today galvanized Heads of State, business leaders and philanthropists into joint action against extreme poverty, hunger and disease.

At his high-level event, MDG Success: Accelerating Action and Partnering for Impact, the Secretary-General showcased the power of new types of partnerships to change the

development landscape and mobilize finance, expertise and knowledge to further the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

“From health, food security and energy, to education, sanitation and cutting-edge innovation, the United Nations is most effective when we bring all relevant actors together - governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector,” said the UN chief.

"Our goal is to provide a platform where all those in a position to contribute can come together to exchange life-saving ideas and promote concrete solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time," he added.

World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim announced that the Bank Group projects at least \$700 million in financing through the end of the 2015 MDG target date to help developing countries reach the Goals on women's and children's health, as part of the Every Woman Every Child global effort. This new funding comes from the [International Development Association](#) (IDA), the Bank Group's fund for the poorest countries, and will enable national scale-ups of successful pilot reproductive, maternal, and child health projects.

In another major new commitment to ramp up MDG progress, the IKEA Foundation announced that it will provide \$80 million (60 million Euros) over the next five years to fund UNICEF programmes in India focussed on improving child survival and educating and protecting children.

“The IKEA Foundation is committed to creating opportunities for many millions of children across the world. This takes a long term commitment, so today I'm delighted to announce a grant of 60 million EUROS to UNICEF, so that UNICEF and the Indian government can collaborate to improve the well-being of India's children over the next five years,” said Per Heggnes, CEO of Ikea Foundation.

“In 2002 we made our first donation to a pioneering campaign to promote child rights in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Over ten years later, our continued investment has helped UNICEF reach more than 74 million children in India,” he added.

Leaders from Africa emphasized the strengths of non-traditional partners to harness fresh expertise and resources to a region requiring accelerated efforts to boost MDG achievement, but one that is also home to incredible potential.

“The \$2.5 billion investment and commitment to scaling up energy access in Africa through Heirs Holdings demonstrates in a clear and meaningful way that African capital can and should be part of the solution to Africa's challenges,” said Tony Elumelu, Nigerian philanthropist and Chairman of Heirs Holdings.

“Access to affordable, uninterrupted power will have an immeasurable impact on Africa's economic development. The cost of doing business will come down, entrepreneurs will expand and innovate, and jobs will be created as a result. This is a very tangible example of Africapitalism - the private sector's commitment to creating economic prosperity and social wealth,” he continued.

With a focus on the next generation of innovative partnerships, Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg highlighted internet.org, a new global partnership aiming to making internet access available to the two-thirds of the world – five billion people – who are not yet connected.

The MDGs have been the most effective anti-poverty push in history. The lives of millions of people have been improved by already meeting MDG targets on reducing poverty, increasing access to safe water, improving the lives of slum dwellers and achieving gender parity in primary education.

Despite huge gains, progress towards the eight MDGs has been uneven, not only among regions and countries, but also between population groups within countries, with bold action needed in many areas. Innovators from the private and public sectors showed today how, through partnership, progress is being accelerated to advance action on the Goals ahead of the 2015 target date.

UN partnership initiatives cover the spectrum of the MDGs and include [Every Woman Every Child](#), [Sustainable Energy for All](#), [Zero Hunger Challenge](#), [Scaling up Nutrition](#), the [Global Education First Initiative](#), [UN Global Pulse](#) and the [Call to Action on Sanitation](#).

The high-level event comes as the UN, governments, civil society, the private sector and citizens everywhere work to forge a sustainable development agenda beyond 2015 that builds on the successes and lessons of the MDGs. The event serves to enrich the deliberations of UN Member States at the President of the General Assembly's [Special Event on achieving the MDGs](#), to be held on 25 September.

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**The event will be webcast live at [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org)**

**Full event programme follows below**

**#MDGSuccess**

**[www.un.org/millenniumgoals/mdgpartner](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/mdgpartner)**

## **PROGRAMME**

*Monday, 23 September 2013; Trusteeship Council, United Nations*

10:00 – 10:45

**Opening: Matching Ambitions with Results**

- The Secretary-General
- H.E. Mr. Ollanta Humala, President of Peru
- H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank
- Mr. Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever

10:50 – 12:00

**Partnering for Impact: Applying lessons to the final stretch to 2015**

- Mr. Graziano da Silva, Director-General, FAO
- Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, SG's Special Representative for SEFA
- Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO
- Ms. Barbara Frost, Chief Executive, WaterAid
- Ms. Joy Phumaphi, Chair, independent Expert Review Group (iERG)

*Moderator:* Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO

12:05 – 13:15

**From Global to Local: Translating global aspirations to country-level action**

- H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Lufesoia Sata I. Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa
- Ms. Helen Clark, Chair, United Nations Development Group
- Mr. Per Heggenes, CEO, IKEA Foundation
- Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, ENERGIA International Secretariat

*Moderator:* Mr. Ray Chambers, SG's Special Envoy for Malaria and the Financing of the Health-related MDGs

Break

15:00 – 16:10

**Making Waves: Philanthropy in Africa**

- Mr. Tony Elumelu, Founder and Chairman, The Elumelu Foundation
- Dr. Precious Moloi-Motsepe, Co-Founder, The Motsepe Foundation
- Ms. Toyin Ojora Saraki, Founder and President, WellBeing Foundation
- Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Founder and Chairman, The Mo Ibrahim Foundation

*Moderator:* Ms. Zeinab Badawi, Presenter, BBC

16:15 – 17:25

**The Next Generation: Leveraging Innovations and Partnerships for Scaled Impact**

- H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway
- Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Ms. Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer, Facebook
- Dr. Anne Bouverot, Director General, Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)

*Moderator:* Dr. Judith Rodin, President, Rockefeller Foundation

17:30 – 17:45

**Summary and the Way Ahead**

- H.E. Mr. John Ashe, President of the General Assembly