

## Launch of Urban Millennium Partnership: Meeting the Challenge of MDGs in Cities

### Description of event:

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) reflect the agreements and resolutions made at the world conferences organized by the United Nations over the past decade. The goals have been commonly accepted as a unique opportunity to improve development outcomes and as a framework for measuring development progress. However, the national focus on achieving the MDG targets and the current framework of monitoring and implementation do not sufficiently take account of the “urban” and the “local” dimension. In response to this need, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and bilateral donors have designed a proposal for an Urban Millennium Partnership on “localizing MDGs”, to complement ongoing efforts of various UN agencies and its partners. The Partnership will work with networks of local authorities at the global, national and local levels, to raise awareness about MDGs, mobilize stakeholders, and establish monitoring and implementation frameworks. The MDG Partnership framework provides a broader platform for building partnerships and for mobilizing resources at local and regional level. The event will also launch the book “Amartya Sen, Removing Unfreedoms”.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT/UNDP

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The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

UK Department for International Development (DFID), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Lars Reutersward, Director, Global Division, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Dinesh Mehta, Urban Management Programme, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Jonas Rabinovitch, UNDP  
Mr. Kioe Sheng Yap, UN-ESCAP, Chair, Asia consultative group  
Mr. Kees van der Ree, ILO  
Mr. Pelle Persson, SIDA, Sweden  
Mr. Jaime Torres Lara, FLACMA  
Mr. Michael Parkes, DFID  
Mr. Oumar Cisse, Director of IAGU, Chair of ANUMI  
Ms. Francoise Liberherr, SDC  
Mr. Carl Wright, CLGF, Citynet  
Ms. Jane Samuels, Author of “Amartya Sen, Removing Unfreedoms”

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