



SLUM UPGRADING AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE FOR POVERTY REDUCTION IN
AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDG) SUMMIT – NEW YORK
SIDE EVENT

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CONFERENCE ROOM 6



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I. INTRODUCTION TO THEME

The MDG Summit provides an excellent opportunity to enhance the ongoing tripartite partnership between the European Commission (EC), the ACP Group of States and UN-HABITAT in order to raise challenges and address common concerns on urban poverty reduction and to promote sustainable urbanization in developing countries, especially in the ACP regions.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

PSUP is currently being implemented in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States. These regions, while being among the most poor in the world, face the highest urbanization rates. Consequently, PSUP targets the most vulnerable population in these regions with an aim to improving their living conditions and their access to the basic urban services.

Supported by the ACP Secretariat, the PSUP is funded by the European Commission through the 9th European Development Funds (EDF) and other donors. It is currently being implemented by UN-HABITAT in 66 cities and 30 countries and is making progress in addressing urban poverty in a participatory and holistic manner.

II. BACKGROUND

The MDG Summit provides an important platform to raise the profile of urban development needs and to share the PSUP's significant outcomes with development partners who will be attending the Summit.

The PSUP joins global efforts of governments and other development cooperation partners around the world which have advanced the achievements of the Millennium slum target which improved the lives of 227 million people between 2000 and 2010. However, despite this remarkable target achievement - arguably set to low at the outset - the proportion of slum dwellers in the world, currently estimated at 828 million, continues to grow by around 27 million every year, intensifying urban poverty worldwide.

ACP Group of States, European Commission and UN-HABITAT: Engagement in Slum Upgrading and Prevention in Support of Sustainable Urbanization and Assessing Urban Poverty through the Adoption of Holistic Approaches

PSUP IN BRIEF

90 ACP cities are taking part in PSUP's urban profiling whose purpose is to strengthen capacity of local, central and regional institutions and key stakeholders' in settlement and slum improvement. This will be done through the use of good governance and management approaches, pilot projects and contributing, where needed, to the policy development and implementation of institutional, legislative, financial, and normative and implementation frameworks. Overall, the programme aims to achieve poverty reduction, city-wide slum upgrading and improve the management of urbanization in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

PSUP seeks to contribute to the MDGs particularly:

MDG 7 Target 10: *"reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water by 2015"*,

MDG 7 Target 11: *"achieving significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers until 2020"*,

MDG 1: *"Eradicate Extreme Poverty"*,

MDG 3: *"Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women"*,

MDG 6: *"Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases"*,

and MDG 8: *"Develop a Global Partnership for Development"*.



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III. OBJECTIVES OF THE MDG SUMMIT SIDE EVENT

This event will highlight and raise the profile of the cooperation between UN-HABITAT, the EC and the ACP countries through the implementation of the PSUP by outlining the “MDG success stories” in the fight to alleviate urban poverty. It will also allow the sharing and exchanging of experiences, strategies and concrete solutions which contribute towards the achievement of the MDGs.

Furthermore, the event will provide Non-PSUP countries with the opportunity to learn more about the programme and its potential to address urban poverty. These countries will also obtain the necessary information on how to eventually join the PSUP if they wish.

Most importantly, the EC, the ACP Group of States and UN-HABITAT will have the opportunity to receive exchange as well as to receive feedback on challenges faced by the programme and how to improve partnerships aiming to address the urban development needs of ACP countries and lead concrete investment action towards sustainable urban development.

V. PARTICIPANTS:

The following participants will be invited to attend the event:

- Ministers from the ACP countries and EU high representatives attending the MDG Summit
- Senior officials from the ACP and EU countries attending the MDG Summit
- Representatives from the European Commission, the ACP Secretariat and UN-HABITAT attending the MDG Summit



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AGENDA

OPENING AND PRESENTATIONS	
10 minutes	Opening by Minister from a PSUP country and chairing
10 minutes	Secretary General, ACP Group of States
10 minutes	European Commission Representative
30 minutes	Presentation by Director, UN-HABITAT, Regional Office for Africa and Arab States (20 minutes), and Director of UN-HABITAT Representation to the EU and Belgium (10 minutes)
OPEN DISCUSSION	
40 minutes	Facilitator: Technical focal point from ACP-PSUP Discussion on lessons learnt, obstacles and gaps and challenges and opportunities <i>"leading to concrete strategies for action"</i> when contributing to the achievement of the MDGs, particularly MDG 7, Target 10 and 11; Question and answer session
CLOSING STATEMENT	
10 minutes	EC/ACP/UN-HABITAT Representatives

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