

The MDGs and Local Development Processes: *Hitting the Targets or Missing the Point?*

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Chaired by **Camilla Toulmin**, Acting Director, IIED

8.30 Registration and coffee

9.00 Welcome: **Mel Cappe**, Canada's High Commissioner to the UK

Address: **Masood Ahmed**, Director-General, Policy and International Division, DFID, UK

Introduction to the aims of the Conference: **Jan Pronk**, Chair of IIED's Board of Trustees

10.00 **Session 1: Making a difference or missing the targets?**

The MDGs – will they make a difference?

A scene-setter presentation on the rationale, politics and practicalities of MDGs, and observations on precedents (previous international targets): **Salil Shetty**, Director of the UN's MDG Campaign

10.30 ***Aid and the MDGs: hitting the targets or missing the point?***

Two short presentations from staff of international agencies regarding how MDGs are affecting their work. How do the MDGs challenge the focus and approach of 'aid' work? What will they mean for direct budgetary support, PRSPs, programming, reviewing, staffing, partnerships, etc?

- Multilateral perspective – **Terence Jones**, Group Leader of the Capacity Development Group/C2015, UNDP and **John Page**, Director, Poverty Reduction, The World Bank
- Bilateral agency perspective – **Dag Ehrenpreis**, Head of Poverty Reduction, Sida, and former Head of Poverty Reduction, OECD Development Assistance Committee

Respondent – tba

Questions

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.45 **Session 2: How will the MDGs support local processes to reduce poverty**

Will all facets of 'poverty' be addressed by the MDGs - David Satterthwaite, IIED and **Jane Weru**, Pamoja Trust, Kenya

Can the MDGs support local processes? Somsook Boonyabanha, Community Organizations Development Institute, Thailand

Questions

12.45 LUNCH

2.00 **Session 3: How will the MDGs address environmental and development issues?**

The environmental aspects of the MDGs including voice, participation and governance - Bara Gueye, IIED Senegal

Civic entrepreneurship and the MDGs - Tariq Banuri, SEI, Boston

Questions

3.00 **Session 4: Debating the effectiveness of the MDGs** – moderated by **Evan Davis**, BBC Economics Editor. A discussion involving the presenters, panellists and the participants will focus on themes such as:

- Where is the global and local leadership for environment in MDGs?
- What changes are needed to the aid business, to support local processes to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs?
- What do local leaders and community organizations need to know about MDGs?
- What role for national governments in linking MDGs, aid and local development processes?

5.00 Sum-up and closure – **Yves Renard**, IIED Board Member and Rapporteur

5.30 - **RECEPTION**, Canada House

7.00

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Also check IIED's new MDG website: www.meetingthemdgs.org (goes live 7 Nov 03)