



Moving forward together to achieve the MDGs in Asia-Pacific

Side Event: 6 April 2006, 12:00-14:00 hrs

Achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) requires Governments, the United Nations and other international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to work together in unison.

At this side event entitled 'Moving forward together to achieve the MDGs in Asia-Pacific,' CS62 participants will have an opportunity to review recent regional initiatives on achieving the MDGs in the UNESCAP region. These initiatives include the:

- Jakarta Declaration on MDGs in Asia and the Pacific: the Way Forward 2015
- Findings of the joint UNESCAP/UNDP/ADB second regional MDG report in Asia-Pacific entitled, "A future within reach: reshaping institutions in a region of disparities to meet the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific."
- Outcome of the Asia 2015 Conference held in London, March 2006.

The event aims to promote new ideas and discussions among key stakeholders on the roadmap for MDG achievement. Prominent speakers include, among others:

- Mr. Kim Hak-Su, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNESCAP Executive Secretary
- Mr. Nur Hasan Wirajuda, Indonesian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Ms. Erna Witoelar, UN Special Ambassador for MDGS in Asia-Pacific
- Mr. David Lockwood, UNDP Deputy Director Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr. Jeremy Clark, Head, Asia Directorate, Department for International Development (DFID)
- Mr. Sujana Royat, Indonesia Deputy Minister for Poverty Alleviation, Coordinating Ministry for People's Welfare

A screening of the UNESCAP film, 'Reshaping institutions in a region of disparities to meet the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific,' will be followed by a panel discussion on the roadmap for MDG achievement in Asia-Pacific. The discussion will feature brief statements from leading thinkers in the region, followed by a Q&A session.

The event is jointly organized by UNESCAP, the Government of Indonesia, UNDP and ADB.

All Commission participants and the media are invited to participate. □