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2008: A YEAR OF ACTION FOR THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MDGs Call to Action

Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, launched the MDG Call to Action in July 2007, with the support of 14 Heads of State. The objectives are:

- Galvanise the international community on the MDGs and accelerate efforts
- Build an international consensus on what needs to be done, and optimism on the fact that together we can meet the MDGs
- Harness the efforts of every Government, organisation, group and individual
- Set milestones towards the MDGs, so that progress can be measured, lessons learned, and gaps identified

The Call to Action will engage a broad set of players: governments in the developed and developing world, local authorities, non governmental organisations, faith groups and the private sector.

How will the Call to Action be taken forward in 2008?

The Call to Action will be taken forward in a range of ways, involving the different stakeholders. The Millennium Development Goals will be at the center of the global attention at the **United Nations High Level Event (HLE) on the MDGs that will take place on September 25th 2008.**

The High Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals will be convened jointly by the United Nations Secretary General and the President of the United Nations General Assembly to renew commitments from member states in the achievement of the MDGs.

The Role of Local Authorities in the MDGs Call to Action

The express commitment from the outset of local authorities to the Millennium Development Goals is reflected in the success of the UCLG Millennium Towns and Cities Campaign. United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the Millennium Campaign have continued to work together to ensure the visibility of local authorities to:

- Produce a declaration asking the Member States gathered in the HLE in New York on September 25 to put in place concrete mechanisms to implement their commitments in relation to the MDGs.
- Organise a delegation of Mayors to deliver the petition or declaration to the Heads of State and Government meeting in New York on September 25.

Local authorities are invited to show their commitment by organizing events in the run up to September 2008, and subsequently to ensure that the Millennium Development Goals and the international fight against poverty is kept high on the agenda of national governments. This could be done by:

- Organizing public mobilization events previous to September 2008 aiming at reminding governments on the promises to deliver on the Millennium Development Goals.
- Supporting and promoting the **STAND UP and TAKE ACTION for the MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS on October 17-19**

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