



THEMATIC SERIES: THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS

Over the past two decades, the Millennium Development Goals or MDGs—eight guiding objectives to reduce global poverty and improve the standard of living of the world's poor—have become the foundation of the United Nation's international development framework. As the suggested timeline for these targets is soon coming to an end (2015), there is a need for discussion and evaluation of what progress has been made towards meeting these goals, what obstacles remain, and what the effects of the MDGs as a policy instrument and set of guiding principles have been. This series engages with the set of goals on the whole, as well as several specific mandates, to improve understanding of issues related to poverty alleviation in the developing world, and also to address key governance issues and outstanding concerns.

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TERM 1

PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN MEETING MDGS AND SECURING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: WHAT WILL WE DO AFTER 2015?

Jean Lebel, Director, Agriculture and Environment, International Development Research Centre
5-6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 26, 2011

MEETING THE U.N.'S MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL FOR HUNGER: PROSPECTS, CHALLENGES AND THE ROLE OF UNICEF

Arnold Timmer, Senior Advisor, Micronutrients, UNICEF
5-6:30 pm, Wednesday, November 30, 2011

TERM 2

"AIDING" DEVELOPMENT? THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Ashok Kotwal, Department of Economics, UBC
John Hariss, School for International Studies, SFU
Philippe Le Billon, Department of Geography, UBC
Patrick Francois (Moderator), Department of Economics, UBC
5-6:30 pm, Monday, January 30, 2012

GLOBAL HEALTH: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES BEYOND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Majid Ezzati, Chair in Global Environmental Health, Imperial College London
8-9 pm, Thursday, February 16, 2012

NEW GOALS FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM? THE POLITICS OF GENDER, ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

Ferida Akhter, Executive Director, UBINIG, Bangladesh
5-6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 29, 2012

OFF TRACK, ONSIDE? REALISING THE WATER AND SANITATION MDG MAY BE POSSIBLE BUT WHAT WILL IT ACHIEVE?

Lyla Mehta, Research Fellow, Institute for Development Studies, Brighton, England
5-6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 28, 2012

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