



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **“Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa” Recommendations of the MDG Africa Steering Group to be launched at African Union Summit on 1 July**

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Tuesday, 1 July, 1:00 p.m. Cairo Time \*\*\***

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 1 July, 1:00 p.m. Cairo Time

**WHAT:** Launch of a landmark report by the MDG Africa Steering Group, an initiative of the UN Secretary-General, laying out practical steps, strategies and programmes needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, jointly produced and endorsed by the United Nations, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank Group, the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund, the Islamic Development Bank Group, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the World Bank Group.

**WHO:** H.E. Mr. Jakaya Kikwete, Chairperson of the African Union  
Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General  
H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission  
Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, African Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs  
Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon

**WHERE:** African Union Summit, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, Maritim International Congress Center, Media Briefing Room

**Background:** At the mid-point in the global effort to achieve the MDGs by 2015, progress in many African countries is not on track. Nevertheless, a number of recent successes demonstrate that rapid progress is possible across Africa when sound national programmes are matched with adequate development assistance and full support from the international system. Existing international commitments — if fully implemented — can expand these success stories and are sufficient to achieve the MDGs. The aim of the MDG Africa Steering Group’s recommendations is to translate existing commitments into tangible progress in every African country.

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