



We are pleased to invite you to log on to view a special *policy dialogue* on **Environment for the MDGs** on **Wednesday, 14 September 2005 from 2:30 – 6:00 pm (NY Time)** via **live webstreaming**.

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The policy dialogue will bring together leaders from governments, NGOs, local communities, academics and business to explore and debate key findings on the economic case for the importance of environment to poverty reduction, and to identify priority areas for investment to advance the MDG agenda. It is sponsored by the Poverty-Environment Partnership – a network of more than 30 international development and environment agencies convened to address poverty-environment linkages within the MDG framework.

## Program

### **2:30–3:45 p.m. *The Case for Investing in Environment to Reduce Poverty***

Moderator:

**Mary Robinson**, Chair of the Board, International Institute for Environment and Development; former President, Republic of Ireland

Panelists and Discussants:

**Hilary Benn**, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom

**Connie Hedegaard**, Minister for the Environment & Minister for Nordic Cooperation, Denmark

**Ian Johnson**, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank

**Adil Najam**, Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Tufts University; representative of The RING Alliance

**Jeffrey Sachs**, Director, The Earth Institute at Columbia University

**Achim Steiner**, Director General, IUCN

**Jane Weru**, Slum and Shack Dwellers, Kenya

### **4:00–5:00 p.m. *Future Priorities: Building on What Works***

Opening Presentation:

**Klaus Toepfer**, Executive Director, UNEP

Moderator:

**Hilde Johnson**, Minister of International Development, Norway

Panelists and Discussants:

**Agnes van Ardenne-van der Hoeven**, Minister for Development Cooperation, The Netherlands

**Leonard Good**, CEO & Chairman, Global Environment Facility

**Claude Martin**, Director-General, WWF – International

**Kumi Naidoo**, Chair, Global Call for Action Against Poverty (GCAP); Secretary General & CEO, CIVICUS, South Africa

**Benson Venegas Robinson**, Executive Director, Asociación ANAI / Talamanca, Equator Initiative Board of Directors, Costa Rica

**Carlos Manuel Rodríguez**, Minister of Environment & Energy, Costa Rica

**Björn Stigson**, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland

***5:05–6:00 p.m. Implications for the 2005 World Summit and Beyond***

Opening Presentation & Moderator:

**Laila Freivalds**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Panelists and Discussants:

**Margaret Beckett**, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom

**Philippe Douste-Blazy**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, France

**Edgar M. Majogo**, Minister of State, Vice President's Office, United Republic of Tanzania

**Louis Michel**, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, European Commission

**Rachmat Witoelar**, Minister of Environment, Indonesia

Dialogue Summary:

**Olav Kjørven**, Director, Energy & Environment, UNDP

**We hope you will join us for this exciting dialogue.**

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