

27 March 2008



**General Assembly Thematic Debate on the
Millennium Development Goals**

“Recognizing the achievements, addressing the challenges and getting back on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015”

Draft Programme

Tuesday 1 April, 2008

9.00am Opening Session Trusteeship Council Chamber

Statement by **H.E. Srgjan Kerim**, President of the General Assembly
Statement by **H.E. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Statement by **H.E. Matti Vanhanen**, Prime Minister of Finland
Statement by **H.E. Moctar Ouane**, Foreign Minister of Mali

10.00am – 1pm **Panel discussion on Poverty and Hunger** Trusteeship Council

Moderator: **Dr. Kandeh Yumkella**, Director-General, UNIDO

Panellists: **Dr. Paul Collier**, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University
H.E. Henrietta H. Fore, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and USAID Administrator
Mr. Jayaseelan Naidoo, Chairman, Development Bank of South Africa and Board Chairman, GAIN
Dr. Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, OECD/DAC
H.E. Steven .O. Willoughby, Chief Executive, NEPAD

1.15 – 2.45pm **Luncheon hosted by the President of the General Assembly** (by invitation only) Delegates’ Dining Room

Keynote speaker: **Mr. Ted Turner**, Chairman of Turner Enterprises and Chairman, UN Foundation

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- 3.00 – 5.30pm **Panel discussion on Education** ECOSOC Chamber
- Moderator: **H.E. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury**, Foreign Adviser,
Bangladesh
- Panellists: **Mr. Nicholas Burnett**, Assistant Director-General for
Education, UNESCO
H.E. Geraldine Bitamazire, Education Minister, Uganda
Mr. Desmond Bermingham, Fast Track Initiative (FTI)
Secretariat
Dr. Ann Cotton, Founder & Executive Director, CAMFED
Dr. Yuto Kitamura, Nagoya University, Japan
- 3.00 - 5.30pm **Panel discussion on Health** Trusteeship Council
- Moderator: **Dr. Anarfi Asamoah-Baah**, Deputy Director-General, WHO
- Panellists: **Dr. Thoraya A. Obaid**, Executive Director, UNFPA
Dr. Innocent Nyaruhirira, Executive Chairman, King Faisal
Hospital, Former Health Minister, Rwanda
Dr. Jim Yong Kim, Harvard Medical School & Co-Founder,
Partners in Health
Dr. Julian Lob-Levyt, Executive Secretary, GAVI Alliance
Mr. Dean R. Hirsch, President, World Vision International
- 5.45 - 6.00pm **Wrap-up session for panel discussions** Trusteeship Council
Statement by **Dr. Asha Rose Migiro**, Deputy Secretary-General
- 6.15 – 8.30pm **Reception** hosted by the President of the General Assembly, (by
invitation only) Delegates' Dining Room

Wednesday 2, April 2008

- 10am-1pm Thematic Debate General Assembly Hall
- 3-6pm Thematic Debate General Assembly Hall

Closing statement from the President of the General Assembly