



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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Room S-226, UN Headquarters, New York

## UN Special Adviser on Africa to brief the press on Africa's development needs, challenges

The United Nations Special Adviser on Africa, *Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra*, will brief the press on the key development issues facing Africa and its international partners. The Special Adviser will highlight the main findings of a new report by the Secretary-General on Africa's development needs, and discuss the next week's General Assembly's high-level meeting on Africa, scheduled for Monday, 22 September.

Although most of Africa's economies are now growing more rapidly than before, only some African countries will achieve some of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other development targets, the Secretary-General's report to the meeting states. Africa and its international partners will need to redouble their efforts by turning the pledges they have already made into concrete actions.

The General Assembly meeting, Mr. Diarra will emphasize, comes at a particularly important time. It will provide an occasion for African heads of state and representatives of key donor institutions to join in a thorough assessment of their actions to accelerate the continent's advancement under the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and at the mid-point of the global campaign for the MDGs.

The briefing will be at 11 a.m. in Room 226 on Thursday, 18 September.

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