

Contribution by Israel

United Nations High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

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In the past year, Israel has taken positive, concrete steps towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. These steps include new activities carried out by Israel's International Center for Cooperation (MASHAV), as well as new partnerships with UN programmes. Moreover, these steps represent a sustainable commitment to increased development work, as evidenced by the strategic partnerships now in place and by the increased financial contributions and commitments made by Israel.

Please find below a brief summary on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the government of Israel and UNDP Africa on 1 June in Israel at a conference on "Israel and the African Green Revolution," as well as a summary on the Partnership Framework Agreement to be signed by the government of Israel and the UNDP on 25 September, on the sidelines of the High-Level Event.

Israel Signs MoU with UNDP Africa

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is for Israel to become a partner in Agri Enterprise development for stimulating rural economies in Africa. In launching this MoU, Israel increased its financial contributions and commitments, and renewed its commitment to sharing its know-how, expertise, and technologies in areas such as food security, agriculture, water management, and desertification to help develop rural economies in Africa and advance the green revolution in Africa. .

Israel Signs Partnership Framework Agreement with UNDP

On the sidelines of the High-Level Event on Millennium Development Goals, the government of Israel will sign a Partnership Framework Agreement with the UNDP that will govern future partnerships between both parties. This corporate agreement is part of a long-term strategic arrangement in which Israel looks forward to increased collaboration with the UNDP in efforts towards fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals in the spirit of MDG-8, developing a global partnership for development. This will certainly be part of the global efforts in achieving the MDG's.