

**Programme of the General Assembly's
Informal Thematic Debate on Development
27 November 2006**

**"Partnerships towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals:
Taking Stock, Moving Forward"**

I: Morning Session (General Assembly Hall):

- **Time:** 10 AM – 1 PM

- **Format:**

Brief Statements by the following:

- 1- President of the 61st Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa.
- 2- Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan.
- 3- President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ali Hachani.

3 minute break

- 4- Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Mr. Kemal Dervis.
- 5- Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo.
- 6- Statement by the President of the Islamic Development Bank Group, Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali.
- 7- Presentation by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals, Professor Jeffrey Sachs.
- 8- Followed by interactive debate with the participation of Member States. This segment will commence with presentations from a number of Member States on their National Development Strategies.

II: Afternoon Session (Trusteeship Council):

- **Time:** 3 PM – 5:30 PM

- **Format:** Town Hall Meeting.

An interactive debate with the participation of Member States, Private Sector, and Civil Society. This segment will include a Panel discussion with the participation of the following speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Zola Skweyiya, Minister for Social Development, Republic of South Africa.
- H.E. Dr. Fatima Al-Balooshi, Minister for Social Development, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Ms. Maureen Harrington, Vice-President for Policy and International Relations, Millennium Challenge Corporation.
- H.E. Mr. Hisham Alwugayan, Deputy Director General, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.
- Mr. George Soros, Chairman of the Soros Fund Management.
- Ms. Joanna Kerr, Executive Director, Association for Women in Development.
- Mr. John Gage, Vice-President, Sun Microsystems.
- H.E. Mr. Markku Niskala, Secretary General, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
- Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals.
- Mr. Gary Cohen, President of Becton Dickinson Medical.

II: Concluding Session (Trusteeship Council):

- **Time:** 5:30 PM

The President of the 61st Session of the General Assembly will make concluding remarks summarizing the main points of the discussions.

P.S. *The afternoon session will be moderated by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor.*