



MISION PERMANENTE  
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## **ATHLETE COMPLETES SWIM AROUND WORLD IN NEW YORK, TO BRING VOICES AGAINST POVERTY TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Since May 2010, Dominican Swimmer Marcos Díaz has swum across five continents to build global awareness and support for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – the set of promises world leaders have made to eradicate extreme poverty and its root causes by 2015. **On September 15, his journey around the world will end in New York, when he swims from the Statue of Liberty to Gantry Park across from the United Nations. He will meet United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the Park, to present messages of support for the MDGs that he has collected from citizens around the world.**

**Date:** September 15, 2010

**Press arrival/ Set Up:** 2:30 pm

**Shot of Marcos completing his swim:** 3:00 pm

**Ceremony and press conference:** 3:30 pm

**Location:** Gantry State Plaza Park, 474 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, NY. Press Table will be located at Pier No. 1

**For Accreditation Media Should RSVP to:** Luz Andujar, Tel: 212-867-0833/34

The ceremony takes place just days before world leaders will gather at the United Nations on September 20-22 to review progress on the MDGs. These Goals were adopted by 189 world leaders from rich and poor countries, as part of the Millennium Declaration which was signed in 2000. They agreed to achieve the Goals by 2015. For more information on the Goals, visit [www.endpoverty2015.org](http://www.endpoverty2015.org).

In this endeavor Marcos Díaz has previously swum across the waters that unite five continents. He traveled from Papua New Guinea in the Pacific to Indonesia in Asia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QIZsawEVwY>  
From Jordan in Asia to Egypt in Africa: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XM0045IJ8eY>,  
From Morocco in Africa to Spain in Europe: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTfIQHNLBM>  
From Russia in Europe to Alaska in America <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyCyxQRZivk>

Marcos is one of many citizens raising their voices in support of the Goals. In advance of the meeting of heads of state, citizens will gather at events across the world as part of "Stand Up, Take Action, Make Noise for the Millennium Development Goals." For more information, visit [www.standagainstopoverty.org](http://www.standagainstopoverty.org).

### **For more information about the journey:**

[www.swimacrossthecontinents.com](http://www.swimacrossthecontinents.com)

[www.iswimwithmarcos.com](http://www.iswimwithmarcos.com)

[www.marcosdiaz.net](http://www.marcosdiaz.net)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_UQbzKQSWY&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_UQbzKQSWY&NR=1)

### **To arrange one-on-one interviews and for further information contact:**

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