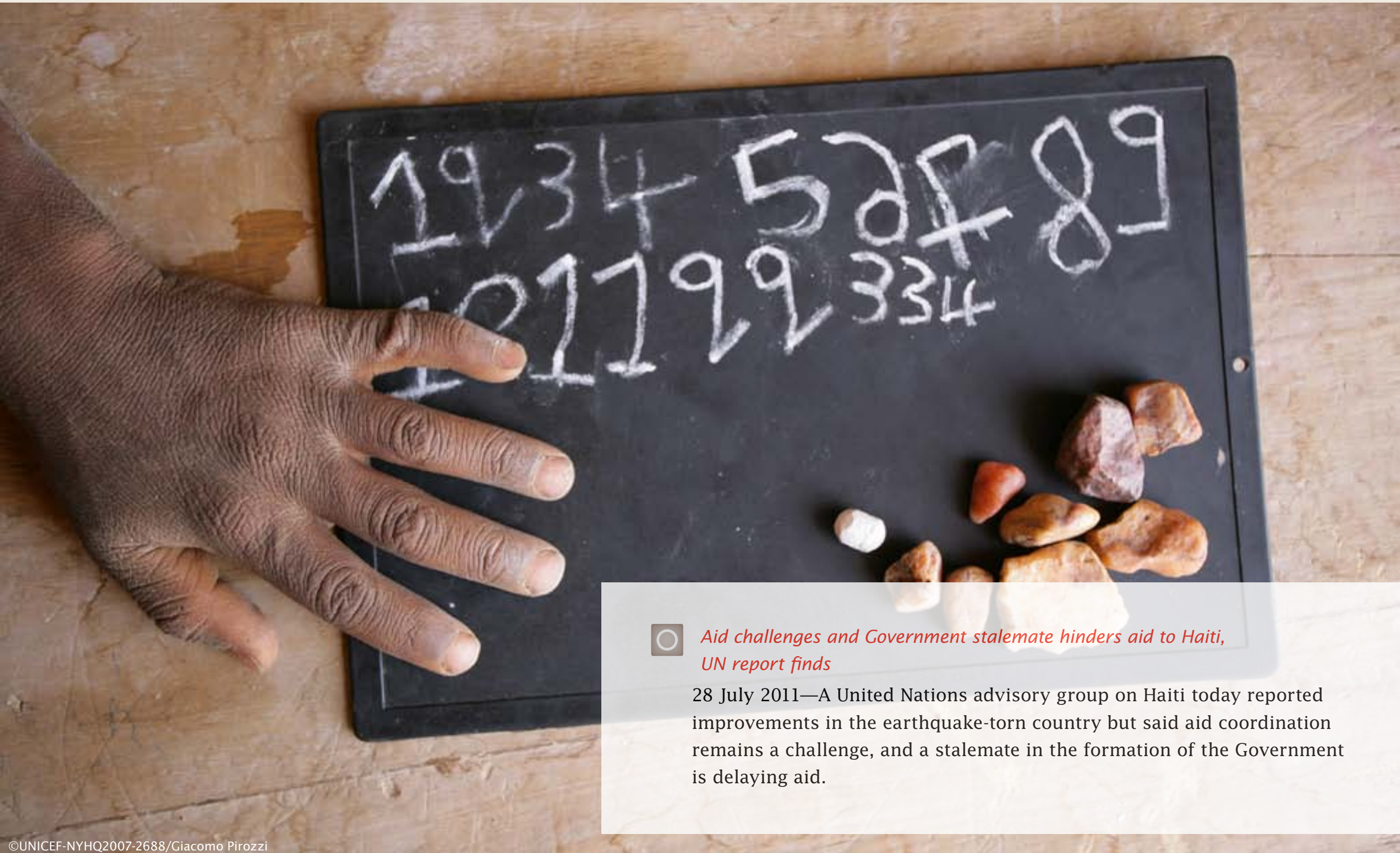


Press and communications



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1 UN News Centre articles




 *Aid challenges and Government stalemate hinders aid to Haiti, UN report finds*

28 July 2011—A United Nations advisory group on Haiti today reported improvements in the earthquake-torn country but said aid coordination remains a challenge, and a stalemate in the formation of the Government is delaying aid.

 *Improving humanitarian assistance crucial as needs will likely rise – UN official*


19 July 2011—Given that humanitarian emergencies around the globe are likely to increase, not decrease, in the future, it is necessary to strengthen partnerships to respond adequately when needs arise, improve preparedness and ensure predictable funding, the United Nations relief Chief said today.

 *UN outlines extent of development challenges facing South Sudan after independence*


19 July 2011—South Sudan, the world's newest country, has some of the worst development indicators on the planet, a senior United Nations official said today, pledging the Organization's assistance to help the nation achieve its main goals in the aftermath of independence.

 *UN high-level forum urges greater efforts to ensure access to decent education for all*

8 July 2011—Government officials at a United Nations meeting in Geneva today called for the boosting of efforts to ensure education for all, stressing the fundamental role it plays in creating an inclusive society, reducing poverty and achieving sustainable development.

 *UN reports progress towards poverty alleviation, urges increased support for the poorest*

7 July 2011—Some of the world's poorest countries have made impressive gains in the fight against poverty, but the least developed countries still lag in efforts to improve living standards, the United Nations said today in a report showing significant overall progress towards achieving the global targets against extreme poverty.

 *Right to education must be supported with adequate resources – UN expert*

6 July 2011—Education is a fundamental human right that must be protected from economic difficulties and supported with adequate funding, an independent United Nations human rights expert said today.

 *UN Economic and Social Council shines spotlight on expanding access to education*

5 July 2011—An estimated 67 million school-age children worldwide are unable to attend classes because of financial, social and other obstacles, a senior United Nations official has warned as the world body's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) met to discuss how to ensure that everyone has access to a decent education.

 *High-level meeting of UN Economic and Social Council to focus on education*

1 July 2011—Making education accessible to all will be the focus of a United Nations conference in Geneva next week that will bring together representatives from governments, international organizations, civil society and academia to discuss ways of ensuring everyone has an opportunity to acquire knowledge.

2 UN press releases and meetings coverage



ECOSOC takes action on texts on South Sudan, NGOs, Cartography, Indigenous Issues and organizational matters

29 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this morning took action on texts concerning support for South Sudan, the special consultative status of the non-governmental organization Movement against Atrocities and Repression, the dates for the nineteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference, the report of the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues and organizational matters.

○ *ECOSOC adopts texts on social and human rights questions and on coordination issues*

28 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today adopted a series of resolutions and decisions under its agenda items on social and human rights questions and coordination, programme and other questions. These included a decision by the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Haiti after holding a discussion on long-term aid for Haiti.

○ *ECOSOC establishes a committee of experts on global geospatial information management*

27 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council today discussed economic and environmental questions, including sustainable development, statistics, human settlements, environment, population and development, public administration and development, etc.

○ *The Economic and Social Council adopts resolutions in support of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, and UNAIDS*

26 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council today adopted a series of resolutions and decisions contained in the report on the fourteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the report on the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It also adopted a resolution on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

○ *ECOSOC adopts texts on Non-Governmental Organizations and Regional Cooperation*

25 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today adopted texts on ECOSOC consultative status for non-governmental organizations and the work of the United Nations

regional commissions and held a discussion on the economic and social consequences of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories and the Syrian Golan under its agenda sub-item on non-self governing territories.

○ *ECOSOC adopts texts on Istanbul Programme of Action on Least Developed Countries and United Nations Institute for Training*

22 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today opened its General Segment and took action on a series of texts, including on the Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020; and on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. It also heard a briefing from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission.

○ *ECOSOC adopts resolution on strengthening coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations*


21 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today concluded its Humanitarian Activities Segment after adopting a resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations.

○ *ECOSOC holds panel on predictable, effective, flexible, and adequate humanitarian financing and its accountable use*

20 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today held a panel discussion on preparing for the future—predictable, effective, flexible and adequate humanitarian financing, and its accountable use to meet the evolving needs and challenges for the delivery of humanitarian assistance, and continued its general discussion on special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

 *ECOSOC opens Humanitarian Affairs Segment and discusses special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance*

19 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this afternoon opened its Humanitarian Affairs Segment and heard an address by Valerie Amos, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. It also held a general discussion on special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

 *ECOSOC discusses role of United Nations and International Community in supporting capacity of South Sudan*

19 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) this morning held a panel discussion on the role of the United Nations and the international community in supporting the capacity of the Government of South Sudan to manage the transition from relief to development.

 *Economic and Social Council adopts resolution on policy review and closes Operational Activities Segment*

18 July 2011—This afternoon the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution E/2011/L.35 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.


 *ECOSOC discusses future of Operational Activities of UN Funds and Programmes, and the Resident Coordinators System*

15 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today held a dialogue with the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes on “looking to the future of operational activities for development of funds and programmes: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats”, and a panel discussion


on “strengthening the leadership of the United Nations Resident Coordinator: role of accountability frameworks, resources and results reporting”.

 *ECOSOC opens Operational Activities Segment and holds panel discussion on 2012 quadrennial policy review*

14 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) this afternoon opened its Operational Activities Segment, hearing a presentation of reports by the Secretary-General on overall progress in implementing General Assembly resolution 62/208, funding for operational activities for development, functioning of the resident coordinator system, and simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system, which was followed by a panel discussion on the “2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the General Assembly: Issues, process and outcome”.


 *ECOSOC adopts resolutions on gender equality and empowerment of women, and gender mainstreaming in the United Nations*

14 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this morning adopted two resolutions on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women, and on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system.

 *ECOSOC reviews mainstreaming the gender perspective into policies and programmes of the United Nations system*

13 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today reviewed mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system, holding a panel discussion in the morning on “Leadership, coordination and


accountability: evaluating the United Nations system's work on gender equality and women's empowerment" and another in the afternoon on "Countering gender discrimination and negative gender stereotypes: effective policy responses."

 *ECOSOC holds special event to commemorate twenty-fifth anniversary of Declaration on the Right to Development*

12 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today held a special event in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development entitled "The right to development and the global partnership for development".

 *ECOSOC opens Coordination Segment, takes up follow up to the International Conference on Financing for Development*


11 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council opened its Coordination Segment this morning and took up follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development. The Council heard a presentation on the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Recovering from the world financial and economic crisis: a global jobs pact", which was followed by a general debate on the subject.

 *Economic and Social Council adopts ministerial declaration on education and concludes high-level segment*

8 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) concluded its High-Level Segment this morning after adopting a Ministerial Declaration.

 *United Nations Secretary-General tells ECOSOC extra efforts are needed to achieve all the millennium development goals*

7 July 2011—United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon this afternoon told the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that the 2011 Millennium Development Goals report painted a mixed picture. On the one hand, it was clear that the Millennium Development Goals had made a tremendous difference. However, achieving all the Millennium Development Goals would require extra effort as progress was not universal, nor were the benefits evenly shared.

 *Economic and Social Council holds special policy dialogue on "Education Challenges in Africa and Least Developed Countries"*


7 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this morning held a special policy dialogue on education challenges in Africa and the least developed countries.

 *ECOSOC continues General Debate on Implementing Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments in regard to education.*


6 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this afternoon continued its general debate on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments on education and on current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education.

 *ECOSOC holds special panel discussion on promoting growth for accelerating poverty eradication and achieving the MDGs*

6 July 2011—The United Nations Economic and Social Council this morning heard the National Voluntary Presentation by Pakistan, followed by a special panel discussion on promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable growth for accelerating poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

 *ECOSOC reviews reports on implementing commitments in regard to education and current trends and their impact on education*

5 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this afternoon reviewed reports on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education, current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education.

 *Economic and Social Council holds High-level Dialogue on current developments in the world economy*

5 July 2011—The United Nations Economic and Social Council this morning held a high-level policy dialogue with the international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy, which was followed by a Special Policy Dialogue on Education for Sustainable Development.

 *ECOSOC holds debate on human rights, education and conflict, and hears National Voluntary Presentation by Germany*

4 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this afternoon held a special face-to-face debate on human rights, education and conflict, and heard the national voluntary presentation by Germany. It was also addressed by Swiss President Micheline Calmy-Rey.

 *Economic and Social Council opens 2011 Substantive Session with a focus on advancing the Education for All Agenda*

4 July 2011—The Economic and Social Council this morning opened its 2011 substantive session, which will run from 4 to 29 July at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

3 Video coverage



UN Webcast of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC

Produced by UN television

4-8 July 2011

The High-level Segment was retransmitted live on UN webcast.



ECOSOC High-Level Segment on Education for All

Produced by South South News

16 September 2011

The United Nations Economic and Social Council's High-Level Segment of the Annual Ministerial Review addressing this year's "Education for All" agenda, was held from July 4-8th, bringing in over 600 participants to Geneva, including the biggest players in the private sector and civil society; along with top UN officials to negotiate issues and ensure action toward achieving education for all.



UN Chief launches 2011 MDGs report at ECOSOC in Geneva

Produced by South South News

7 July 2011

On his first visit to Geneva after being re-elected, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, visited Geneva's United Nations Office to launch the 2011 Millennium Development Goals report at ECOSOC.



ECOSOC holds special session to end poverty and meet MDGs

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6 July 2011

ECOSOC held a special panel discussion on pushing efforts to help end poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the set date of 2015; where financial and social development experts addressed issues of inequity, sustainability and inclusiveness directly impacting the success of achieving these goals.



Fragile economic growth calls for change in development

Produced by South South News

5 July 2011

Executive Heads of international financial and trade organizations informed participants attending the ECOSOC 2011 high-level Segment on “Education for All” on its second day, on the current economy and the overall state of the world economy.



UN: 67 million children deprived of education-ECOSOC

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4 July 2011

67 million school-aged children are deprived of education, mainly due to financial or social hardship, in many cases stemming from poverty or armed conflict.

4 On-the-spot-interviews



A series of interviews were conducted during the High-level Segment of ECOSOC from 4 to 8 July in Geneva. See picture of the television studio of Euronews in the exhibition booth of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

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Gordon Brown

Former Prime Minister
United Kingdom

“Teachers are the biggest influencers.”



Carol Bellamy

Chair of the Education All Fast-Track Initiative
Board of Directors

“Girls must have access to secondary school.”



Elizabeth King

Director of Education
World Bank

“When girls remain in school they perform better than boys.”



Pascal Lamy

Director-General
WTO

“Education is the key to reducing social inequality.”

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Lazarous Kapambwe

President, ECOSOC

“Our meeting is about creating partnerships, and trying to enlarge the space so that civil society, the private sector and the youth get more involved in the development of the curricula, the development of the school environment, and the decision-making.”



Joseph Deiss

President

65th Session of the United Nations
General Assembly

“It is important that this Council talks about education, but primarily about the economic and social dimensions of education.”



Sha Zukang

Under-Secretary-General

Department of Economic and Social Affairs

“We need to raise the public awareness, because for sustainable development we only have a beginning, we don’t have an end ... education is actually the basis for everything, for sustainable development in particular.”



Cheick Sidi Diarra

United Nations Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

“To correct the inequities, I think that more focus should be put on how to strengthen the education system in the most vulnerable countries: training the trainers, building more infrastructures, improving curricula, and also sharing the experiences of successful cases.”



Irina Bokova

Director General

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

“I believe that education will bring not only access to knowledge and transformation, creating knowledge-based societies, but also will bring much more justice and equity in this world where we see a lot of discrepancies and big gaps.”



Juan Somavia,

Director-General

International Labour Organization (ILO)

“We need to make sure that the education that kids get is adapted to what the demands from the markets are going to be ... the linkage between education and jobs is very important.”



Supachai Panitchpakdi,

Secretary-General

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

“What we are telling countries is that we need to be more balanced, countries still need to be able to compete, but they also have to build up their strength when it comes to the time that there may be some turbulent external disturbances.”



Simon Willis
Vice-President
Cisco Systems

“You need to go way beyond corporate social responsibility, and engage much more wholeheartedly in employment creation, in company formation and in the education that surrounds and builds a platform under those things.”



Wendy Hawkins
Executive Director
Intel Foundation

“The most powerful way to bring to bear all of the resources that (corporations) have (is to) speak to them in terms of their self-interest—and that can apply to things as basic as being able to market their products in a country because it has an educated populous that is employed and can afford to buy them.”