The MDG Advocacy Group

To galvanize support for the Millennium Development Goals, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in June 2010 established an MDG Advocacy Group of eminent personalities who have shown outstanding leadership in promoting the implementation of the Goals. The MDG Advocates support the Secretary-General in building political will and mobilizing global action to achieve the Goals by the 2015 target date.

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