New York, March 2013: The 2013 Global MDG Conference (GMC): Making the MDGs Work held last month in Bogotá, Colombia, brought together over 180 participants from about 40 countries, including representatives from 18 UN agencies, several governments, media, civil society and academia. The GMC aimed to maintain the momentum for accelerating MDG progress to 2015, while taking stock of lessons learned from efforts to achieve the MDGs to help inform the development agenda beyond 2015.

The conference led to a strategic stocktaking of how the MDGs, a global development agenda, turned into a force for human development at the national level; and how countries have kept their focus on achieving these objectives. This stocktaking is meant to both maximize the impact of the MDGs in the years to 2015, as well as to lead to a pragmatic assessment of effective ways to turn a global development agenda into national action. The work presented at the meeting featured the work of UNDP as well as its partners – governments, other UN agencies and NGOs.

The GMC featured plenary sessions, as well as technical roundtables. The two days discussions covered the following themes:

- MDG breakthroughs and challenges for the next generation;
- The Final Push: Accelerating towards the MDGs and sustaining progress;
- Mainstreaming the MDGs - translating a global agenda into national action and addressing gaps; and
- The unfinished business of the MDGs and the emerging agenda beyond 2015.

The GMC also featured 48 technical presentations during roundtable sessions, focusing on the themes above and based on selected technical papers submitted prior to the conference. An MDG Expo was held on the first day, which showcased the catalytic contributions of UNDP and its partners around the globe to support countries towards achieving the MDGs.

Opening the conference with HE Ms. Maria Angela Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Colombia, and Mr. Heraldo Muñoz, UNDP Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP Administrator Helen Clark stressed the need to accelerate MDG progress in the last 1000 days, highlighting the MDG Acceleration Framework (MAF), which 45 countries are using to reduce disparities and speed up progress. The MAF works by bringing a wide range of stakeholders together to tackle the obstacles to progress. It draws on existing evidence, policies, and strategies to devise concrete and prioritized country action plans.

Ms. Clark also stressed that efforts towards accelerating MDG achievement will build confidence and support for the post-2015 development agenda, and recommended that the post-2015 agenda address inequality, which she said “has stood in the way of reaching the MDG targets.” She noted that “what the MDGs have taught us is to aim high and think bigger” as the well-being of people and the planet depend on that. Ms. Clark described the post-2015 framework as the “next stage of implementation of the vision of the Millennium Declaration.”

Also addressing the conference, Amina J. Mohammed, UN Special Adviser, Post-2015 Development Planning, underscored the importance of international cooperation in achieving the MDGs, and recommended that the post-2015 framework address economic development, environmental sustainability and social inclusion. Mahmoud Mohieldin, the Special Envoy for the President of the World Bank World Bank, said key challenges remain in: conflict and fragile states; maternal and child health; and economic opportunities for women.

The year 2013 is a defining moment in the MDG timeline, with countries focusing efforts towards accelerating progress while at the same time drawing lessons from their MDG experience to help shape the post-2015 development agenda. The conference has provided further impetus to acceleration efforts, helped
identify key implementation breakthroughs and begun the process of preparing for the 2013 Special Event on the MDGs at the UN General Assembly. A global report on MDG achievement and acceleration will be prepared based on the proceedings of the conference.

Other high-level speakers and experts during the two days included: Alberic Kacou, UN Resident Coordinator for Tanzania; HE Amadou Allahouy Diallo, High Commissioner of the 3N Initiative, Government of Niger; Arum Atmawikarta, BAPPENAS, Government of Indonesia; Bashir Ahmad Hamid, Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan; Belquis Izquierdo, indigenous leader; Bruno Moro, UN Resident Coordinator for Colombia; Bruno Pouezat, UN Resident Coordinator for Morocco; Celia Reyes, Philippines Institute for Development Studies; César Antonio Núñez, UNAIDS Regional Office for LAC; Chandrika Bahadur, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network; Erlinda Capones, National Economic Development Authority, Government of the Philippines; Fatma Ahmed, Zenab for women development; Frederick Mugisha, Gish Uganda; Garry Conille, Special Advisor to the President of Liberia on Post-2015 Development and Former Prime Minister of Haiti; Gonzalo Robles, Secretary General for International Cooperation and Development, Government of Spain; Janet Mbene, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of Tanzania; Jeffrey O’Malley, UNICEF, Director of Policy and Strategy; Jonathan Glennie, Overseas Development Institute; Jorge Sequeira, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago; Joseluis Samaniego, ECLAC, Division for Sustainable Development and Human Settlements; Juan Manuel Cordero, Vice-Minister for Social Work, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Government of Costa Rica; Lamin Manneh, UN Resident Coordinator for Rwanda; Yubaraj Khatiwada, Governor of the Nepal Rastra Bank, Government of Nepal; Mara Murillo, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; Matt Davies, International Movement ATD Fourth World; Nina Sardjunani, Deputy Minister of Development Planning, BAPPENAS, Government of Indonesia; Nourimusama Shimomoura, UNDP Country Director in Tajikistan; Patrick Aboagye, Deputy Director, Reproductive and Child Health of Ghana Health Service, MoH, Government of Ghana; Paula Caballero, Director for Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Colombia; Ruslan Codreani, Head of General Directorate for Policy Coordination, External Assistance and Public Administration Reform, The State Chancellery, Republic of Moldova; Selim Jahan, UNDP Bureau for Development Policy, Poverty Practice Director Shantanu Mukherjee, UNDP Bureau for Development Policy, Poverty Group, MDG Support Team Leader; Susan McDade, UN Resident Coordinator for Uruguay; and others.

Material Available for Public Information

**Live streaming**

All plenary sessions were live streamed and an online archive of the event is available at:

- Opening Ceremony and Keynote Session  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29603160](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29603160)  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29603862](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29603862)  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29604713](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29604713)

- Panel I: The Final Push: Accelerating towards the MDGs and Sustaining Progress – MDG 1 through 3  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29605877](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29605877)

- Panel II: The Final Push: Accelerating towards the MDGs and Sustaining Progress – MDGs 4 through 7  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29608720](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29608720)

- Panel III: Mainstreaming the MDGs - Translating a Global Agenda into National Action and Addressing Gaps  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29625331](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29625331)  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29626539](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29626539)

- Panel IV: Closing Session – The Unfinished Business of the MDGs and the Emerging Agenda Beyond 2015  
  [http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29631896](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/29631896)

To date, over 1,600 viewers have watched the livestream of the plenary sessions (as of 22 March 2013).

**Media Panel**

On the first day of the conference, a Media Panel was held with a number of selected participants. About 30 representatives from the media, including Al Jazeera, Le Monde, Newsweek, El Comercio (Mexico) and El País participated. Mr. Bruno Moro, the UN Resident Coordinator of Colombia, moderated the discussion. Panelists included Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator; Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Assistant Secretary-General, Post-2015 Development Planning; and Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Special Envoy and Representative on MDG and Financial Development, World Bank.

**MDG Poster E-Book**

Based on submissions from the Call for Posters, a collection of more than 50 posters were produced on innovative initiatives on the MDGs and the unfinished business. [The MDG Poster E-Book](#) is available at the...
UNDP site and interested UNDP COs can continue to submit their MDG good practices. The e-book will be updated periodically.

**Interviews with Participants**

Listen to the views and opinions of the GMC participants on the unfinished business of the MDGs and the future development agenda. Interviews are available at:

1. Amina Mohammed (ASG Post-2015) & Stefano Pettinato (UNDP El Salvador)
2. Mahmoud Mohieldin (Special Envoy MDGs, WB)
3. Selim Jahan (UNDP BDP/PG) & Matt Davies (ATD Fourth World)
4. Kaarine Simonyan (UNDP Armenia)
5. UNDP Colombia staff, Inclusive Economic Development Project
6. Fernando Herrera (UNDP Colombia)
7. Fatima Ahmed (Zenab for Women in Development, Sudan)
8. Diana Gutierrez (UNDP Colombia)
9. Ben Slay (UNDP BRC) & Tuya Altangerel (UNDP BDP/PG)
10. Amadou Diallo (High Comm.3N Initiative) & Mansour Ndiaye (UNDP Niger)
11. Bruno Pouezat (UN RC Morocco)
12. Janet Mbene (Dep Minister Finance Tanzania)
13. Chandrika Bahadur (UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network)
14. Nina Sardjunani (Deputy Minister of Development Planning, Indonesia)
15. Bruno Moro (UN RC Colombia)
16. Susan McDade (UN RC Uruguay)
17. Amarakoon Bandara (UNDP Tanzania)
18. Degol Hailu (BDP/PG) and Alberic Kacou (UN RC Tanzania)

**Official Photos from the Event**

Interested individuals can access the official photos from the event from the online album. Please acknowledge credits to UNDP if you reproduce any of the photos.

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**Twitter**

There were over 360 original tweets from 26 February to 5 March through #MDGs2013. [A compilation of the Twitter feed is available](http://www.undp.org).

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