

Achieving Mdgs By 2015: Policy Action for Human Freedoms

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Day 1: 7 September 2010	
Time Slot	Sessions
09:30- - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome Remarks: Mr. Patrice Coeur - Bizot, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, India
10:10 - 10:20	Introduction to the Conference: Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
10:20 – 10:40	Keynote Speech: Ensuring Human Freedoms through MDGs Dr. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission
10:40 - 11:00	TECHNICAL SESSION I: MDGs in India: Status, Progress and Prospects <i>Session Objective – The session will review the progress made in India in achieving the MDGS in terms of their statistical indicators and the position likely to be reached by 2015.</i> Chair: Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission MDGs in India: A Status Review – Mr. S. Chakrabarti, DDG, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Recommendations/ Comments from the floor
11:00 – 11:15	
11:15 – 11:30	
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11.30 – 12:45	TECHNICAL SESSION II: Reaching the Unreached <i>Session Objective – The session will highlight the challenges and progress in addressing social and spatial disparities in achieving development goals.</i> Chair: Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU Presentations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caste, Tribes and Religion: Implications for MDGs: Paul Diwakar, Convener, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights 2. Women and development goals: Preet Rustagi, IHD 3. Addressing spatial disparities : Laveesh Bhandari
12:45-13:00	

	Recommendations/ Comments from the floor
13: 00 – 14: 00	Lunch
14: 00 – 15:30	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION I: Overcoming Implementation Challenges</p> <p><i>Session objective – This session will focus on delineating the challenges experienced in implementing and accessing national level large schemes. Focus will be on accountability and capacity for effective delivery of schemes, budgetary procedures, fund transfer issues, utilization of funds.</i></p> <p>Chair: Mr. B.K. Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bottlenecks in Implementation of National Flagship Programmes NREGA and BRGF: Dr. N. C. Saxena, Member, National Advisory Council 2. Challenges in accessing schemes: Bridging the “social distance”: Pooja Parvati, CBGA 3. NRHM in effectively addressing critical components of maternal and child health objectives of MDGs – MoH&FW 4. Accountability for outcomes – Mr. N. Pant, Director General, Local Bodies, CAG 5. Outreach of SSA to cover the vulnerable groups- Ms Amita Kaul, Additional Secretary, MOHRD
15: 30 – 15:45	Recommendations/ Comments from the floor
13:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION II : MONITORING FOR OUTCOMES</p> <p><i>Session Objective: The discussion will bring to fore challenges in tracking progress at the State and district level, capacities present to undertake monitoring and evaluation of outcomes and feasibility of extending the use of community based monitoring tools.</i></p> <p>Chair : Dr. Sudipto Mundle, Member, National Statistics Commission</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kerala Experience of Monitoring MDGs at sub-State level --Tikaram Meena, Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Kerala 2. Monitoring for Outcomes: The five years of ASER experience at national, state and district level - Wilima Wadhwa 3. Strengthening mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation for outcomes: Programme Evaluation Organisation, Planning Commission

	<p>4. Evolving a unified system of monitoring of the MDGs at sub-national levels- Ms Jeyalakshmi, ADG, MOSPI</p>
Day 2: 8 September 2010	
09:30 – 11:30	<p>ACCELERATING PROGRESS ON MDGS CHAIR: Caitlin Wiesen, Country Director, UNDP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Experience – “What Will it Take to Achieve the MDGs? An International Assessment?” presentation of Assessment Report – K. Seeta Prabhu, UNDP 2. Presentation of good practices – experiences from States – Ms. Rashmi Singh, Director (Mission Convergence), Nagaland (communitisation), Chhattisgarh, other organizations <p>Discussion</p>
11:30 -11:45	Break
11:45 -13.30	<p>Way Forward CHAIR: Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation</p> <p>Summary of discussions and recommendations on future directions: UNDP</p>
13: 30 – 14: 30	Lunch