



‘The Millennium Development Goals: Who’s Accountable?’

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Tentative Programme

Day 1 (Wed, 2 Nov)

8.30-8.45 **Registration of Participants**

8.45-9.15 **Session 1: Welcome and Opening**

Anders Kompass, Director, Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division, OHCHR

Ignacio Saiz, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights

9.15-11.00 **Session 2: Introductory panel discussion on human rights accountability and the MDGs: concepts, global context and lessons learned**, chaired by Catarina de Albuquerque, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

‘Lessons from the MDGs in a changing global landscape’, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs, New School

‘MDG accountability from rhetoric to practice: global developments’, Paul Hunt, Professor School of Law, Essex University; Consultant, WHO; former UN Special Rapporteur on the right to the highest attainable standard of health

‘MDG accountability lessons from global and national perspectives’, Charles Abugre, Deputy Director, Millennium Campaign, Africa

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

11.20-13.00 **Session 3: Rationales and evidence on human rights accountability in development**, chaired by Giorgiana Rosa, Coordinator, Development and Human Rights Programme, Amnesty International

‘Why human rights accountability: rationales’ Florian Hoffmann, Franz Haniel Chair of Public Policy, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Erfurt University

‘Unpacking human rights accountability in development practice’, Alicia Eli Yamin, Director, Program on the Health Rights of Women and Children, François Xavier-Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University

‘Economic rationales for human rights: focus on water and sanitation,’ Guy Hutton, Consultant, WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation

13.00-14.30 Lunch break and DSA

14.30-14.45 **Wall Charts – Mapping and substantive criteria for the Post-2015 process.**

14.45-15.45 **Session 4: Public accountability, human rights, and the role of the State (I)**, chaired by Magdalena Sepulveda, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and extreme poverty

‘Policy and budget coherence from a macroeconomic and fiscal perspective,’ Radhika Balakrishnan, Professor, Executive Director of the Center for Global Leadership, Rutgers University

‘Participatory planning and budgeting’, Alexander Cobham, Chief Policy Advisor, Christian Aid

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 **Session 5: Public accountability, human rights, and the role of the State (II)**, chaired by Julia Kercher, Poverty Practice Group, Bureau of Development Policy, UNDP

‘Political and quasi-judicial policy oversight’, Wambui Kimati, Commissioner, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

‘Policy monitoring and evaluation and reporting processes’ Simone Cecchini, Social Development Division, UN-ECLAC

17.00-18.00 **Session 6: Human rights accountability beyond the State**, chaired by Siobhán McInerney-Lankford, Senior Policy Officer, Nordic Trust Fund, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank

‘Business and human rights: due diligence mechanisms,’ Motoko Aizawa, Sustainability Advisor, International Finance Corporation, Washington D.C.

‘Global accountability in the context of MDG 6,’ Andy Seale, Senior Advisor, Sexual and Gender Diversity, Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

18.00-18.15 **Conclusions of the day** - rapporteur

Day 2 (Thu, 3 Nov)

09.00-10.30 **Session 7: Accountability to whom? Discrimination, equity, and prioritising the poorest**, chaired by Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary, World YWCA

'Prioritising gender equality in the MDGs: statistical challenges,' Ginette Azcona, Data and Research Specialist, Progress of the World's Women, UN-Women

'Equity, equality and non-discrimination in the context of decent work and gender equality,' Alice Ouedraogo, Deputy Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO

'Furthering equality and non-discrimination in relation to MDG 7: water and sanitation,' Meg Satterthwaite, Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Faculty Director, New York University School of Law

10.30-10.50 Coffee break

10.50-12.30 **Session 8: Accountability in practice: illustrations, evidence and research gaps**
Group discussion concerning the track record and future potential for human rights accountability frameworks in the context of particular MDGs and sectors, how human rights principles and tools relate to established accountability frameworks, what the evidence says about impact upon policy-making, and where the main research gaps are.

Group A: Income poverty, decent work and social security, facilitated by Ignacio Saiz, Executive Director, CESR

Group B: Health MDGs, facilitated by Helena Nygren-Krugh, Health and Human Rights Advisor, WHO Geneva

Group C: Water and sanitation, facilitated by Alfonso Barragués, OHCHR

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.10 **Session 8 (contd.): Accountability in practice**, chaired by Renate Bloem, CIVICUS

Plenary debriefing by group rapporteurs followed by an open discussion to identify illustrations, evidence and key research gaps

15.10-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.30 **Session 9: Towards the post 2015 architecture: process, substantive parameters and technical criteria**, chaired by Mac Darrow, Chief, MDGs Section, OHCHR Review of criteria to guide prioritisation within a post-2015 global monitoring framework, followed by:

- Jan Vandemoortele, Independent Researcher, former Director of the UNDP Poverty Group
(45 mins: comments plus Q&A by skype link)
- Diana Alarcon, Development Policy and Analysis Division, UN-DESA
- Lysa John, Global Campaign Director, Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- (75 mins: comments plus plenary discussion)

17.30-18.15 **Session 10: Conclusions, way forward and closing**

List of Participants

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3. **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, Professor of International Affairs, The New School
4. **Margaret Satterthwaite**, Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Faculty Director, New York University
5. **Paul Hunt**, Consultant to WHO; Professor, Director of LLM, University of Essex
6. **Alexander Cobham**, Chief Policy Adviser, Christian Aid
7. **Florian Hoffmann**, Professor, University of Erfurt
8. **Siobhán McInerney-Lankford**, Senior Policy Officer, Nordic Trust Fund, The World Bank
9. **Kathrin Löber**, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
10. **Wambui Kimathi**, Commissioner, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
11. **Radhika Balakrishnan**, Professor, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University
12. **Motoko Aizawa**, Sustainability Advisor, Business Advisory Services, International Finance Corporation
13. **Raymond Atuguba**, Research fellow, Du Bois Institute, Harvard University
14. **Renate Bloem**, Representative, CIVICUS Geneva
15. **Lysa John**, Director, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)
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17. **Magdalena Sepulveda**, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and extreme poverty
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