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Meeting the Millennium Development Goals: Old Problems, New Challenges

Monday 30 November – Tuesday 1 December 2009

Western Lecture Theatres | La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

Rethinking Development – do we need the Millennium Development Goals?

Public Plenary | Sunday 29 November 2009 | State Library Village Roadshow Theatrette | 6.00pm-7.30pm

The conference will be opened by The Hon Bob McMullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance.

Keynote speech by Dr Jan Vandemoortele, former UNDP Resident representative in Pakistan and one of the architects of the MDGs.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are a United Nations partnership initiative to eradicate extreme poverty and other forms of disadvantage and human crises by 2015. Some progress has been made, but major gaps are evident, for example, in official development, assistance, market access (trade), debt relief, gender equality, access to essential medicines and access to technology. The global financial crisis, rising food prices and climate change have significantly impacted the achievement of the MDGs. This conference will critically engage the MDGs and the processes or possibilities for change. One key aim is to bring together development practitioners, academics, policy makers and the business community.

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Confirmed speakers

Professor Dennis Altman AM
Director Institute for Human Security, La Trobe University

HE Baroness Valerie Amos
High Commissioner for the United Kingdom

HE Lenin M Shope
High Commissioner for South Africa

Dr Richard Denniss
Executive Director of The Australia Institute

Dr Glenn Denning
Senior Research Scholar, Earth Institute, Columbia University

Professor Julian Disney AO
Director of the Social Justice Project, UNSW

Ms Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda
World YWCA General Secretary, previously Human Rights Officer with UNICEF in Liberia and Zimbabwe

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia

HE Charles W Lepani
High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea

Dr Mark McGillivray
Chief Economist for AusAID

Ms Julie Owens, MP
Co-Chair Parliamentary Working Group on the MDGs

Senator Marise Payne
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Affairs and International Development Assistance

Mr Minar Pimple
Asia Deputy Director, Millennium Development Goals and Chair of OXFAM India

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