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Additional commitments to boost MDG achievement were announced today, bringing the total to ahead of the 2015 target date for the Goals.

UK International Development Secretary Justine Greening announced new UK Government support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Global Fund worth \$1.6 billion (£1 billion) over the three year period of 2014 2016. The support will deliver life saving antiretroviral therapy for 750,000 people living with HIV, 32 million more insecticide treated nets to prevent the transmission of malaria, and TB treatment for over a million more people.

The Government of Norway announced that it will contribute \$75 million over three years to finance life saving commodities and their related delivery costs as part of a newly formed "Reproductive, Newborn, and Maternal Health Trust Fund."

Energia, the international network on gender and sustainable energy, committed over \$10 million to

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development

With a focus on the next generation of innovative partnerships, Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg highlighted internet.org, a new global partnership aiming to making internet access available to the two thirds of the world – five billion people – who are not yet connected.

The MDGs have been the most effective anti poverty push in history. The lives of millions of people have been improved by already meeting MDG targets on reducing poverty, increasing access to safe water, improving the lives of slum dwellers and achieving gender parity in primary education.

Despite huge gains, progress towards the eight MDGs has been uneven, not only among regions and countries, but also between population groups within countries, with bold action needed in many areas. Innovators from the private and public sectors showed today how, through partnership, progress is being accelerated to advance action on the Goals ahead of the 2015 target date.

UN partnership initiatives cover the spectrum of the MDGs and include [Every Woman Every Child](#), [Sustainable Energy for All](#), [Zero Hunger Challenge](#), [Scaling up Nutrition](#), the [Global Education First Initiative](#), [UN Global Pulse](#) and the [Call to Action on Sanitation](#).

The high level event comes as the UN, governments, civil society, the private sector and citizens everywhere work to forge a sustainable development agenda beyond 2015 that builds on the successes and lessons of the MDGs. The event serves to enrich the deliberations of UN Member States at the President of the General Assembly's [Special Event on achieving the MDGs](#), to be held on 25 September.

- The Secretary General
- H.E. Mr. Ollanta Humala, President of Peru
- H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank
- Mr. Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever

10:50 – 12:00

- Mr. Graziano da Silva, Director General, FAO
- Mr.