

November 19, 2012

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On 31 July 2012, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the 26 members of a High-level Panel to advise on the global development agenda beyond 2015, the original target date for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. I was humbled to accept the role to work with the panel on developing recommendations on a global post-2015 agenda for all countries to fight against poverty and promote sustainable development. The Panel first met in September 2012 and is expected to submit a report to the Secretary-General in May 2013.

The MDGs marked a historic moment in 2000 as world leaders committed to tackle extreme poverty with goals including 1) eradicating extreme poverty and hunger 2) achieving universal primary education 3) promoting gender equality and the power of women 4) reducing child mortality 5) improving maternal health 6) combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases 7) ensuring environmental sustainability, and 8) developing a global partnership for development. In total there were 8 MDGs, 21 targets and 60 indicators to measure progress.

As we are approaching the original target date of 2015 for achievement of the MDGs, it is time to re-assess the current difficulties in achieving the MDGs, identify the gaps and explore potential future challenges so that together we can shape a development agenda post 2015 that will meet the needs of all.

The member states of the United Nations have called for open, inclusive consultations involving civil society, the private sector, academia and research institutions from all regions, in addition to the United Nation's system, to advance the development agenda beyond 2015.

My goal as a member of this panel is to get as much input from a wide range of Peoples, Organizations and Communities as possible within the allowable timeframe. Through consultations, I ask that no more than two pages be submitted which outlines your vision for the future which is both realistic and achievable given the significant and deep global challenges we face today. I have attached a simple framework which you could use to hold a consultation or as a guideline for your submission.

If you have already held consultations, I would kindly ask that you summarize your recommendations into no more than two pages outline. The end result will be a book – Visions and Voices to Shape the Future submitted to the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda to feed into our report to the Secretary General.



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I have also attached to this letter a list of topics you may wish to consider in addition to what you may have already identified. By selecting at least 6 of these issues, you would help us understand what you consider to be most important for you and your family, community or organisation. (Note: you could add other topics to the list if you wish).

Please e-mail your submission of maximum two pages and/or your completed list to my Special Assistant on Post-2015 Development Agenda, Ms Haleh Homaei via e-mail halehhomaei@yahoo.com.au I kindly request you submit the recommendations by December 31, 2012.

I thank you for your attention, consideration and input into this globally important initiative and I will do my best to advocate for your ideas, visions and aspirations as your conduit to a better future.

Best regards,



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Possible framework for your submission:

1. What is important for you as a person in your country/community to live well?
2. What are the main reasons why some people do not live well in your country/community?
3. What can be done by individuals/community to help achieve this?
4. What time-lines and methods of measurement would you propose to track progress?

Which of these are most important for you and your family, community or organisation? Please select 6 by ticking the boxes. You could also add to the list if you have other suggestions.

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