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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

#### Dr Peter Salama

Former Chief of Health, UNICEF

#### Ian Wishart

National Executive Director, Plan International Australia

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