

## Time to End Extreme Poverty

### Calendar of Key Events in 2010

**“End poverty by 2015”** is the historic promise our leaders made at the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000, when they agreed to end the scandal of 2 billion people living in deep poverty, and to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

This year – ten years after the initial signing of the Millennium Development Goals – world leaders will meet to take stock of progress towards the promise. In this context, there are a number of key dates and events that will determine if the world keeps its promise, and takes determined action to end extreme poverty:

Date	Event / Process
February	Publication of UN Secretary-General’s report on progress towards the MDGs.
Mid-April	MDG Summit co-facilitators (Denmark and Senegal) to start consultations at UN level, about the outline of an outcome document for the September Summit.
21 April	EU Commission to adopt its “Spring Package”, a set of positions that will form the basis of the EU negotiations position for the MDG Summit in September.
10-11 May	EU Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) discusses “Spring Package” – The Council is expected to reach Conclusions on Food Security, Global Health, and Gender in the context of preparations for the MDG Summit
May	UN secretariat produces a synthesis of MDG Country Reports submitted by UN member states.
May-June	Consultation sessions on the MDGs with representatives from the UN system, academia, civil society, the private sector and foundations.
17-18 June	European Council – Heads of State and Government to endorse EU position for MDG Summit
25-27 June	G20 and G8 meetings in Toronto – UN to make submissions on the MDGs.
July	Informal Development Ministers meeting to be hosted by Belgian Presidency to finalise EU positions for MDG Summit
20-22 September	MDG Summit in New York.