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Young People and the UN MDGs in the Middle East and North Africa:

Making the MDGs a Reality

CASE STUDY OF MOROCCO

It is crucial to invest in young people if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. *The World Bank Development Report 2007: Development and the Next Generation* states that people under age 25 make up around 51% of the combined populations of developing and least developed countries. In the Arab world, young people, more than a half of the region's population, are standing at the crossroads of major changes in their countries.

At this event, prominent experts from the international development community will highlight the important role of young people in the development process. Young leaders, through their work and dedication, will demonstrate how youth can have a significant impact on development. Participants will gain access to information about the MDGs and learn how they can play a key role in MDGs' activities, advocacy and implementation.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007
6:00pm

World Bank H Building, Eugene R. Black Auditorium
600, 19th street, NW, Washington, DC

Reception to follow

For non bank staff, please RSVP to InfoShopevents@worldbank.org

Opening Remarks by

Daniela Gressani

Vice President, Middle East & North Africa Region, World Bank

Moderated by

Leila Hanafi

Director United Nations_NCA International Law Group
Winner of the World Bank MENA Youth Innovation Fund
President, World Bank Women for Development Association

Discussed by:

Michal Rutkowski

Sector Director, Human Development Department
Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank

H.E. Ambassador Aziz Mekouar

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United States

Elizabeth Latham

Executive Director, U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Program

Mark Parkison

Morocco Country Director, US Agency for International Development

Presented by youth leaders:

Raj Raina

World Bank Youth2Youth, Yemen
World Bank EAP Youth Innovation Fund

Salmane Belayachi

Founder of the Moroccan World Foundation

Samantha Constant

Middle East Youth Initiative
Wolfensohn Center, Brookings Institution

Closing Remarks by

Alexandra C. Mattson

Morocco Desk, Peace Corps

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