



Fourth Forum of the World Alliance Of Cities Against Poverty

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INVITATION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites you to attend the 4th Forum of the World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty, which is to be held in Rome from 31 March to 2 April 2004 on the theme of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at the local level.

By 2015 all 189 United Nations Member States have pledged to: 1- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; 2- Achieve universal primary education; 3- Promote gender equality and empower women; 4- Reduce child mortality; 5- Improve the maternal health; 6- Combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases; 7- Ensure environmental sustainability; 8- Develop global partnership for development.

The municipalities from all continents, their associations and their local partners, both public and private, are being called upon during this forum to discuss the ways and means of making their contribution to the achievement of these goals with the support of the international community, national governments and the institutions of the United Nations.

The number and quality of the participants in this world forum of cities, at which each country is to be represented, makes it an appropriate setting for pooling practical experience of good management, learning about new social initiatives, making useful contacts, promoting and developing partnerships, and mobilising resources in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

You will find attached documents on how the program of the Forum is to be organised. Please return the participation form and the hotel booking form as soon as possible (no later than 13 March 2004).