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Have the MDGs made a difference?

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Committee Room G, House of Lords

Speakers: **Professor David Hulme – Chronic Poverty Research Centre, Manchester**

Caroline Hurford – UN World Food Programme

Phil Mulligan – UN Association of the UK

Chair: **Baroness Kinnock, Vice-Chair of the UN APPG (TBC)**

The UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have been at the heart of international development efforts since their adoption by world leaders in 2000.

With less than four years remaining to achieve the MDGs, it is vital that governments, donors, aid agencies and the private sector re-double their efforts. But it is also important that we begin thinking now about how the international community can address poverty in a strategic manner after 2015.

The MDGs have delivered gains in many countries, helping to improve the lives of millions around the world. They have served as a blueprint for development programmes, helped to focus the work of governments and aid agencies, and acted as a rallying cry for civil society. However, they have been criticised for focussing on quantity, not quality; for being too narrow; and for not adequately addressing the needs of certain vulnerable groups, such as persons with disabilities or the elderly.

This event will explore whether the MDGs have made a difference to international development, with our speakers providing academic, UN and NGO perspectives.

All MPs, Peers and their staff are welcome to attend.

If you are planning to attend, we would be grateful if you could let us know by emailing Ben Donaldson on donaldson@una.org.uk