Development: is it working for Africa?

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Africa and its people are moving towards sustainable growth through improved political and economic governance, more trade, domestic resources, and higher investment in its citizens. But the global economic crisis knocked the continent's average GDP growth from 6% in 2006 to 2.2% in 2009, slowing the momentum. And in Sub-Saharan Africa one person out of two still lives on less than $1.25 a day.

The **2010 Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in Africa** gives a clear picture of where there is progress, where it's lacking, and what can be done by both Africans and their development partners to move ahead. It evaluates the progress on each of the 8 Millennium Development goals [1] in North and Sub-Saharan Africa and gives the back-up facts and figures.

Abdoulie Janneh, the Executive Secretary of UNECA, and Angel Gurría, OECD's Secretary-General, will release the report at the MDG Review Summit on Monday, September 20 at 16.00 (Riverview Room, Millennium UN Plaza Hotel, New York). They will comment on whether African countries and their development partners are delivering on their commitments, whether they have produced the expected results, and conclude by outlining future policy priorities for Africa.

The Review was prepared jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Organisation for Economic Co operation and Development (OECD) at the request of African leaders.

After the launch, the MRDE will be available at www.oecd.org/apf [2] and www.uneca.org [3]. For further information on the MRDE launch, journalists are invited to contact at UNECA, Myriam Dessables (Communication/UNECA: MDessables@uneca.org [4]) or Gonzague Rosalie (Governance & Public Administration Division/UNECA: GRosalie@uneca.org [5]) and at OECD, Matthias Rumpf (Media/OECD Washington Centre: matthias.rumpf@oecd.org [6] – Tel: +1 202 445 8058 or Tel: +1 202 255 7216) or Karim Hussein (Africa Partnership Forum Support Unit/OECD Paris: karim.hussein@oecd.org [7] – Tel: +33 1 45 24 91 21).

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