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Dear colleagues and friends,

Following the Rio+20 Summit, and as the world and UN system move closer to the milestone of 2015 for realization of the Millennium Development Goals, many discussions are underway concerning the future of the MDGs and their relation to the new generation of development goals that will succeed them. With this short newsbrief I would like to draw your attention to a day of informal discussions at the UN that FES New York is organizing together with the co-sponsors **Club de Madrid**, **Ford Foundation** and the **UN Missions of Mexico, France and Peru** on the post-2015 Development Goals. Among the speakers are Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Alejandro Toledo, former Peruvian President, John Podesta, Member of the Secretary General's High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Chair of the Center for American Progress, and a number of Permanent Representatives of UN Member States.

With best wishes from New York,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Puschra".

Dr. Werner Puschra
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Upcoming Event:

"Toward A New Generation Of Development Goals" *A Day of Informal Discussions*

November 26, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 5:40 p.m.
United Nations, NLB Conference Room 1, New York

Many discussions have emerged about whether the world needs a new development paradigm,

and if so, what sort of framework must underpin it, what aspirational goals will guide it and what targets and indicators will be used to measure and evaluate its progress. The objective of this event is to bring together key participants in the relevant stakeholder groups - in civil society, the UN system and among political decision-makers - to help further these discussions on what is needed in the post-2015/pre-Sustainable Development Goals framework. The **FES New York Office** and **Club de Madrid** have organized this daylong event together with co-sponsors, the **Ford Foundation** and the **UN-Missions of Mexico, Peru and France**.

The discussions will focus on what is needed to: 1) determine the guiding principles and values for a joint MDG/SGD agenda, 2) define the core concepts and main elements of a new development paradigm, and 3) ensure coherence in bringing the different processes together.

All who will be in New York on that day are invited to attend. For those who do not have a UN Grounds Pass, please RSVP at your earliest convenience by contacting **NGLS**, at info@un-ncls.org and indicate if you possess a UN Grounds Pass; NGLS will arrange special event tickets to allow access to the event for participants who do not possess a pass. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for 100 representatives from civil society and the news media. The deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, 21 November, 5PM EST.

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