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With only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders to attend an MDG Summit ([English](#), [Español](#)) in New York on September 20-22 to accelerate progress towards the MDGs.

Coming amid mixed progress and new crises that threaten the global effort to halve extreme poverty the summit will be a crucially important opportunity to redouble our efforts to meet the Goal adopted at the UN Millennium Summit of 2000, aimed at slashing poverty, hunger, disease, maternal and child deaths, illiteracy, gender inequality, and environmental degradation by a 2015 deadline.

“Our world possesses the knowledge and the resources to achieve the MDGs” the Secretary-General stated in his [report](#) in preparation for the September summit. “Our challenge today is to agree on an action agenda to achieve the MDGs.”

On the weekend before the summit (September 17-19) the School Sisters of Notre Dame, will once again join our voices with millions of people around the world as we *Stand Up* and demand that heads of state deliver breakthrough plans at their Summit the following week.

On Saturday, September 18, millions of people will participate in a unified global action to “Make Noise for the MDGs.” From Italy, where citizens will set off their alarm clocks in a public square, to Africa, where MDG supporters will gather to play drums, to villages in Asia, where anti-poverty campaigners will bang on pots and pans, the global movement in support of the MDGs will be visible, vocal, and impossible to ignore.

Join the global movement of people and *Stand Up!* Send a clear and urgent message to world leaders: ***“We will no longer stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and the broken promises to end it!”*** Be part of the millions who will [Stand Up](#) September 17-19 ([Český](#), [Deutsch](#), [English](#), [Español](#), [Italiano](#), [Polski](#), [Português](#)) to support the Millennium Development Goals.



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