



Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition

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IIMSAM to initiate Spirulina Initiatives for children in the Republic of Honduras that aim towards food fortification through the micro-algae to eradicate malnutrition & achieve the UN Millenium Development Goals



(H.E. Manish Uprety with H.E. Ivan R. Martinez, Ambassador of the Republic of Honduras to the United Kingdom)

(United Nations Headquarters, New York, 29th April 2008) To realize a world free of hunger and malnutrition; and to make Spirulina a key driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security, and bridge the health divide with a special priority for the Developing and the Least Developed Countries; IIMSAM would actuate Spirulina initiatives in the Republic of Honduras in the year 2008.

The Republic of Honduras has one of the highest malnutrition rates in the Latin American region especially amongst children. The country also suffers because of very high infant and maternal mortality rates. IIMSAM would actuate Spirulina initiatives for children in the country aimed to eradicate malnutrition by food fortification through Spirulina; and would soon target other marginalized populace that bears the disproportionate brunt of malnutrition.

The Republic of Honduras has been an adherent supporter of the IIMSAM and its mandate that has specific relevance for any developing or least developed country that aspires to eradicate malnutrition and achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. IIMSAM's Resident Representative to the Republic of India, H.E. Amb. Manish Uprety met with H.E. Ivan R. Martinez, Ambassador of the Republic of Honduras to the United Kingdom on Monday, the 28th of April 2008 at the Embassy of Honduras in London to further consolidate this relationship.

H.E. Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM stated- *At a time when the whole world suffers because of a global food crisis; and the situation in developing and the least developed countries worsening with each passing day; it is high time that the international community seriously thinks about food fortification through Spirulina in order to deliver necessary daily nutritional requirements of the human body, to the peoples of the world. I am confident that our initiatives in the Republic of Honduras would underline the very significance and potential of Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition and achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals; and further mainstream its use in various processes in the sustainable development agendum.*