



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

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### **IIMSAM Goodwill Ambassador Dr. Donald Kaberuka appointed as a Member of the MDGs African Steering Group by United Nations Secretary General, H.E. Ban Ki-moon**



**[UN Headquarters, New York, 20th September 2007]** United Nations Secretary-General H.E. Ban Ki-moon convened international development leaders for the inaugural session of a new steering group to boost Africa's efforts to secure and achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals by 2015, on the 14th of September.

The meeting of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Africa Steering Group saw participation of top officials from the African Union, European Union, African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. The focal point of the discussion was to explore various ways to overcome many challenges that hinder the achievement of the MDGs adopted by the UN Millennium Summit of 2000.

Despite commitments being made at various economic platforms such as in Monterrey in 2002 and the Gleneagles summit in 2005, not much has been delivered to Africa. To overcome this shortcoming, the Group agreed to emphasise and strengthen a collaborative approach within the specific context of Africa.

**H.E. Remigio Maradona, head-ambassador of the IIMSAM while congratulating Dr. Kaberuka on his appointment, commented-** As specifically highlighted by the Secretary General H.E. Ban Ki-moon to meet the ambitious goals the world has set itself to slash poverty, hunger, maternal and infant mortality, and other social ills, all by 2015, IIMSAM sees itself playing a proactive role in the context of Africa. Dr. Kaberuka's support would be instrumental to make Spirulina a key-driver to achieve food security and bridge the health divide. IIMSAM seeks an active and fulfilling partnership with the ADB to secure the same; and enrich the human capital and lives in Africa through Spirulina.

IIMSAM has delegated the responsibility to make the African Development Bank (ADB) a key-stakeholder in its effort to counter malnutrition and initiate various affirmative action programmes to Mr. Manish Uprety, organisation's Resident Representative to the Republic of India. The partnership with ADB has a special significance for the IIMSAM because as much as six of the UN MDG's are inherently linked to the very cause and mandate of the organisation that needs an immediate attention by the international community.