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**Rector of United Nations University: Focus must remain on eradication of poverty**

**Press conference on Millennium Development Goals during second day of Dresden visit**

*Dr David M. Malone, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Rector of the United Nations University, concluded his two-day visit to Dresden on Tuesday with a press conference. After meetings with the Prime Minister of Saxony, Mr. Stanislaw Tillich, the State Minister for Higher Education, Research and the Arts, Prof. Sabine von Schorlemer, and the Rector of TU Dresden, Prof. Hans Müller-Steinhagen, Dr. Malone spoke to media representatives about the Millennium Development Goals and the road towards the post-2015 development agenda.*

Dr. Malone visited Dresden to examine the progress of one of the newest institutes of the UN University, the Institute for Integrated management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES). Since late 2012, the institute develops strategies to resolve pressing challenges in the area of sustainable use of environmental resources such as water, soil and waste.

"We at the UN University are very happy with the progress UNU-FLORES has made so far, and with the networks it has established in Dresden and Saxony, and also at the national and international level. The warm reception I had over the last two days is just another example of how welcoming the Free State of Saxony and the local institutions have been towards the UNU," said Dr Malone.

This sentiment was also shared by the Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony, Stanislaw Tillich: "We are proud that the UNU has established an institute here in Dresden. This is the first institution of the UN in Saxony and we believe, that this also offers a big opportunity to our scientists in Saxony."

The interest for topics of global importance in Dresden was also reflected in the well-attended press conference of Dr Malone on Tuesday afternoon. Less than two years to go until the target date of 2015, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were declared a big success by the Rector of the UN University: "The MDGs represent the biggest push against global poverty in human history. But we have to remain focused and continue our efforts, as we still have many challenges ahead," said Malone.

The United Nations and its partners are already working on the post-2015 development agenda. "We have the opportunity to place sustainable development at the centre of our common efforts. The new sustainable development goals (SDG's) are still being elaborated, but the eradication of poverty will be at the centre," said Dr Malone.

To learn more about the MDG's and the post-2015 process, please visit:

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>



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The Institute for the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) was established in Dresden in December 2012. It engages in teaching, applied research and education in the sustainable use and management of environmental resources such as water, soil and waste: <http://www.unu-flores.org/>



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