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UN Under-Secretary-General Douste-Blazy to Speak about Innovative Financing at UNU on 24 Feb.

Event: Lecture by Philippe Douste-Blazy, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Innovative Financing for Development
Topic: “Globalization at a Crossroad: Solidarity or War”
Date: 24 February 2011 (Thurs.), 4:00–5:30 PM
Venue: United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo
Organizer: United Nations University (UNU) and UNITAID
Supporter: Embassy of France in Tokyo

- On 24 February, UN Under-Secretary-General Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy will speak at UNU on the topic of “Globalization at a Crossroad: Solidarity or War” (subtitled “Innovative Financing: A New Political and Economic Concept to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals”).
- Dr. Douste-Blazy’s presentation will focus on how innovative financing can contribute to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals by making available, among others, appropriate and adapted paediatric antiretroviral (ARV) treatments for expectant mothers as a means of reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV. He will also discuss a variety of innovative financing mechanisms for development. A question-and-answer session will follow his presentation.
- Simultaneous English–French–Japanese interpretation will be provided. For those who cannot attend, the event will be webcast live at <http://videportal.unu.edu/event/194>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To confirm your attendance, please register online at <http://www.unu.edu/reg/dousteblazy/>. If you have a question or would like further information, please e-mail the UNU Media Centre (media@unu.edu).

About the Speaker

Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy is Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Innovative Finance for Development (with the rank of Under-Secretary-General) and Chair of the Executive Board of UNITAID (a global health partnership, established under the auspices of the United Nations, to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria among the world’s most vulnerable populations).

Widely regarded as one of the world’s foremost experts on innovative financing to reach the Millennium Development Goals, in 2006 Dr. Douste-Blazy founded, at a ministerial level, the Leading Group on Solidarity Levies to Fund Development at the Paris Conference on Innovative Development Financing Mechanisms.

He also serves as Special Advisor to the High-Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems. He previously held a succession of ministerial positions in his native France, including Minister of Health (1993–1995), Minister of Culture and Communication (1995–1997), Minister for Solidarity, Health and Family (2004–2005) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2005–2007), and prior to entering government service was a practicing cardiologist and Professor of Public Health at Toulouse University (France).

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