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Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

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International Development at a Crossroads: The MDGs Beyond 2015

DATE: Tuesday April 30, 2013

TIME: 12:00 noon *

***Please note that lunch will start at noon sharp**

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday April 26, 2013.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have garnered unprecedented international support from governments, institutions and communities for ending global poverty. For the past decade, they have been the primary framework for assessing global progress on meeting the needs of the world's poorest. But 2015, the target date for achieving the MDGs, is fast approaching. As a result, attention is turning to what should come after the MDGs. Kate Higgins from The North-South Institute will reflect on the effectiveness of the MDGs as a global framework for poverty reduction, and provide insights on the issues, processes and politics that are shaping the post-2015 development agenda. This moment represents a critical juncture where ODA budgets are being slashed and aid directions changed, amidst a public debate on the long term effectiveness of development assistance.

Kate Higgins leads the Governance for Equitable Growth program at The North-South Institute. Her research interests include the intersection between growth, poverty and inequality, women's economic empowerment and global development frameworks, such as the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development framework. Previously, she was a Research Fellow with the Growth, Poverty and Inequality program at the Overseas Development Institute in London and worked at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). She has worked with the United Nations, World Bank, OECD and a number of bilateral development agencies including the UK's Department for International Development, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. She has extensive field experience in East Africa and the Pacific and has also worked in Indonesia, Thailand and Yemen. She holds an M Phil in Development Studies from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Economics (Social Sciences) from the University of Sydney.