



2008 Stand Up Session

Welcome Note

(By Event Coordinator)

Welcome Everybody

In a moment we will be asking you all to stand up in support of the eradication of extreme poverty and for an environmentally sustainable world that our children and their children will inherit. World leaders have promised to do this by achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. By performing this symbolic action you will be reminding them of this promise and joining millions in over 100 countries who today will be doing the same.

“All the nations of the world have come together and have set up 8 Millennium Development Goals. But they will remain just a dream if you don’t Stand Up and participate. We all have to come together to – eradicate poverty, to bring primary education, health, hygiene, care for the environment and make this world a more beautiful place to be in.”

Not only will you be standing up, but you will be counted too. The action you are about to perform will be counted as part of an official Guinness World Record for the most number of people to simultaneously stand up against poverty and in support of the MDGs in 48 hours.

