

# Press Release

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## **NABCJ to be Represented at Conference on 'Unfinished Business' at the United Nations**

Fay Lassiter, representing NABCJ, will join over two thousand civil society activists from around the world to demand that governments uphold promises made at last September's World Summit to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. These eight goals include eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, combating HIV/AIDS, and ensuring environmental sustainability.

The three-day conference, entitled "Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development," is scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 6 to 8 September 2006.

"World leaders came to the United Nations and promised to adopt national plans to achieve the MDGs," says Fay Lassiter, "We stand ready to work with our elected representatives and relevant UN agencies to help make these goals a reality." NABCJ believes through unity and partnerships as represented by this effort, we can make a difference.

NABCJ is a criminal justice organization of several thousands members dedicated to acting on the needs of others. We serve the community through volunteerism and innovative programs. The work of NABCJ also supports the MDGs by our volunteer service, programs geared to address the goals and through our commitment to achieving the Millennium Goals.

Fay Lassiter, as President of NABCJ will be attending the conference to represent NABCJ's commitment to the Millennium Goals.

The conference program includes four plenary sessions, six multi-stakeholder roundtables, and 30 midday NGO interactive workshops. Emphasis will be placed upon identifying and replicating best MDG practices produced by successful partnerships between non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, business, governments and the United Nations. Participants will review the progress made by governments to implement the commitments agreed at last September's World Summit, which have since included the creation of a Peacebuilding Commission in December 2005 and the establishment of a new Human Rights Council in March 2006.

Conference participants will also take the opportunity to honor UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for his decades of service to the world community.

NGO representatives, students and interested public can follow conference developments and the proceedings in September, on the conference web site at [www.unngodpiconference.org](http://www.unngodpiconference.org). Further questions about the conference can be directed to [dpingo@un.org](mailto:dpingo@un.org).