



In September 2000, The United Nations formulated its development tasks, in eight Millennium Development goals, for the next 15 years. These goals clearly define expressed targets for the reduction of poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women. To achieve these ambitions, access to electricity is high on the list of priorities.

As the global population expands by roughly 80 million people per annum, the investment in electricity

generation, transmission and distribution is expected to reach US\$ 10 trillion over the next 30 years.

In the next issue of ABB Review, we explore why access to electricity is inextricably linked to The UN's Millennium goals. We review how and where the 10 trillion dollars must be invested to guarantee a stable supply of electricity. And we discuss how ABB can play a central role in moving the development agenda forward by applying its extensive know-how in the electricity value chain.

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