

THE 2008 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA, 17-19 April 2008



CONFERENCE AGENDA

17-19 April 2008, Cape Town, South Africa

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2008

DAY 1 - Where are we now?

09:00 OPENING SESSION

Master of Ceremony

Macharia Kamau, UNICEF Representative, South Africa

South African Parliament Choir

Opening Statements

Ambassador Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella, President, Pan-African Parliament

Francisco Songane, Director Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director UNFPA

Welcoming Address

H.E. Dr. Mantombazana Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health, South Africa

Film

Yvonne Chaka Chaka, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

10:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

Plenary 1 THE COUNTDOWN, WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

Co-Chairs H.E. Prof. David Mwakyusa, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Health, Tanzania

Philip O'Brien, Director Fundraising + Partnerships, UNICEF

11:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

11:10 MDGs 4 & 5, WHAT PROGRESS AND HOW FAST?

Daisy Mafubelu, Assistant Director General, WHO

11:25 THE COUNTDOWN REPORT

Tessa Wardlaw, Chief of Strategic Information, UNICEF

Jennifer Bryce, Senior Scientist Johns Hopkins University, USA

12:10 NEW FRONTIERS FOR THIS COUNTDOWN: CONTINUUM OF CARE

Zulfiqar Bhutta, Aga Khan University, Pakistan

12:30 DISCUSSION

13:00 LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Co-Chairs H. E. Robinson Jean-Louis, Health & Family Planning Minister, Madagascar

André Lalonde, Executive Vice-President, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC)

14:00 UNDERSTANDING COVERAGE GAPS AND EQUITY

Cesar Victora, Professor, Federal University of Pelotas

14:15 Discussion

16:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

COUNTDOWN/IPU SPECIAL SESSION

Welcoming Remarks Hon. Ms Baleka Mbete, Speaker of the South African Assembly

Moderator Anders Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

16:00 OPENING STATEMENT

The Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, President of the African Monitor

16:10 INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION TO THE COUNTDOWN

Richard Horton, Editor in Chief - The Lancet

16:25 JOINT PANEL DISCUSSION AND OPEN PARTICIPATION FROM THE FLOOR

Yoshio Yatsu, Member of House of Representatives, Japan

Finn Martin Vallersnes, Member of Parliament, Norway

Sylvia N. Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

Daisy Mafubelu, Assistant-Director General WHO

Ann Starrs, President, Family Care International

Chok Wan Chan, President, International Pediatric Association

Open floor: interventions from distinguished members of Parliaments

18:00 CLOSING

16:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS ON BUILDING THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR MNCH

Session 1: What is implementation research, why is it needed, and where are we now?

Session 2: Research priority setting in maternal, newborn and child health

Session 3: Strengthening Capacity for Evidence-based Research

18:00 CLOSE OF DAY 1

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL 2008

DAY 2 - What can be done and how?



Plenary 2 POLICIES AND HEALTH SYSTEMS THAT WORK FOR THE HEALTH-RELATED MDGS

Co-Chairs **H. E. Kumbo Kachali**, Minister of Health, Malawi
Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

09:00 HEALTH SYSTEMS, POLICIES AND THE COUNTDOWN

Bernadette Daelmans, Child and Adolescent Health and Development WHO

09:20 TRACKING EXTERNAL RESOURCES FOR MNCH

Anne Mills, Professor, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

09:35 TACKLING THE HUMAN RESOURCE CRISIS

Francis Omaswa, Executive Director, The Global Health Workforce Alliance

09:50 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Policy, Resources and Quality of Care for MNCH

- Group 1:** High impact MNCH Policy: evidence & experience on the political processes and policy decisions that make a difference
- Group 2:** Show me the money! The financing cycle of maternal, newborn and child health
- Group 3:** Results-based financing: evidence & experience on how changing incentives can affect MNCH service uptake & delivery
- Group 4:** Human Resources for MNCH
- Group 5:** Quality of Health Services: making the difference

COFFEE/TEA BREAK IN BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:50 PLENARY DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Co-Chairs **H.E. Dr Malick Njie**, Minister, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Gambia
Monir Islam, Director Making Pregnancy Safer, WHO

13:00 LUNCH

Plenary 3 CREATING PROGRAMMATIC LINKAGES ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Co-Chairs **H.E. Dr Majed Al Juneid**, Deputy Minister for Population Sector, Yemen
Tigest Ketsela, Director, Family and Reproductive Health, WHO/AFRO

14:00 MNCH INTERVENTIONS - WHAT IS NEW AND HOW CAN WE BETTER INTEGRATE?

Joy Lawn, Senior Policy Adviser, Saving Newborn Lives/Save the Children-US

14:20 A CLOSER LOOK AT NUTRITION, LANCET UPDATE

Robert Black, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health USA

14:40 PANEL ON INTEGRATION EFFORTS FOR MNCH SCALING-UP

Country representatives

15:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Promoting action within the continuum of care: what are the issues?

- Breakout Group 1:** Maternal Health Issues – Achieving universal access to skilled care at delivery
- Breakout Group 2:** Newborn Health Issues – Newborn care: programming to save young lives
- Breakout Group 3:** Child Health Issues – Accelerating the coverage of child health interventions
- Breakout Group 4:** Adolescent Pregnancy – Stopping Child Marriage, Preventing Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity

18:00 CLOSE OF DAY 2

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL 2008

DAY 3 - Situation at the country level

Plenary 4 ACCOUNTABILITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCALING-UP: WHOSE JOB IS IT ANYHOW?

Co-Chairs H.E. Dr Jose Van Dunhem, *Vice Minister of Public Health,
Ministry of Health, Angola*
Peter Salama, *Associate Director, Health Section, UNICEF*

09:00 HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Prof Charles Ngwena, *Department of Constitutional Law,
University of the Free State, South Africa*

09:15 MONITORING COMMITMENTS BY GOVERNMENTS AND PARTNERS

Augustine Mkandawire, *Senior Research and Monitoring
Specialist, African Monitor*

09:30 JOINT PANEL DISCUSSION ON SCALING-UP: MAKING IT HAPPEN

Country representatives from:

Afghanistan

- H.E. Nadera Hayat Burhani, *Deputy Minister of Public
Health, Afghanistan*

Mozambique

- H.E. Dr Paulo Ivo Garrido, *Minister of Health,
Mozambique*

Nepal

- Dr Bishnu Prasad Pandit, *Officiating Secretary,
Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal*

Egypt

- Dr. Emad Ezzat, *Acting Chief of Cabinet, For Minister of
Health and Population, Egypt*

Tore Godal, *Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Norway*

Anne Peterson, *Director, Global Health World Vision*

Bertha Pooley, *Saving Newborn Lives/Save the Children,
Bolivia*

10:25 WRAP-UP

10:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK



11:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Leveraging the Global Countdown Launch to
Mobilize National Political Will and Catalyze
High Impact Programme Action

Breakout Group 1: Africa (Anglophone)

Breakout Group 2: Africa (Francophone)

Breakout Group 3: Middle East & Eastern Europe

Breakout Group 4: Asia

Breakout Group 5: Latin America

12:30 LUNCH (PROVIDED)

13:30 Plenary 5 MAKING THE COUNTDOWN COUNT

Co-Chairs H.E. Ms. Renuka Chowdhury, *Minister for Women and
Child Development, India*
Joy Phumaphi, *Vice President for Human Development,
World Bank*

13:30 REGIONS REPORT BACK ON WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO NEXT

14:45 COUNTRY EXAMPLE: SENEGAL

Biram Ndiaye, *Prime Minister's Office, Senegal*

15:00 TOWARDS COUNTDOWN 2010: NEXT STEPS

Flavia Bustreo, *Deputy Director, Partnership for Maternal,
Newborn and Child Health*

15:15 CLOSING

Teshome Toga, *Speaker of the House of Peoples' Represen-
tatives, Ethiopia. Remarks on the way forward*

South African Children's Choir

16:00 CLOSE OF DAY 3