



Conference Agenda

DAY 1 – Where are we now?

Thursday, 17 April 2008

09:00-10:30 **OPENING Session**

Master of Ceremony

Macharia Kamau, *UNICEF Representative, South Africa*

South African Parliament Choir

Opening Statements

Ambassador Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella, *President of the Pan-African Parliament, Tanzania*

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

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*

10:30-11:00 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 Private Fundraising and Partnerships, UNICEF*

11:00-11:10

Introduction to the Conference

Purnima Mane, *Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA*

11:10-11:25

MDGs 4 & 5, what progress and how fast?

Daisy Mafubelu, *Assistant Director General, WHO*

11:25-12:10

The Countdown Report

Tessa Wardlaw, *Chief of Strategic Information, UNICEF*

Jennifer Bryce, *Senior Scientist, Johns Hopkins University*



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12:10-12:30 **New frontiers for this Countdown: Continuum of Care**
Zulfiqar Bhutta, *Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, The Aga Khan University, Pakistan*

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch (provided)

Co-Chairs **H. E. Dr. Robinson Jean-Louis**, *Health and Family Planning Minister, Madagascar*
André Lalonde, *Executive Vice-President, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC)*

14:00-14:30 **Understanding Coverage Gaps and Equity**
Cesar Victora, *Professor of Epidemiology, Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil*

14:30-15:15 Discussion

15:15-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

Countdown/IPU Special Session

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

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

16:00-16:10 **Opening Statement**
The Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, *President of the African Monitor*

16:10-16:25 **Introduction and Orientation to the Countdown**
Richard Horton, *Editor in Chief, The Lancet*

16:25-17:50 **Joint Panel Discussion and Open Participation from the Floor**
Yoshio Yatsu, *Member of House of Representatives, Japan*
Finn Martin Vallersnes, *Member of the Governing Council, Norway*
Sylvia N. Ssinabulya, *Member of Parliament, Uganda*
Daisy Mafubelu, *Assistant-Director General, WHO*



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Ann Starrs, *President, Family Care International*
Chok-wan Chan, *President, International Pediatric Association*

Open floor: interventions from distinguished members of Parliaments

17:50-18:00 **Closing**

16:00-18:00 **Parallel Sessions on Building the Evidence Base for MNCH**

Session 1: Implementation Research: active use of local data to enhance MNCH programs

Session 2: Priority setting for MNCH research - Random, agenda driven or systematically investing in knowledge to save more lives?

Session 3: Strengthening capacity for evidence-based research

18:00 Close of Day 1

DAY 2 – What can be done and how?

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PLENARY 2 Policies and health systems that work for the health-related MDG's

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

09:00-9:20 **Health Systems, Policies and the Countdown**
Bernadette Daelmans, Child and Adolescent Health and Development, WHO/HQ

09:20-9:35 **Tracking external resources for MNCH**
Anne Mills, Professor Health Economics and Policy, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

09:35-9:50 **Tackling the Human Resource Crisis**
Francis Omaswa, Executive Director, The Global Health Workforce Alliance

09:50-11:50 **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 for 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



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11:50-13:00 **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

13:00-14:00 Lunch (provided)

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

14:00-14:20 **MNCH interventions - what is new and how can we better integrate?**
Joy Lawn, Senior Policy Adviser, Saving Newborn Lives/Save the Children-US

14:20-14:40 **A Closer Look at Nutrition, Lancet update**
Robert Black, Chair Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins University

14:40-15:30 **Panel on integration efforts for MNCH scaling-up**
Country representatives

15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00-18:00 **Breakout Sessions: Promoting action within the continuum of care: what are the issues?**

Breakout Group 1: Maternal Health Issues – Consolidating the consensus, and bridging

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



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Breakout Group 4: Adolescent Pregnancy - Stopping Child Marriage, Preventing Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity

18:00 Close of Day 2

DAY 3 – Situation at the country level

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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

09:00-09:15 **Health and Human Rights**
Prof Charles Ngwena, Department of Constitutional Law, University of the Free State, South Africa

09:15-09:30 **Monitoring commitments by governments and partners**
Augustine Mkandawire, Senior Research and Monitoring Specialist, African Monitor

09:30-10:25 **Joint Panel Discussion on Scaling-up: Making it Happen**

Country representatives from:

Afghanistan

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

Mozambique

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

10:25-10:30 Wrap-Up

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break



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11:00-12:30 **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

12:30-13:30 Lunch (*provided*)

13:30-15:15 **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 - 14:45 **Regions report back on what they are going to do next**

14:45 - 15:00 **Country example: Senegal**
Biram Ndiaye, *Prime Minister's Office, Senegal*

15:00- 15:15 **Towards Countdown 2010: Next Steps**
Flavia Bustreo, *Deputy Director, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health*

15:15 - 16:00 **Closing**
Teshome Toga, *Speaker of the House of Peoples' Representatives, Ethiopia. Remarks on the way forward*

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16:00 Close of Day 3