

DAY 1 – Where are we now?

Thursday, 17 April 2008

- 09:00-10:30 **OPENING Session**
Welcome: Dr Mantombazana Tshabalala-Msimang, Her Excellency, Minister of Health, South Africa
Opening Statements
Film
- 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
Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA
- 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, USA
- 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. 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, Brazil
- 14:30-14:45 **Equity analysis and action: Rwanda**
Caroline R. Kayonga, Permanent Secretary, Rwanda
- 14:45-15:15 Discussion
- 15:15-16:00** **Coffee/Tea Break**



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Countdown/IPU Special Session

Chair

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

Finn Martin Vallersnes, *Member of the Governing Council, Norway*

Chieko Noono, *Minister of Justice and Senator, Japan (tbc)*

Sylvia N. Ssinabulya, *Member of Parliament, Uganda*

Chok Wan Chan, *President, International Pediatric Association*

Ann Starrs, *President, Family Care International*

Panelist from Zambia (tbc)

17:50-18:00

Closing

16:00-18:00

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

DAY 2 – What can be done and how?

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| PLENARY 2 | Policies and health systems that work for the health-related MDGs |
| <i>Chair</i> | H.E. Jean Damascène Ntawukuliryayo , <i>Health Minister, Rwanda</i> |
| 09:00-9:20 | Health Systems, Policies and the Countdown Bernadette Daelmans , <i>Child and Adolescent Health and Development, WHO/HQ</i> |
| 09:20-9:35 | Tracking external resources for MNCH Anne Mills , <i>Professor Health Economics and Policy, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine</i> |
| 09:35-9:50 | Tackling the Human Resource Crisis Francis Omaswa , <i>Executive Director, The Global Health Workforce Alliance</i> |
| 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 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 |
| Coffee/Tea Break in breakout sessions | |
| 11:50-13:00 | Plenary discussion and conclusion |
| <i>Co-Chairs</i> | Ri Pong Hun , <i>Vice Minister, Ministry of Health, Korea</i> Monir Islam , <i>Director Making Pregnancy Safer, WHO</i> |



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13:00-14:00 Lunch (provided)

Plenary 3 **Creating programmatic linkages across the continuum of care**

Co-Chairs **H.E. Nadera Hayat Burhani**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan
Tigest Ketsela, Director, Family and Reproductive Health, WHO/AFRO

14:00-14:20 **Update on new evidence for MNCH interventions**
Joy Lawn, Senior Policy Adviser, Saving Newborn Lives

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 - Achieving universal access to skilled care at delivery

Breakout Group 2: Newborn Health Issues

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

DAY 3 – Situation at the country level

Saturday, 19 April 2008

Plenary 4 Accountability, human rights and scaling-up: Whose job is it anyhow?

Chair **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

- HE Faziullah Kakar, Deputy Minister for Technical Affairs,
Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan

or

- HE Dr. Najibullah Mojadidi, Advisor to President for
Education & Health, Minister of Public Health, Afghanistan

Egypt

- Name will be confirmed soon

Mozambique

- Paulo Ivo Garrido, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health,
Mozambique

Nepal

- Name will be confirmed soon

Guatemala

- Eusebio del Cid, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health,
Guatemala

Tore Godal, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Norway

Ernest Loevinsohn, Director General, Canadian International
Development Agency

Anne Peterson, Director, Global Health, World Vision

Julian Lob-Levyt, Executive Secretary, GAVI Alliance

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



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10:25-10:30 Wrap-Up

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

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**

Chair **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**

Speaker of the House, Ethiopia to read a statement on behalf of
IPU Parliamentarians

16:00 Close of Day 3