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UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON HEALTH,
MORTALITY AND DEVELOPMENT
United Nations Secretariat
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Population Division
New York, 10-12 November 2009

Venue: One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza
2nd Avenue
48th Street, 37th Floor (Conference Room 1DHP-3833)
New York, NY 10017

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 10 November 2009

9:30-10:00 *Registration*

PART 1: HEALTH

Chair: Philip Guest

Morning session: 10:00-12:30

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING:** Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division
2. **GLOBAL BURDEN OF DISEASE AND DISEASE CONTROL PRIORITIES**

(a) *Global burden of disease and risk factors*

Colin Mathers, World Health Organization

Coffee break

(b) *The disease control priorities project*

**Dean Jamison, IHME, University of Washington &
Prabhat Jha, University of Toronto**

Discussion and questions

Lunch break: 12:30-14:00

Afternoon session: 14:00-17:00

3. HEALTH SYSTEMS AND FINANCING OF GLOBAL HEALTH

(a) Primary health care reforms: aligning health systems to needs and expectations

Paolo Piva, World Health Organization

(b) Reforming health systems for development

Andre Medici, World Bank

Discussion and questions

Coffee break

4. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

(a) Why isn't safe motherhood a reality for all pregnant women?

Linda Bartlett, Johns Hopkins University

Discussion and questions

Wednesday, 11 November 2009

Morning session: 9:00-13:00

5. INFECTIOUS AND PARASITIC DISEASES

(a) Prevention and treatment of infectious and parasitic diseases

Ramanan Laxminarayan, Princeton University

(b) The development impact of the neglected tropical diseases

Peter J. Hotez, George Washington University Medical Center

Discussion and questions

Coffee break

Morning session: 9:00-13:00 (continued)

6. CHRONIC AND DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

(a) Nutrition, lifestyles, obesity and chronic diseases

Prakash Shetty, University of Southampton

(b) The global burden of chronic diseases

Thomas A. Gaziano, Harvard Medical School

(c) Global mortality from tobacco

Prabhat Jha, University of Toronto

Discussion and questions

7. SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS: Philip Guest, Assistant Director,
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Lunch break: 13:00-14:30

PART 2: ADULT MORTALITY

Chair: François Pelletier

Afternoon session: 14:30-17:30

8. OVERVIEW: Francois Pelletier, Chief, Mortality Section, Population Division

9. METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS TO THE ESTIMATION OF ADULT MORTALITY

(a) Overview of procedures used by WHO to generate life tables at the country level

Mie Inoue, World Health Organization

Afternoon session: 14:30-17:30 (continued)

(b) *Evaluating methods to estimate the completeness of death registration*

Julie Knoll Rajaratnam, IHME, University of Washington

Coffee break

(c) *An Improved Model Life Table System: Semi-parametric Method*

Haidong Wang, IHME, University of Washington

(d) *Measuring adult mortality using sibling survival: a new analytical method and new results for 44 countries, 1974-2006*

Julie Knoll Rajaratnam, IHME, University of Washington

Discussion and questions

Thursday, 12 November 2009

Morning session: 9:30-12:30

**10. A REVIEW OF ADULT MORTALITY ESTIMATES AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL
(ALL DAY)**

Discussion will focus on adult mortality estimates by sex for selected countries.

Representatives of WHO, IHME, the Population Division and others

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11. NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS: François Pelletier, Chief, Mortality Section, Population Division.

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