

MEDIA ADVISORY

(Embargoed 4 pm – 26 May 2015)

WHO

- President Clinton, Founder of the Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States
- United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson
- H.E. Ambassador Martin Sajdik, President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations
- H.E. Ms. Bernice Dahn, Minister of Health, Liberia
- H.E. Ms. Madina Rahman, Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone
- High-level government representation from Guinea
- Paul Farmer, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community-Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti and Kolokotronis University Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School

WHAT

United Nations Economic and Social Council Partnership Forum - *Partnerships in Support of Strengthening Health Systems: Building Resilience to Pandemics*

WHEN

28 May 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE

United Nations Headquarters, ECOSOC Chamber, New York

WHY

The ECOSOC session will focus on two key areas where partnerships are required to ensure lessons are learnt from the Ebola response in West Africa and to promote action:

- (i) developing human resources for health such as medical and nursing schools and a cadre of compensated community health workers;
- (ii) bringing modern medical care, including drug and vaccine treatments, to settings of poverty.

Other highlights:

High-level panel discussion with:

- Anthony Fauci, US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, Regional Director for Africa, WHO
- Gary M. Cohen, Executive Vice-President and President of Global Health, Becton, Dickinson and Company
- Rifat Atun, Professor of Global Health Systems, Harvard University
- Jeffrey Wright, Actor, and Founder, Ebola Survival Fund

More information

For media accreditation: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/index.shtml>

For event details: <http://bit.ly/partnership2015>

For live coverage: <http://webtv.un.org>

Social media hashtag: #action2015

Media contacts

- Paul Simon, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 917-367-5027, 347 267 5618, simonp@un.org
- Claire Anholt, UN Department of Public Information, 917-367-4807; anholt@un.org