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ITU will hold a Clinic on “**Mobiles for Midwives: an innovative approach for better health information systems**”. The WHO/ITU Health Accountability Commission determined that more than 30% of developing countries lack proper birth and death registration systems, and recommended that by 2015, all countries take significant steps to establish a system for registration of births, deaths and causes of death, and have well-functioning health information systems that combine data from facilities, administrative sources and surveys. Given that Midwives are the primary health care provider available to women in the developing world, these health professionals are essential to capturing valid birth as well as assisting in improving child and maternal health survival rates in order to achieve MDG #5 (reduction in Maternal mortality by three-quarters) and MDG #4 (reduction of mortality rate of children under 5 by two-thirds).

The clinic will identify necessary technological and policy obstacles to provide an eHealth mobile platform that could provide birth registration and vital maternal and child health information. It will also identify existing eHealth projects and eHealth technological platforms that focus on maternal and child health information and could be scalable across developing countries and which would benefit from provision of a global mobile platform solution that engages midwives and responds to their needs.