

**63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference
Melbourne, Australia
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre**

“ADVANCE GLOBAL HEALTH: ACHIEVE THE MDGs”

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, 30 August 2010

OPENING CEREMONY

9:30 A.M.

Indigenous Welcome to Australia

United Nations Welcome

Kiyo Akasaka, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Host Country Welcome

Bob McMullan

Australian Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance

Opening Remarks

Ban Ki-moon (via video message)
Secretary General, United Nations

Navanethem Pillay (via videotape)

High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

Keynote Speakers

Michel Sidibé

Executive Director, UN AIDS

Barbara Flick Nicol

Australia

NGO Welcome

Mary Norton

Chair, 63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference

Networking Lunch at the Exhibits Area

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Workshops

Various Rooms in MCEC

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Afternoon Tea: 4:00 – 4:30 P.M.

Roundtable I
The Role of the NGOs and Civil Society in Helping Achieve the MDGs

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The commitment to achieve the MDGs by 2015 is the responsibility of member states towards their citizens. On the other hand, international, national and local NGOs and civil society have important roles to play.

This Roundtable will explore such issues as:

- The role of NGOs and civil society actors in achieving the MDGs
- The most effective ways in which NGOs can articulate their positions with governments to influence policy and address the need for services to improve health and well being
- Ways in which different segments of civil society can work in partnership to achieve the MDGs
- How can programs be designed so that progress can be objectively tracked and evaluated over time?

PANELISTS

Dr. Padmini Murthy, moderator (USA)

Ruth Bamela Engo-Tjega, (Cameroon)

Sue Ndwala (Australia)

Sakena Yacoobi (Afghanistan)

Dr. Aleida Guevara (Cuba)

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NGO/DPI Executive Committee Consultation

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Roundtable II
Equity, Rights and Progress towards the MDGs

9:30 AM – 11:00 A.M.

As momentum builds towards accelerating progress to meet the goals of the MDGs there is a danger of creating greater inequity. Practice has shown it is easier to improve the health of those who are already better off than it is to address the needs of the poorest and those who have no access to health care.

Discussion in this roundtable will respond to many questions including:

- Ways in which NGOs can advocate for more attention to be paid to the health needs of the poorest and least well served.
- The use of equity sensitive indicators to measure progress towards achieving the MDG's
- What should be done to raise awareness of the significance of MDG 8 (which calls for the establishment of global partnerships for development) and its importance for achieving all of the MDGs? Moreover, how do we address the responsibility of developed countries to work towards greater global equity?
- What actions are needed to re-invigorate the dialogue on the synergy between human rights and public health?
- How can NGOs ensure that the focus on mortality targets does not divert attention from conditions that affect quality of life such as access to basic necessities such as food and shelter, security of the person, disability and mental health problems?
- In what ways can we continue to accurately document progress in attaining gender equality?

PANELISTS

Dr. Cathey Falvo, moderator (USA)

Justin Mohamed, (Australia)
Jane Freemantle (Australia)
Thelma Narayan (India)
Dr. Claudio Schuftan (Chile)

Morning Tea: 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Workshops

Various Rooms in MCEC
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Networking Lunch at the Exhibits Area

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Workshops

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2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Afternoon Tea: 4:00 – 4:30 P.M.

Roundtable III

Strengthening an Integrated and Systems Approach to Achieving the Health MDGs

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

While all the MDGs contribute to health, MDG 4 (reduce child mortality), MDG 5 (improve maternal health) and MDG 6 (combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases) each has specific health targets. This raises a number of questions which this Roundtable hopes to address such as:

- How can collective efforts of NGOs, civil society, the medical community, the private sector and governments be maximized, and systems strengthened rather than undermined, as we work towards achieving the MDGs in integrated ways?
- In what ways can we ensure that in attending to closely related causes of specific health problems underlying social determinants of poor health, especially gender equity and poverty are also addressed/not neglected?
- How can the physical, financial, cultural, linguistic and other barriers to achieving the MDGs be addressed?

PANELISTS

Tim Costello, moderator (Australia)
Shichuo Li (People's Republic of China)
Samina Naz (Pakistan)
Kenneth Ndubuisi Okoh (Nigeria)

Wednesday, 1 September 2010

Roundtable IV

Achieving the MDGs in Our Changing World

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Developing countries, in particular, are experiencing swift demographic transitions with sharp rises in the populations of young people and older persons, increased urbanization and globalization. Closely associated with these issues are migration and other influences, as well as environmental deterioration

and climate change. The fourth Roundtable will examine such issues as:

- How to ensure flexibility within the MDG agenda so that governments and the international community are not diverted from responding in a timely way to these changes?
- To what extent can more attention be focused on the “other diseases” of MDG 6, in particular chronic diseases that represent a large and increasing proportion of the financial, social and health burden in many poor countries?
- What can be done to focus more attention on the second target of MDG 5 (access to sexual and reproductive health) especially in relation to youth?
- How can NGOs help to minimize the impact of the global financial crisis on progress towards advancing global health and achieving the MDGs?
- Most importantly, what actions can NGOs and civil society activists take after 2015 to maintain momentum?

PANELISTS

Lindy Joubert, moderator (Australia)

Jamesa Wagwau (Kenya)

Dharmapriya Wesumperuma (Sri Lanka)

Dr. Sue Wareham (Australia)

Dr. Caleb Otto (Palau)

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CLOSING CEREMONY

4:30 P.M.

Kiyo Akasaka

Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Keynote Addresses

Mick Gooda

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

Her Royal Highness Princess Muna al-Hussein (via videotape)

Jordan

Closing Remarks

Sir George Alleyne
Chancellor of the University of the West Indies

Christopher Varney
Former Australian Youth Ambassador

Jamie Clout
Deputy Director General of the Australian Agency for International Development

Jeffery Huffines
Chair, NGO/DPI Executive Committee

NGO Closing Statement and Presentation of Conference Declaration

Mary Norton
Chair, 63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference

Farewell
Kiyo Akasaka
Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information