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“Gender perspectives on global public health: Implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals”

Thursday, 12 March 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panellists

1. **Ms. Anjana Bhushan**, Technical Officer, World Health Organization (WHO)
2. **Dr. Hernan Montenegro**, Senior Regional Advisor on Health Systems and Services, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
3. **Dr. Lynn Collins**, Technical Advisor in HIV/AIDS and Health, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
4. **Ms. Ruth Levine**, Vice President for Programs and Operations, senior Fellow Center for Global Development

1. **Ms. Anjana Bhushan** works as Technical Officer (Health in Development) in the Division for Health Sector Development in the Western Pacific Regional Office of WHO. She has worked in WPRO for over 9 years, and her portfolio of duties includes issues such as integrating poverty, equity, gender and human rights concerns into health systems, policies and programmes, promoting achievement of the health-related MDGs and addressing the social determinants of health equity. Anjana obtained her Master's in Sociology from the Johns Hopkins University, USA in 1995. Earlier, she started her career as a member of the civil service in India, where she worked for 10 years in the state government of Rajasthan. For the last 16 years, she has worked at the international level on issues of poverty and gender in health and in development more broadly, in various international agencies including the World Bank, UNDP, ILO and WHO.

2. **Dr. Hernan Montenegro** is currently a Senior Regional Advisor on Health Systems and Services at the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. He holds a Medical Doctor degree from the University of Chile, a Specialist in Public Health degree from the University of Chile (Concentration in Epidemiology), and a Master in Public Health degree from the University of Johns Hopkins (Department of International Health, Division of Health Systems). He also has two years of postgraduate training in General Surgery at the University of Chile's Jose Joaquin Aguirre Hospital. At the beginning of his career, Dr. Montenegro served as a clinician providing primary care and emergency care services to low and middle-income population in Santiago, Chile. From 1988 to 1995, he was a professor of public health at the School of Public Health of the University of Chile, where he lectured undergraduate students of the School of Medicine. From 1991 to 1995 he

worked for the Chilean Ministry of Health, first as a Public Health Specialist, and later on, as the Head of the Health Sector Reform Project Coordination Unit. In 1996 he joined the World Bank where he became Senior Health Specialist for the Human Development Sector Management Unit, Latin America and Caribbean Region, in Washington D.C. While at the World Bank, he supervised and prepared health, nutrition and population projects for Panama, Mexico and Brazil. In 2001 he joined PAHO/WHO as Regional Advisor on Hospital and Health Services Management, and later on from 2004 to 2007 he became Chief of the Health Services Organization Unit of PAHO/WHO in Washington, D.C. Dr. Montenegro's areas of expertise are health services organization and management, health systems, health sector reform, health policy, strategic planning, project/program formulation and evaluation, and health situation analysis.

3. **Dr. Lynn Collins** is a family medicine physician who also holds a PhD in Sociology and a Master's degree in international health. She has been working in international health and development for over 30 years. Currently Dr. Collins is a Technical Advisor in HIV/AIDS and Health at UNFPA focusing on: Synergies between MDG 3 (gender equality/empowerment of women), MDG 4 (child health), MDG 5 (maternal health), and MDG 6 (HIV/TB/Malaria), as well as human rights, gender equality, sexual & reproductive health, the attainment of the related universal access targets, and linking sexual and reproductive health with HIV/AIDS.

4. **Ms. Ruth Levine** is the Vice President for Programs and Operations, and Senior Fellow Center for Global Development, is an internationally recognized expert on global health and health policy. She is a health economist with more than 15 years of experience designing and assessing the effects of social sector programs in Latin America, Eastern Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. As CGD vice president for programs and operations, she is a member of the Center's senior management team. She is also a CGD senior fellow and leads the Center's work on global health policy, including chairing a series of working groups on key policy and finance constraints to the effective use of donor funding for health programs in low-income countries. Before joining the CGD, Ruth designed, supervised, and evaluated loans at the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. Between 1997 and 1999, she served as the advisor on the social sectors in the office of the executive vice president of the Inter-American Development Bank. Ruth has a doctoral degree in economic demography from Johns Hopkins University, and is the co-author of the books *The Health of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (World Bank, 2001).