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Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

1. UN Partnerships with NGOs to Achieve the MDGs

SPONSOR: UN Department of Public Information (UN DPI)

SUMMARY:

Representatives from UN departments, agencies and programmes located at UN Headquarters and in the Asia-Pacific Region will talk about their partnerships with NGOs. The discussion will include strategies on how to achieve the MDGs in general and those relating to global health in particular.

Moderator: Maria-Luisa Chávez, Chief, UN DPI/NGO Relations, New York, USA

Speakers: Christopher Woodthorpe, Director, UN Information Centre (UNIC), Canberra, Australia

- Minar Pimple, Asia Regional Director, UN Millennium Campaign, Bangkok, Thailand
- William Ryan, Regional Communications Adviser, UN Population Fund, Bangkok, Thailand Representative, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and South Pacific
- David McLachlan-Karr, UN Resident Coordinator, Papua New Guinea

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

2. Incorporating Gender into Healthcare and its Effect on Global Health and the Achievement of the MDGs

SPONSOR: Medical Women's International Association (MWIA)

CO-SPONSORS: Australian Federation of Medical Women
International Society of Doctors for the Environment
Australian Women's Coalition
Australian Women's Health Network
Public Health Association of Australia
Physicians for Social Responsibility

SUMMARY:

The Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 committed to including a gender perspective in all UN activities. This assurance was reiterated during the development of the MDGs. This workshop will give participants an understanding of the principles necessary to incorporate gender awareness into healthcare.

Moderator: Dr. Padmini Murthy, Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), USA

Speakers: Dr. Gabrielle Casper, MWIA, Sydney, Australia

- Dr. Desiree Yap, Australian Federation of Medical Women, Melbourne, Australia
- Dr. Jo Wainer, Australian Women's Coalition, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

3. The Unfinished Agenda of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

SPONSOR: Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) and Marie Stopes International Australia

CO-SPONSORS: Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
Burnet Institute
Family Planning International New Zealand
Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia (SH & FPA)

SUMMARY:

In many countries in Asia and the Pacific there is significant unmet need for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, and an ongoing demand for donor assistance to help meet that need. To overcome these challenges, this workshop will present a map of unmet SRH needs and donor aid resource flows, as well as advocacy initiatives of NGOs to increase funding and improve the international assistance policies of government donor agencies to achieve the MDGs in this region.

Moderator: Liz Sime, Marie Stopes International Australia
Speakers: Dr. Natalie Gray, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia
- Sumie Ishii, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning, Japan
- Sumi Subramaniam, Family Planning International, New Zealand
- Naomi Knight, Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia, Sydney, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

4. A New Paradigm of a Healthy Lifestyle for Peace and Sustainability

SPONSOR: Anuvrat Global Organization (ANUVIBHA)
CO-SPONSORS: Anuvrat Mahasamiti, New Delhi, India
Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun (Raj) India
Anuvrat Global Organization of North America, USA
Melbourne Shwetambar Jain Sangh (MSJS), Melbourne, Australia

SUMMARY:

Never before has global health been in such great peril. Though therapy is available, millions of poor people across the world are dying of cancer, heart disease, diabetes and AIDS because they cannot afford treatment in hospitals. This threat has to be fought at the level of government and civil society. This workshop aims to present a new paradigm of a healthy lifestyle, which can advance global health and ensure survival into the third millennium.

Moderator: Sohan Lal Gandhi, Anuvrat Global Organization (ANUVIBHA), India
Speakers: Tejkaran Jain, ANUVIBHA, India
- Sanchay Jain, ANUVIBHA, India
- Kirit Daftary, Anuvrat Global Organization of North America, USA
- Budh Singh Sethia, ANUVIBHA, India

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

5. Health Care Outreach to the Poor as an Experiential Context for Human Rights Education

SPONSOR: Order of St. Augustine
CO-SPONSORS: Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus
Carmelites

SUMMARY:

A partnership between a Canadian high school and a Philippine college supports healthcare outreach which provides birth defect surgery for needy Philippine children. It gives an experiential context for human rights education in schools and enhances human rights awareness among those actually touched by the outreach programme. Presenters will share their contributions, with special reference to health, human rights, education and peace. By doing so, they will demonstrate the rich values of UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and its related programmes in bringing awareness to and involving young people in realizing the MDGs.

Moderator: Emeka Obiezu, Augustinian NGO Team, Nigeria

Speakers John Paul Szura, Augustine NGO Team, USA

- Alicia Ejoc Mujar, Programme Coordinator, Philippine College Health Care, Philippines
- Ngozi Uti, Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, Nigeria

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

6. Women & Girl Power: Uniting to Build Healthy Societies, and End and Prevent Violence against Women and Girls

SPONSOR: Soroptimist International and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

CO-SPONSORS: Australian Federation of Medical Women
Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific Federation
Girl Guides Australia

SUMMARY:

Healthy societies result from included and empowered individuals and communities working together toward common goals. In this interactive workshop, women will illustrate some of the projects their groups have conducted throughout the world aimed at building healthy societies, and developing and empowering women of all ages to stand up against violence and support post-violence healing for individuals and communities. Delegates and interested persons will be invited to share successes and challenges as well as offer opportunities for collaborating on solutions to achieve MDGs 3, 4, 5, and 6 and have a positive impact on the other MDGs.

Moderator: Dawn Marie Lemonds, Soroptomist International, UK

Speakers: Alice Wells, Soroptimist International, USA

- Linden Edgell, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Australia
- Lyndal Trevena, Australian Federation of Medical Women, Sydney, Australia
- Susie Matters, WAGGGS, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

7. Intergenerational Dialogue for Global Health from Birth to Maturity

SPONSOR: International Health Awareness Network (IHAN)

CO-SPONSORS: Peace Action
Ribbon International
National Council of South Korea

SUMMARY:

Intergenerational dialogue is the way to celebrate the knowledge we have acquired through our life journeys. Global health is the integration of health programmes to sustain transnational quality of life with good health for young and the old, rich and the poor, urban and the rural populations – indeed, the entire human family. This workshop will examine these issues, and create a dialogue on the United Nations and the MDGs, with a focus on MDGs 4 and 5.

Moderator: Dr. Sorosh Roshan, International Health Awareness Network (IHAN**),** New York, USA

Speakers: Dr. Sad Al Dasouqi, IHAN, Jordan

- Dr. Gabrielle Casper, Medical Women's International Association, Australia
- Eloise Williams, medical student, Australia
- Steffie Kinglake, student, Spain
- Yunsook Lee, Former Minister of Women's Affairs, Republic of South Korea

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

8. Drug Injection and HIV/AIDS: What Needs to Done to Achieve MDG6?

SPONSOR: Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

CO-SPONSORS: National Centre in HIV/AIDS Epidemiology and Clinical Research
Association for Prevention and Reductions of Harms (ANEX)

SUMMARY:

This workshop will explore how progress toward MDG 6 can be achieved through greater attention to HIV transmission by drug injection. The perspective of drug users will be provided by the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users' League (AIVL). It will discuss ways in which civil society organizations and human rights-based approaches are being under-utilised in HIV prevention. The workshop will also discuss why ethnic minority populations, including indigenous peoples, show particularly high HIV rates in many regions.

Moderator: John Ryan, CEO, Anex, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Annie Madden, Executive Officer, Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users' League, Sydney, Australia
- Lisa Maher, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR), Sydney
- James Ward, Head of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, NCHECR, Sydney, Australia
- Anindya Chatterjee, Programme Leader, HIV/AIDS Asia Regional Programme

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

9. Workforce Development Strategies for Indigenous Health Care Workers

SPONSOR: International Federation for Training & Development Organisations (IFTDO)

CO-SPONSORS: Institute of Learning & Development Professionals Inc.(ILDP)
Centre for Training Excellence

SUMMARY:

Several health reports claim that the poor health of indigenous people is linked to their history of dispossession, injustice, racism and the struggle for survival. This workshop will highlight strategies to achieve a competent indigenous workforce with appropriate clinical, management, community development and cultural skills to provide a holistic approach to indigenous health. It also includes a case study on Aboriginal Health Workers.

Moderator: Marie Dayton, International Federation of Training and Development Organisations, Australia

Speakers: Malcolm Dawes, Institute of Learning and Development Professionals, Sydney, Australia
- Jane Conway, Centre for Training Excellence
- Susan Kendall

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

10. Reducing Risk, Promoting Health of the Nigerian Nation

SPONSOR: African Youth Movement

CO-SPONSORS: YIG Foundation
Groups Against Corruption
Urthor Foundation

SUMMARY:

There is a need to promote an understanding of disaster risk reduction (DRR) as a way to remedy socio-economic, health and environmental problems, and to facilitate a new DRR ethic in the rural communities of the developing world. This workshop aims to mobilise stakeholders to discuss this issue and offer suggestions on how DRR strategies will contribute to achieving the MDGs, especially those related to education, poverty, health and gender.

Moderator: Uwem Robert Otu, African Youth Movement (AYM)

Speakers: Mfon Itek, AYM

- Mathilda Adanna, GRACIA
- Edima Umoh, Urthor Foundation
- Simon Eze, YIG Foundation

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

11. Diabetes and Poverty: Determining Achievement of the MDGs

SPONSOR: International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

CO-SPONSORS: Oxford Health Alliance, Asia Pacific
Centre for Obesity, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease, The University of Sydney
Institute for Sustainable Solutions, The University of Sydney
Diabetes Australia

SUMMARY:

The diabetes epidemic challenges current global health and development approaches and priorities. This workshop will demonstrate the insidious relationship between diabetes and key development indicators such as:

- poverty and malnutrition;
- gender inequity and maternal mortality;
- increase in infections such as tuberculosis; and
- both a cause and a consequence of climate change.

Through this discussion, it is hoped that the NGO community will provide valuable contributions to the 2011 UN Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases and new insights and solutions for advancing the MDGs by 2015 and beyond.

Moderator: Dr. Ruth Colagiuri, Vice-President, International Diabetes Foundation (IDF)**,** Sydney, Australia

Speakers: Dr. Jean-Claude Mbanya, President, IDF, Cameroon

- Hon. Keiren Keke, Minister of Finance, Government of Nauru
- Colin Tukuitonga, Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, New Zealand
- Dr. Paul Zimmet, Foundation Director, IDF, Melbourne, Australia
- Linda Milan, WHO Western Pacific

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

12. Improving Global Health through Education of Mothers and Grandmothers

SPONSOR: Simply Help Foundation

CO-SPONSORS: Centre for Women's Studies and Intervention
University of Southern California
Lehigh University

SUMMARY:

Women are the primary conduit of information across families. Interventions to address poverty and health should be targeted at educating mothers and grandmothers who spend the majority of their time training and educating the next generation. This workshop will present examples of health programmes for women from a variety of developing countries. It will also explore an academic point of view, illustrating why educating women on health is an important and efficient way to improve global health.

Moderator: Lotte N. Goede, Director of Development, Simply Help Foundation, USA
Speakers: Tina Bow, Founder and President, Simply Help Foundation, USA
- Anne-Marie Scully, Simply Help Foundation, USA
- Rosemary Ukata, Centre for Women's Studies, Nigeria
- Debra Boudreaux, Secretary, Tzu Chi Foundation, USA

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

13. Sport, Nutrition and Healthy Children: Lessons from Experience

SPONSOR: International Federation of Business & Professional Women

CO-SPONSORS: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
Bill Hutchison Foundation & Essendon Football Club
Heart Foundation Australia
Diabetes Australia
Soroptomist International

SUMMARY:

In 2002 a UN taskforce called sport "a powerful and cost-effective way to advance the MDGs." As watching takes over from participating, and sports moves increasingly onto television, children become less active. This workshop brings together experts in sport, nutrition and adolescent health, to explore the role of sport, nutrition and lifestyle factors in achieving good health and the MDGs.

Moderator: June Kane, Business and Professional Women International, Australia
Speakers: Lucinda Dobson, Executive Officer, Nutrition Australia, Melbourne, Australia
- Christine Holgate, CEO, Blackmores Ltd, Sydney, Australia
- Ian Robson, CEO, Essendon Football Club, Melbourne, Australia
- Angelo Iezzi, Research Fellow, Centre for Health Economics, Monash University, Melbourne Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

14. Power of Transnational Civil Society Coalitions

SPONSOR: Oxfam International

CO-SPONSORS: UN Millennium Campaign
World Vision
Act for Peace
Make Poverty History Australia

SUMMARY:

This workshop will explore the role of civil society in working with governments— from the local to the global level, in developing and developed countries— to achieve the MDGs. It will also examine the need for transnational coalitions to allow and encourage ways of linking local, national and global action to support a more robust understanding of how change happens across levels and spaces of power.

Moderator: Paul Ronalds, Executive Coordinator, Domestic Policy Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**,** Australia

Speakers: Minar Pimple, Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific, UN Millennium Campaign

- Chris Roche, Director of Development Effectiveness, OXFAM
- Keren Winterford, Citizen Voice and Action Senior Adviser, World Vision International

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

15. Non-Communicable Diseases in the Developing World - Exposing the Myths

SPONSOR: World Heart Federation

CO-SPONSORS: International Union against Cancer (UICC)
International Diabetes Foundation
International Union Against Tuberculosis & Lung Disease
Nossal Institute for Global Health
Framework Convention Alliance

SUMMARY:

One third of the poorest people in the developing world die prematurely from preventable non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Despite this, NCDs are perceived primarily to afflict the wealthy. This workshop will present information on the burden of NCDs, expose myths limiting responses to this pandemic, and explore the implications this has for health system development, and for policy and financing in developing countries.

Moderator: Helen Robinson, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Dr. Caleb Otto, former Director of Public Health, current Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Education, Palau

- Dr. Shahryar Sheikh, Past President, World Heart Federation, Pakistan
- Dr. Jean-Claude Mbanya, President, International Diabetes Federation, Cameroon
- David Hill, President, International Union Against Cancer, Melbourne, Australia

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

16. Eye Health and the MDGs: The Vision 2020 Challenge

SPONSOR: International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

CO-SPONSORS: Vision 2020 Australia
The Fred Hollows Foundation
The University of Melbourne
International Centre for Eyecare Education

SUMMARY:

Blindness is both a cause and a consequence of poverty, so addressing the needs and rights of people with a vision impairment is centrally important to achieving the MDGs. This workshop will explore the relationship between blindness and the MDGs; the establishment of Vision 2020 Australia's global consortium, which exemplifies MDG 8; and the work to improve health systems and indicators being undertaken by NGOs under the Avoidable Blindness Initiative. It will also examine the connection between poverty and eye health in Indigenous Australia, and the importance of linkages between vision impairment interventions and other development sector programs.

Moderator: Barry Jones, Chair, Vision 2020 Australia, board member, CARE Australia, former Australian Minister for Science

Speakers: Hugh Taylor AC, Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health, University of Melbourne, Vice President of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

- Amanda Davis, CEO, International Centre for Eyecare Education, Board Member, Vision 2020 Australia
- Brian Doolan, CEO, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australia
- Peter Ackland, CEO, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, London, UK

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

17. Women's Health, Empowerment and Resilience: Case Studies

SPONSOR: International Association for Human Values (IAHV)

CO-SPONSORS: The Art of Living Foundation
Australian Council for Women and Policing

SUMMARY:

Studies corroborate the fact that that empowering women is necessary for successful poverty eradication. Participants of this workshop will be given an experiential appreciation of the programmes and tools which can be used in the field. In addition, the session will present objective evaluations of the effectiveness of such programmes on a sample of Iraqi women—compiled by experts on women's empowerment, conflict resolution, trauma and emergency relief.

Moderator: Ivan Brownrigg, International Association for Human Values (IAHV), Australia

Speakers: Lavinia Scott-Sellars, IAHV, Australia

- Barbara Etter, Australasian Council for Women and Policing
- Natalia Evertsz, The Art of Living Foundation, Australia
- Dr. Rick Evertsz, The Art of Living Foundation, Australia

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

18. Disability, Health and the MDGs

SPONSOR: CBM International (Formerly Christian Blind Mission International)

CO-SPONSORS: Pacific Disability Forum
Vision 2020 Australia
The Nossal Institute for Global Health, Australia
Australian Pacific Islands Disability Support
Disability Rights Fund, USA

SUMMARY:

Addressing the needs and rights of people with disabilities is centrally important to achieving the MDGs, as disability is both a cause and a consequence of poverty. This workshop will focus on the nexus between disability, health and specific MDGs, and on ways stakeholders can move forward on these critical issues and meet their responsibilities under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Presentations will also address the relationship between gender and disability, and access by disabled people to health services in the Asia Pacific region.

Moderator: Dr. Kirsty Thompson, Inclusive Development Director, CBM, Melbourne Australia
Speakers: Seta Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum, USA
- Daniel Stubbs, President, Australia Pacific Islands Disability Support
- Pauline Kleinitz, CBM Nossal Institute for Partnership in Disability and Development
- Jennifer Gersbeck, CEO, Vision 2020 Australia

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

19. Signposts and Indicators of Progress in Gender Equality

SPONSOR: CARE Australia
CO-SPONSORS: International Women's Development Agency, Melbourne
Marie Stopes International Australia, Melbourne

SUMMARY:

The MDGs and associated indicators provide an overarching framework to assess key global development outcomes. Drawing on experience from researchers and practitioners in Australia and Timor Leste, workshop speakers will explore approaches to and challenges in measuring, aggregating, documenting and articulating improvements in women's lives – and in considering remaining questions to achieving gender equality.

Moderator: Julia Newton-Howes, CEO, CARE Australia
Speakers: Jo Crawford, Research and Policy Advisor, International Women's Development Agency
- Theodosio Ximenes, Programme Manager, CARE International, Timor Leste
- Johanna Wicks, Senior Programme Support Manager, Marie Stopes International in Australia
- Sally Moyle, Branch Manager, Australian Government Office for Women, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

20. Child Rights-Based Approaches: Critical Interventions to Secure Maternal and Child Health

SPONSOR: Plan International Norway
CO-SPONSORS: World Vision Australia
Save the Children Australia
UNICEF Australia
Plan International Australia

SUMMARY:

This workshop will address the importance of child rights-based approaches to achieving MDGs 4 and 5. Presenters will discuss the effectiveness of child rights-based approaches to maternal and child health. It will also make recommendations on planning and implementation of child rights programmes to achieve the best outcomes for child and maternal health. Case studies will be used as a basis for interaction and discussions. Panelists, including youth representatives, will present their practical experience and theoretical knowledge on challenges and solutions to addressing these issues.

Moderator: Martin Thomas, World Vision Australia
Speakers: Mark McPeak, Childfund Australia, Sydney, Australia
- Glenn Bond, Programme Effectiveness Manager, Plan International Australia
- Shahiba Akter, Save the Children, Bangladesh

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

21. Coming Into Its Own: Hygiene Promotion for Health and Development

SPONSOR: WaterAid
CO-SPONSORS: Plan Australia
International Water Centre

SUMMARY:

Sanitation is the MDG towards which the second least amount of progress has been made. This session will highlight epidemiological evidence relating to hygiene promotion and will feature insights from behaviour change scientists on "the drivers" of hygiene behaviour. It will also discuss examples of good practice in hygiene promotion, drawing on research from 13 new case studies from the Asia Pacific region, collected by the WASH Reference Group as part of an ongoing AusAID Innovations Fund grant.

Moderator: Peter Dwan, Head of International Programs**,** WaterAid Australia
Speakers: Dorris Susau, Live and Learn Environment Education, Fiji
- Jan Parry, Programme Manager, Plan Australia
- James Wicken, WaterAid Australia
- Carlitos Correia Freitas, Ministry of Health, Timor Leste

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

22. Using Human Rights Tools to Advance Global Health

SPONSOR: National Association of Community Legal Centres
CO-SPONSORS: Human Rights Law Resource Centre (HRLRC)
Public Interest Law Clearing House

SUMMARY:

Human rights monitoring, reporting and accountability mechanisms can be used in practical ways to facilitate efforts to advance global health. This workshop will reinforce the complementary nature of the MDGs and international human rights, and will cover the use of procedures under UN treaties to advance the right to health and focus attention on those who are poorest and least well-served.

Moderator: Phil Lynch, Executive Director and Principal Solicitor, Human Rights Law Resource Centre (HRLRC), Melbourne, Australia
Speakers: Rachel Ball, Director of Policy and Campaigns, HRLRC, Melbourne, Australia
- Louise Edwards, National Association of Community Legal Centres, Sydney, Australia
- Simone Cusack, Public Interest Law Clearing House, Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

23. Building Mutual Accountability: Communities Claiming the Right to Health in Nepal

SPONSOR: ActionAid Australia
CO-SPONSORS: Prerana, Nepal
Faculty of Public Health, Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal

SUMMARY:

In Nepal there are gaps in the provision of basic free healthcare, which compromise the achievement of MDG 4, reducing child mortality, and MDG 5, improving maternal health. This workshop will share the knowledge and experience of NGOs working on the right to health in Nepal. Participants will discuss their experiences in sensitising and lobbying policy makers and concerned stakeholders on the provision of basic free health services at a national and district level. They will also explore working at the community level on sensitizing and empowering women's groups, poor and marginalized women, health service providers and health personnel to deliver basic free health services better so that the people of Nepal can claim their right to health more effectively.

Moderator: Archie Law, CEO, ActionAid Australia, Sydney, Australia
Speakers: Ramesh Adhikari, ActionAid, Nepal
- Kedar Prasad Baral, Head of Public Health, Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

24. Fulfilling Rights = Better Health = Achieving MDGs

SPONSOR: Amnesty International
CO-SPONSORS: Urapuntja Community-Controlled Health Service
The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, University of Sydney

SUMMARY:

Repeated studies over time on the health outcomes of Aboriginal peoples living on their traditional homelands demonstrate the correlation between fulfillment of the rights to culture and self-determination and significantly better health outcomes. This workshop will demonstrate how community control over life circumstances, practice of traditional forms of governance, community control of health services and access to traditional homelands for cultural and economic activities can advance good health.

Moderator: Sarah Marland, Poverty Campaign Coordinator, Amnesty International Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Speakers: Ngiare Brown, Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, Sydney, Australia
- Albert Bailey Kemarr, Urapuntja Community-Controlled Health Service, Darwin, Australia
- Karmananda Saraswati, Urapuntja Community-Controlled Health Service, Darwin, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

25. Cardiovascular Disease in Australian Indigenous Communities and Developing Countries

SPONSOR: World Stroke Organization
CO-SPONSORS: National Stroke Foundation, Australia
National Heart Foundation Australia

SUMMARY:

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death in developing countries and in Australian indigenous communities This workshop will showcase successful CVD programmes in developing and indigenous communities around the world, and identify opportunities that may be applied more broadly.

Moderator: Lyn Roberts, CEO, National Heart Foundation of Australia
Speakers: Rohan Greenland, Government Relations Manager, Asia Pacific Heart Network, Canberra, Australia
- Lyn Dimer, National Heart Foundation of Australia
- Jeyaraj Durai Pandian, Betty Cowan Research and Innovation Centre, Punjab, India

- Amanda Thrift, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

26. Slipping Through the Cracks: Women and Infectious Diseases (TB, TB/HIV)

SPONSOR: Australian Council for International Development
COSPONSORS: Results International Australia
Advocacy to Control Tuberculosis Internationally (ACTION)

SUMMARY:

Women with Tuberculosis (TB) are often diagnosed late as compared to men, due to limited access to healthcare, stigma, and negative social consequences. TB is often seen as a man's disease, and there is a lack of recognition of its threat to women. This workshop will discuss TB's unique impact on women and the need for it to be addressed by TB programmes in countries where it is endemic and also by programmes supported by donor countries. Panelists will discuss resource needs and also the necessity for maternal and child health advocates to incorporate TB into their activities.

Moderator: Maree Nutt, National Manager**,** Results International Australia
Speakers: Lucy Chesire, Kenyan AIDS NGO Consortium (KANCO/ACTION –Kenya)
- Dr. Bobby John, Global Health Advocates/ACTION, India
- Carol Nawina Nyirenda, Community Initiative for TB, HIV/AIDS & Malaria, Zambia
- Bill Bowtell, Director, HIV/AIDS Project, Lowy Institute for International Policy/Pacific Friends of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS and Malaria, Sydney, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

27. Primary Health Care: Prioritising Women and Children Delivers MDG Goals

SPONSOR: International Save the Children Alliance
CO-SPONSORS: Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia
International Women's Development Agency, Melbourne, Australia

SUMMARY:

The WHO has globally re-affirmed primary health care as the most efficient and cost-effective way to organize health systems. This workshop provides practical examples from Laos, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu, highlighting how effective partnerships between NGOs and government services can contribute to achieving the MDGs.

Moderator: Dr. Michael Toole, Head, Centre for International Health, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia
Speakers: Louise Sampson, Health Development Advisor, Save The Children, Laos
- Dr. Chris Morgan, Principal Fellow, Burnet Institute, Australia and Papua New Guinea, Melbourne, Australia
- Jilda Shem, Programme Director, Save The Children, Vanuatu
- Jane Sloane, Executive Director, International Women's Development Agency, Australia, Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

28. Sharing Best Practice to Advance Global Health

SPONSOR: Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America

CO-SPONSORS: **World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues, Jerusalem, Israel**
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, New York, USA
International Council of Jewish Women
Yad Sarah, Israel
Women of Reform Judaism, New York, USA

SUMMARY:

Attaining the health-related MDGs can best be advanced through capacity building activities in core areas, prioritized by government policies and enhanced by strong collaboration with communities and the private sector. This workshop will discuss and review the impact of best practice in advancing global health in three areas: disaster management, medical education and HIV prevention.

Moderator: Dr. Leon Piterman, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Dr. Aikant Bhatti, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, Switzerland

- Dr. Jayashri Kulkarni, The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia
- Inon Schenker, Operation Abraham Collaborative, Jerusalem, Israel
- Dr. Esti Galili-Weisstub, Hadassah Medical Organization, Jerusalem, Israel

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

29. Identifying Children as the Hub: A Grassroots Approach to Chronic Health Conditions Affecting Children in Poor Communities

SPONSOR: **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)**

CO-SPONSORS: **Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN), Australia**
Grameen Foundation Australia (GFA), Sydney, Australia
Indonesian Pediatric Endocrine Society (IPES)
Asia Pacific Pediatric Endocrinology Society (APPES)
Royal Children's Hospital International (RCHI)

SUMMARY:

This workshop will explore a strategic community development approach to addressing chronic health conditions and its link with achieving the rights of children. It will discuss multi-sectoral collaboration in enhancing a strategic framework for action focusing on: affordable access to medicine and equipment; education, research and advocacy; optimisation of medical management; encouraging family support groups; and reducing financial burdens and promoting financial independence.

Moderator: Dr. Kate Armstrong, President, Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN), Sydney, Australia

Speakers: Shan Ali, Grameen Foundation Australia, Sydney, Australia

- Dr. Aman Pulungan, Indonesian Pediatric Endocrine Society
- Gerry Warne, Director, Royal Children's Hospital International, Melbourne, Australia
- Maria Craig, Pediatric Endocrinologist, Children's Hospital Westmead, Vice-President, Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group, Sydney, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

30. Beyond 2015: Coordinated Action for MDGs 3, 4, 5, & 6

SPONSOR: **World Vision International**

CO-SPONSORS: **Save the Children**
NGO Forum for Health, Geneva, Switzerland
Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative, (REPSSI), South Africa

SUMMARY:

Despite the fact that some MDGs, in particular MDGs 4 & 5, are off track and may not be achieved, the MDGs have created a positive global dynamic overall. The reason has been that they have initiated a drive for stronger and more innovative partnerships to address poverty and global injustice and coordinate efforts. This workshop will discuss the importance of getting global leaders to think beyond 2015, and envision, explore and map out pathways for gender, health and development towards 2030.

Moderator: Tim Costello, CEO, World Vision Australia**,** Melbourne, Australia
Speakers: Dr. Jane Chege, World Vision International, Zambia
- Susan Mbaya, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Switzerland
- Jasmine Whitbread, CEO, Save The Children, UK
- Simon Wright, Save The Children, UK

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

31. Preventing International Organ Transplant Abuse

SPONSOR: Interfaith International
CO-SPONSORS: Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting
Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, Canada

SUMMARY:

Citizens of developed countries in need of organ transplants sometimes travel to developing countries, where, mainly because of a host of abuses and violations, the line up for these procedures is much shorter. This workshop will look at what civil society activists have done, and can do, to end this exploitation and put transplants in developing countries on a path which respects the rights of individuals. The workshop relates to the MDGs that promote combating non-communicable diseases and forming global partnerships for development.

Moderator: David Matas, Interfaith International**,** Canada
Speakers: Dr. Richard Allen, The Transplantation Society, Sydney, Australia
- Dr. Jeremy Chapman, President, The Transplantation Society, Sydney, Australia
- Kati Vereshaka, Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting, Australia
- Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, John Paul II Institute, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

32. Engage, Educate, Empower Youth to Advance Global Health and the Millennium Development Goals

SPONSOR: The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Australia
CO-SPONSORS: Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS, Melbourne, Australia
United Nations Youth Association of Australia (UNYA)
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC)
World Vision Australia
The Oaktree Foundation, Australia

SUMMARY:

This workshop will explore the leadership and energy young people bring to civil society movements, and the key roles they play in driving social change among their peers. An interactive session will draw on practical examples of programmes delivered by NGOs with a high level of youth engagement at both national and global levels. Presenters will explore different techniques and best practice used by organizations to advance global health and develop a new generation of leadership around MDG-based campaigns.

Moderator: Alischa Ross, CEO and founder, Youth Empowerment against HIV/AIDS, Australia

Speakers: Alice Bleby, National President, UN Youth Association of Australia (UNYA)
- Julie McKay, Executive Director, UNIFEM Australia, Canberra, Australia
- Nick Allardice, General Manager, The Oaktree Foundation, Melbourne, Australia
- Chris Varney, World Vision Australia

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

33. Improving the Health of Children: Which Services Fulfill the MDGs?

SPONSOR: The Foundation for Post Conflict Development
CO-SPONSORS: Hands on the World (HOW) Global, USA
Bienmoyo, USA

SUMMARY:

This workshop will discuss how to focus successfully on improving maternity clinics and child health as a means of calling attention to the MDGs and of advancing global health.

Moderator: Arielle Messuti, Director of Public Relations, Foundation for Post Conflict Development (FPCD), USA
Speakers: Jeffrey Blander, Director, Bienmoyo, USA
- Rachel McCroy, Assistant to the Executive Director, FPCD, USA
- Rachael Paulson, Executive Director and founder, HOW Global, USA

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

34. Dark to Dawn: Being Creative about Depression

SPONSOR: Soka Gakkai International
CO-SPONSORS: Pax Christi
Sydney Peace Foundation, Australia

SUMMARY:

This initiative was created to engage people in a dialogue by introducing broad and hopeful perspectives for relieving the suffering associated with depression. The views that will be expressed by the panelists are not limited to clinical analyses nor promoting the idea of a single cure or solution. It is an approach that will help listeners view depression as a valuable part of the human psyche that can be a driver of creativity.

Moderator: Greg Johns, General Director, Soka Gakkai International Australia, Sydney, Australia
Speakers: Liz Bowen, Vice General Director, Soka Gakkai International Australia, Sydney, Australia
- Joseph Camilleri, Centre for Dialogue La Trobe, Melbourne, Australia
- Louis Roller, Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

35. Overcoming Barriers to Achieving the MDGs: Tackling Tobacco Use and Non-Communicable Diseases

SPONSOR: World Lung Foundation, USA
CO-SPONSORS: The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), France
American Cancer Society (ACS), USA
International Union against Cancer (UICC)
World Heart Federation (WHF), Switzerland
Framework Convention Alliance (FCA), Switzerland

SUMMARY:

Timely achievement of the MDGs is being severely undermined by tobacco use. Health systems of developing economies are struggling to deal with the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) caused by tobacco and other risk factors. This workshop will demonstrate how comprehensive implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control can directly support the achievement of current MDGs and generate revenue for future health and development priorities.

Moderator: Dr. Mary Assunta, Senior Policy Adviser, Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance and board member of Framework Convention Alliance, Australia

Speakers: Dr. Caleb Otto, Chairman, Senate Committee on Health and Education, Palau

- Alexander Padilla, under-secretary of Health Policy, Philippines
- Jeanie McKenzie, NCD Adviser, Tobacco & Alcohol, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, New Caledonia
- Rachel Kitonyo, Chair, African Tobacco Control Alliance, Kenya

Tuesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

36. Global Health and Resilient Communities: Working Together to Achieve the MDGs

SPONSOR: Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

CO-SPONSORS: The University of Melbourne, Australia
National Way for Reconciliation with Aboriginals
Jesuit Refugee Service Indonesia
KIIT University, India

SUMMARY:

In this workshop, an indigenous Australian elder, a professor of economics, an Indonesian humanitarian aid worker and an Indian expert in gender studies will discuss how the creative and adaptive capacities of communities and governments can advance the MDGs, and implement lasting change to the health and well-being of our global population.

Moderator: Tamasin Ramsay, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

Speakers: Tjanara Goreng-Goreng, Foundation for Indigenous Recovery and Development, Sydney, Australia

- Taka Nurdiana Gani, Jesuit Refugee Service, Indonesia
- Charles Hogg, National Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Australia
- Sucheta Priyabadini, Kalinga Institute of Technology, KIIT University, India

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

37. Code Red: The Aboriginal Health Crisis in Australia

SPONSOR: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, USA

CO-SPONSORS: Redfern Community Centre, Sydney
National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), USA

SUMMARY:

While disparities remain, the progress of African-Americans in closing the gaps in healthcare is an example for other populations of colour in Western societies. In this workshop, African-American NGOs with leadership positions in health will share lessons learned and best practice with Australian Aboriginal leadership. This workshop will focus on women's health issues and maternal health as it relates to child mortality, both of which are highlighted in the MDGs.

Moderator: Eric E. Boone, former board member of the NAACP and Chair of the NAACP's International Affairs Committee, USA

Speakers: Joan Tropnas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., USA

- Carmen Parter, Director, Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health, Australia
- Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor, community elder, Redfern Community Centre, Sydney

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

38. An Integrated Approach to Achieving Global Health and Environmental Sustainability

SPONSOR: Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

CO-SPONSORS: Centre for Environment and Population Health, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
Interfaith Health Program, Emory University, Atlanta, USA
Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, USA
School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University, California, USA
Grey Panthers, USA

SUMMARY:

Reducing poverty and achieving sustained development must be done at the same time as promoting principles which support a healthy planet. This workshop will discuss what NGOs, the UN and its agencies, government and the private sector must do to bring together the principles of sustainable development and turn them into practical solutions that reverse the loss of environmental resources.

Moderator: Sandy Thurman, Director of the Interfaith Health Programme, Emory University and Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Georgia, USA

Speakers: Chin-Lon Lin, Chief Executive Officer of Global Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation, California, USA

- Cordia Chu, Advisor, Western Pacific Regional Centre of the WHO, and Professor of Centre for Environment and Population Health, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- C. Anderson Johnson, Professor of School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University, California USA

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

39. Improving Maternal Health: Tackling the Underlying Causes

SPONSOR: International Council of Women

CO-SPONSORS: Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA)
International Women's Development Agency (IWDA), Australia
International Federation of University Women

SUMMARY:

Maternal and infant mortality cannot be reduced or prevented without addressing the social determinants of health—the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, including the health system. This workshop will focus specifically on MDG5 because, while maternal mortality has dropped 1.3% a year, it remains a global public health challenge. Sponsoring NGOs will also address MDG3 by bringing together a range of Asia Pacific NGOs and academics with an applied knowledge of MDGs and their interrelationships. Speakers will discuss strengthening gender equity and women's rights, gender-based violence, and other strategies to increase maternal health and wellbeing.

Moderator: Coleen Clare, International Women's Development Agency, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Veronica Correia, Alola Foundation, East Timor
- Liz Hoban, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
- Lisa Natoli, Burnet Institute, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Maxine Whittaker, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

40. Nyumbani Village: Responding to Children and Families Living with HIV/AIDS

SPONSOR: Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM)
CO-SPONSORS: Salesian Missions
Company of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

SUMMARY:

Nyumbani—a Swahili word for home—is a safe haven for HIV-positive children located in the town of Karen, Kenya. It is a response to the rising number of HIV-infected children born in Africa every day. This workshop will illustrate how at Nyumbani, children are cared for and placed in adoptive homes. Nyumbani cares for 100 children aged from newborn to 23. It is a self-sustaining community which serves orphans and elders left behind by the "lost generation" of the HIV pandemic.

Moderator: Thomas Brennan, UN representative, Salesian Missions
Speakers: Mary Owens, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Protus Lumiti, Manager, Nyumbani Children's Home, Kenya

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

41. Advancing Progress on MDGs 4, 5 & 6 in Sudan and Ethiopia: Efforts of Regional NGOs

SPONSOR: Zenab for Women in Development, Sudan
CO-SPONSORS: Nation To Nation Networking, USA
Fistula Foundation, USA
Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia
Bir and Tawasul Organization, Sudan
Ilitha Labantu, South Africa

SUMMARY:

This workshop is a partnership of NGOs that work on making consistent progress towards achieving MDGs 4, 5 and 6. The issue of reproductive health, maternal health, female genital mutilation (FGM), HIV/AIDS and obstetric fistula in Sudan and Ethiopia is critical and demands much effort to make progress by 2015. In this workshop, the speakers will discuss the impact of these problems on women's health and the health of their children. They will show the continuing efforts to address these issues, and share best practice and success stories. They will also be looking for greater collaboration and partnership to advance further by 2015.

Moderator: Fatima Ahmed**,** Zenab for Women in Development, Sudan
Speakers: Abaynesh Asrat, Nation to Nation NetWorking, Ethiopia
- Dr. Mark Bennett, Fistula Foundation, Ethiopia
- Dr. Catherine Hamlin, Fistula Foundation, Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Australia
- Mandisa Mokoena, President, Ilitha and advisor to I AFRICA.COM, South Africa

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

42. Public Health and the MDGs: A Paradigm Shift for Global Health Care Outcomes

SPONSOR: Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA)

CO-SPONSORS: Ashta No Kai, India, Zoroastrian Association of Victoria, Australia

SUMMARY:

In order to reduce gaps in child health, maternal health and the eradication of major diseases, a paradigm shift is needed to raise the profile of public health on Main Street. Collaboration between the public sector, private enterprise, NGOs and civil society should focus on identifying gaps and promoting actions to achieve the MDGs. Partnership with the media is critical to creating awareness in the public square. This workshop will demonstrate how empowering women through education, with a resultant multiplier effect on the health of the family, can positively impact global health.

Moderator: Arnavas Chubb, Zoroastrian Association of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Justine Daruwalla, Zoroastrian Association of Victoria, Australia

- Homi D. Gandhi, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA), USA
- Armene Modi, Ashta No Kai, India
- Kayzad Namdarian, Zoroastrian Association of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

43. Coordinating a Public-Private Health Campaign: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative

SPONSOR: Rotary International

CO-SPONSORS: World Health Organization (WHO)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

SUMMARY:

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was launched in 1988 by WHO, Rotary International, UNICEF, and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to eliminate this crippling disease. This workshop will show how GPEI effectively advocates with multinational organizations and national governments to galvanise political and financial support. It will also discuss how the GPEI engages civil society and NGOs, including educators, health workers, and religious leaders in communities, in its effort to reach all affected children.

Moderator: Jenny Horton, Rotary International, USA

Speakers: Lieven Desomer, UNICEF, India

- Dr. Bruce Thorley, WHO Western Pacific Region, Melbourne, Australia

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

44. Enhancing Access to Medicines – A Crucial Step in Achieving the MDGs

SPONSOR: International Union Against Cancer

CO-SPONSORS: World Medical Association, France International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, The Netherlands African Palliative Care Association, Uganda Cancer Council Australia, Sydney, Australia
National Heart Foundation of Australia

SUMMARY:

Ten million people die each year because they do not have access to essential medicines. Tens of millions suffer pain because they do not have access to effective pain relief. This workshop will examine key challenges, including unaffordable prices for medicines, unfair health financing mechanisms, unreliable supply systems, under-resourced health workforces, and insufficient training in pain relief methods. The interactive session will also outline the links between essential medicines and the MDGs, and will educate participants, ask hard questions of our health systems, and make suggestions for the future.

Moderator: Dr. Mukesh Haikerwal, World Medical Association, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Lloyd Sansom, World Health Professions Alliance, Adelaide, Australia

- Dr. Faith Mwangi-Powell, African Palliative Care Association, Uganda
- Jonathan Liberman, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, International Union Against Cancer, Melbourne, Australia
- Nick Watts, International Federation of Medical Students' Association, Perth, Australia

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

45. Setting Up Effective NGO and Parliamentary Alliances to Facilitate Political Support for Achieving the MDGs

SPONSOR: Australian Reproductive Health Alliance (ARHA)

CO-SPONSORS: Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia
Australian Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

SUMMARY:

NGOs can effectively inform, invigorate and support members of parliament to achieve the MDGs if they can develop appropriate and mutually beneficial frameworks. This workshop will discuss how developing partnerships with parliamentary consultative groups, such as Australia's Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, has led to two successful campaigns that have changed Australia's domestic and overseas aid policy.

Moderator: Naomi Knight, CEO, Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia, Canberra, Australia

Speakers: Jenny Goldie, Australian Reproductive Health Alliance (ARHA) member, Canberra, Australia

- Claire Moore, Australian Senator, Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, Brisbane, Australia
- Jane Singleton, former CEO, ARHA, Australia

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

46. Achieving MDGs in Grassroots Pacific Communities: the Case of the Pacific Islands

SPONSOR: National Children and Youth Law Centre, Australia

CO-SPONSORS: Civil Society Forum of Tonga, Save the Children, Australia, Tuvalu Association of Non-Governmental Associations

SUMMARY:

Pacific Islands NGOs work without much recognition and visibility. This workshop highlights practical examples from the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu on achieving the MDGs in the fields of gender equality, child health, maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS and environmental sustainability.

Moderator: Emele Duituturaga, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, Fiji

Speakers: Irene Malachai, HIV advocate, IZA (Irene & Zara Foundation) Project, Save the Children, Vanuatu
- Ofa Guttenbeil, Tonga Women and Children's Crisis Centre, Tonga
- Annie Homasi, Director, Tuvalu Association of NGOs. Tuvalu
- Jennifer Wate, Director, Solomon Islands Development Trust, Solomon Islands

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

47. Forum on Global Health and the MDGs – Efforts of the Pacific Island NGOs

SPONSOR: Counterpart International, USA

CO-SPONSORS: Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI), Fiji Save the Children, Fiji Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Women (PACFAW), Fiji Pacific Disability Forum (PDF), Fiji

SUMMARY:

The Pacific Regional NGO (PRNGO) and Alliance panel of Pacific CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) will present an overview of the health status of the inhabitants of the Pacific Islands. In their view achieving the MDGs requires non-state actors to address the key determinants of health of different population groups. This panel will identify the key determinants of health, the challenges for population groups such as women, children, youth, and people with disabilities, and the community development strategies used by PRNGOs to contribute to achieving the MDGs.

Moderator: Margaret Leniston, Regional Health Programme Manager, Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI), Fiji

Speakers: Margaret Eastgate, Programme Manager, Pacific Disability Forum
- Chandra Shekhar, Save the Children Fiji
- Tokasa Vitayaki, Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Women, Fiji
- Edwina Kotoisuva, Fiji Women's Crisis Centre

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

48. Effective Partnerships: Successful Health and Environmental Outcomes

SPONSOR: UNEP Ozon Action

CO-SPONSORS: National Asthma Council, Australia
Bangladesh Lung Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh

SUMMARY:

Asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) inhalers, which contain chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), an ozone depleting substance, are used as an example in this workshop to show how patients, health professionals and governments working together can maintain patient health while introducing CFC-free inhalers.

Moderator: Atul Bagai, UNEP Regional Office for Asia Pacific, Thailand

Speakers: Helen Tope, co-chair, UNEP Medical Technical Options Committee, Melbourne, Australia
- Kristine Whorlow, CEO, National Asthma Council Australia, Melbourne, Australia
- Dr. Kazi.S.Bennoor, Bangladesh Lung Foundation, Bangladesh
- Rabbur Reza, COO, Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Bangladesh

Tuesday, 31 August, 11:45 A.M.

49. Migration: A Response to Violence

SPONSOR: Salesian Missions, USA

CO-SPONSORS: Caritas Internationalis, Vatican City, Rome
Centre for Migration Studies, USA
International Catholic Migration Commission, Geneva, Switzerland
Scalabrini International Migration Network, USA

SUMMARY:

This workshop will address the issue of violence as a driving force behind the migration of many communities around the world. Violence includes sexual abuse, domestic violence, trafficking, forced servitude, ethnic cleansing and civil conflict. Speakers will address the issue from a human rights perspective and emphasise the need to assist affected people so they can exercise their right to be free from want and free from fear.

Moderator: Thomas Brennan, Salesian Missions, USA

Speakers: Joseph C. Donnelly, Caritas Internationalis**,** Vatican City, Rome

- Paulo Prigol, C.S., Casa del Migrante, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

50. Prevention of Alcohol's Harm to Others – Driving Community Solutions

SPONSOR: Sisters Inside Inc., Australia

CO-SPONSORS: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council of South Australia
Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, Melbourne, Australia

SUMMARY:

The Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF) has worked with international researchers to undertake one of the first studies examining the costs of the harm caused by alcohol abuse. Minimising the damage caused by alcohol abuse is dependent on MDG 8. This session will explore the extent to which forming global partnerships and adopting an inter-sectoral approach to minimising alcohol-related problems can advance this goal. The workshop will share solutions on a global scale with the hope of influencing change at the community level.

Moderator: Tim Costello, CEO, World Vision Australia and AER Director, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers: Debbie Kilroy, Director, Sisters Inside, Inc., Brisbane, Australia

- Bronwyn Healy-Aarons, PhD candidate, Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney, Australia
- Robin Room, Director, Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Foundation, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, Melbourne, Australia
- Scott Wilson, Director, Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council South Australia, Adelaide, Australia

Wednesday, 1 September, 3:30 P.M.

51. Treating Diabetes to Achieve the MDGs

SPONSOR: Imamia Medics International (IMI), USA

CO-SPONSORS: R Endocrinology, New Jersey, USA
Global Endocrine Research Association (GERA), USA and UK

SUMMARY:

Taking advantage of leading international authorities and the expertise in diabetic care of Imamia Medics International in developed and impoverished areas, this workshop will examine diabetes research, treatments, epidemiology, and health delivery systems. It will explore the growth of diabetes in developing countries, and what the global community must do to address the needs of the millions diagnosed with diabetes every day. Best practice and improvements to healthcare delivery and diabetes care in remote regions will form a critical part of the discussion in the workshop.

Moderator: Dr. Syed Wajih-ul Hasan Rizvi, Chief, R Endocrinology, and Clinical Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), USA

Speakers: Dr. Ali Jawa, Assistant Professor of Endocrinology/Medicine, Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan

- Dr. Hasan Askari, CEO, Pennsylvania Institute of Neurology
- Dr. Syed Mubarak Naqvi
- Dr. Syed Razi Muhammad, Dean and Professor of Surgery, Muhammad Medical College, Mirpukhas, Pakistan

Wednesday, 1 September, 11:45 A.M.

52. The Role of the Family in Advancing Global Health and Achieving the MDGs

SPONSOR: International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), Spain

CO-SPONSORS: New Media Foundation, USA
Intermedia Consulting, Italy
Women's Board

SUMMARY:

MDG achievements in global health present major challenges. This workshop will explore the synergies that link MDGs 4, 5 and 6 through better public health education. It will specifically examine the role of the family and its individual members in achieving health-related MDGs. Speakers will also present a study on health education and prevention, and how this is passed on through family education in different cross-cultural contexts.

Moderator: Michael Cook, journalist, Sydney, Australia

Speakers: Sam Adeloju, Nigeria, currently professor at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

- Dr. M. el Cusi, Family Doctor, Spain
- Virginia Monagle, educator, Australia

Monday, 30 August, 3:30 P.M.

53. Opportunities for Your Organization to Be an Effective Presence at the United Nations

SPONSOR: NGO/DPI Executive Committee

SUMMARY:

The NGO/DPI Executive Committee is comprised of 18 members, all of them NGO representatives. They are elected by organizations associated with the Department of Public Information. The mandate of the Executive Committee is to represent the concerns, rights, and voice of NGOs associated with UNDPI, to serve as an advisory board to and liaise with DPI on activities of mutual interest. The Executive Committee helps NGOs to become more knowledgeable about and make more effective use of information provided through UNDPI on the purposes, policies, actions and programmes of the UN so they can support the work of the Organization better.

Moderator: Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, USA
Speakers: Jacqueline Shapiro, End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT) USA

- Anne-Marie Carlson, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, USA
- Kelly Roberts, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Fordham University, USA

Tuesday, 31 August, 3:30 P.M.

54. Community Attitudes and Behaviour: Church Health Initiatives in Papua New Guinea

SPONSOR: Caritas Internationalis
CO-SPONSORS: Caritas Australia
National Catholic AIDS office of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

SUMMARY:

Recent research into the socio-cultural and behavioral factors contributing to high rates of sexually transmitted infections in Papua New Guinea has provided Caritas and its church partners with evidence-based learning for ongoing and innovative prevention approaches. The Catholic Church is often criticized for its supposed failings in mitigating the spread of HIV. In this workshop, participants and agencies working on HIV at ground level will illustrate the reach and impact of the work of the Church, and will discuss the effectiveness and challenges in improving the sexual health of men, women and young people in the Southern Highlands and Simbu Provinces in Papua New Guinea.

Moderator: Justine McMahon, Group Leader, Pacific for Caritas Australia, Sydney, Australia
Speakers: Dr. Jan Jaworski, parish priest of Nauro-Gor and Surgeon at Kundiawa Hospital, Sinbu Province, Papua New Guinea

- Elizabeth Reid OA, visiting fellow, State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Program, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies at the Australian National University and HIV/AIDS consultant/trainer to Caritas Australia in Papua New Guinea, Canberra, Australia
- Kinga Czerwonka, SSPS, Catholic Health Secretary for Simbu and Eastern Highlands provinces in Papua New Guinea
- Guadentia Meier, associate Catholic Health Secretary for Southern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea