



High-level meeting on saving the lives of mothers and children:

accelerating progress towards achieving MDGs 4 and 5 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
29–30 January 2013, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

PROGRAMME

28 January 2013

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

FIRST Day: Technical Forum

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 9:30 Opening Session: Welcome remarks and objectives

- Dr A. Alwan, WHO
- Ms M. Calivis, UNICEF
- Ms G. Ah-Sue, UNFPA

9:30 - 11:00 Session 1: The global and regional situation:

Co-Chairs: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Pakistan and Regional Director UNICEF

- Global progress towards MDGs 4 & 5: *Dr F. Bustreo*
- Regional overview of maternal and child health: *Dr H. Madi*
- Successful experiences in meeting the challenges in maternal, neonatal and child health in MDGs priority countries in the Region: Country presentations, *Egypt, Morocco and Yemen*
- Review of constraints, challenges and lessons learned: *Dr C. Presern*
- Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Session 2 : Scaling up

Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Oman and Regional Director UNFPA

- Packages of essential interventions: *Professor Z. Bhutta*
- Cost and impact of scaling up interventions: *Dr E. Mason*
- Discussion

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

- 14:00 - 16:30** **Session 3: Country accelerated plans**
Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Kuwait and Professor Z. Bhutta
- Country acceleration plans for MDGs 4 and 5 – an overview
 - Ministerial panel: Progress made with special emphasis on human resources, commodities, and accountability, *Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan*
- 16:30 - 17:00** **Coffee break**
- 17:00 - 17:30** **Session 4: Next steps:**
Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Bahrain and Regional Director, EMRO/ WHO
- Follow-up in countries, coordination mechanisms, partnerships and partnering
- 17:30 - 18:30** **Drafting Committee:** Finalization of the Dubai Declaration

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SECOND Day: Rising to the Challenge

- 08:30 - 09:30** **Inauguration Session**
- Welcome remarks: Minister of Health, United Arab Emirates, Regional Directors of UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO
 - Address by UN Messenger of Peace and Chairperson of Dubai Health Care City Authority HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, wife of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai
 - Film: “Saving lives of mothers and children” rising to the challenge
- 09:30 - 10:00** **Coffee break**
- 10:00 - 11:00** **Session 1: Highlighting the Need**
Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Tunisia and Dr F. Bustreo
- Film: ‘Why did Mrs X Die’?
 - Outcome of the Technical Forum: *Minister of Health, Afghanistan*
 - Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Rising to the Challenge - A plan to scale up, *Dr S. Ben Yahmed*
- 11:00 - 13:00** **Session 2: Together we can rise to the challenge**
- Statements and commitments from Ministers of Health of the 10 high-burden countries
 - Statements and commitments by partners/ donors: *FIGO, GAVI, Gulf Cooperation Council, USAID*
- 13:00 - 13:30** **Session 3: Closing Ceremony: Forging the change - Commitment to maternal and child health**
- Dubai Declaration
 - Closing and Group Photo