

## Countdown sessions at Women Deliver

### I. COUNTDOWN OPENING SESSION

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#### Countdown to 2015 for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health – the 2010 Report

**Tuesday, June 8 – 8:30-10:30 am**

- Welcome and introduction of speaker
- More than counting numbers
- Countdown to 2015...monitoring progress & advocating for solutions
- Mortality and Coverage, where are we in 2010?
- Financing MNCH: current levels, the need, and the gap (20 mins.)
- Countdown to 2015 at Women Deliver and beyond: sessions and events

**Speakers:**

- Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF (tbc)
- Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Professor & Founding Chair, Women and Child Health Division, Agha Khan University, Pakistan, and Co-chair of 2010 Countdown Group
- Tessa Wardlaw, Associate Director, UNICEF, New York
- Jennifer Bryce, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A.
- Peter Berman, Lead Health Economist, The World Bank
- Flavia Bustreo, Director, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH) Geneva

**Description:** This session will present key findings from the latest *Countdown to 2015* report, including updates on maternal, newborn, and child mortality; coverage data on MNCH interventions; and results from analysis of financing for MNCH and the identified gaps. It will also include an overview of the seven breakout sessions being included in the Countdown to 2015 conference at Women Deliver.

### 2. BREAKOUT SESSION A

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#### Human resources for maternal, newborn and child health: from global reporting to improved local performance and health outcomes

**Monday, 11:00-12:30pm**

**Moderator:** tbc

**Speakers:**

- Neeru Gupta, Demographer, Health Workforce Information and Governance, WHO, Geneva
- Dr Muhammad Ali Pate, Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Abuja, Nigeria
- Presenter from Ministry of Health, Rwanda
- Dr Adson França, Coordinator of the National Pact for the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality, Ministry of Health, Brazil

**Description:** This panel will reflect on the current state of knowledge and situation of human resources for maternal, newborn, and child health; share experiences and lessons learnt by countries in addressing challenges in human resources for MNCH; and catalyse ideas for innovative solutions and informing the way forward for improving human resources performance for better MNCH outcomes.

### 3. BREAKOUT SESSION B

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#### New Research Findings on MNCH--hot off the presses!

**Monday, 1:30-3:00pm**

**Moderator:** Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet

**Speakers:**

- Betty Kirkwood, Professor of Epidemiology and International Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Joy Lawn, Senior Research and Policy Advisor, Saving Newborn Lives, Save the Children, USA
- Anuraj Shankar, Senior Research Scientist, Harvard School of Public Health, USA

**Description:** An overview of major recent research findings that answer the question “Is there any major new evidence concerning interventions to improve maternal, newborn and child survival that adds to or changes our current thinking?” The session will highlight controversial or novel findings and encourage discussion of their implications. The overview will be informed by a straw poll of experts.

### 4. BREAKOUT SESSION C

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#### Community Approaches for Increasing Coverage of Child Health Interventions: Malawi puts evidence to practice

**Monday, 3:15-4:15pm**

**Moderator:** tbc

**Speakers:**

- Bernadette Daelmans, Medical Officer, Department of Child and Adolescent Health, WHO, Geneva
- Humphreys Nsona, National IMCI Programme Manager, Ministry of Health, Malawi
- Mark Young, Sr. Health Specialist, UNICEF, New York

**Description:** The session will discuss recommendations on community approaches for increasing child health coverage. A brief introduction of WHO and UNICEF's *Caring for newborns and children in the community* will be followed by a presentation on Malawi's health surveillance assistants program, highlighting implementation of community-based programs to increase access to case management of childhood illness and home care for newborns.

## 5. BREAKOUT SESSION D

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### Trends in Funding Levels for MNCH

Tuesday, 11:00-12:30pm

**Moderator:** tbc

- Speakers:**
- Giulia Greco, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
  - Timothy Powell-Jackson, Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
  - Presenter from UNFPA
  - Ravi Rannan-Eliya, Institute for Health Policy, Sri Lanka

**Description:** This session will present recent estimates of financial resource flows for MNCH and family planning, including both official development assistance and efforts to track domestic government and non-government funding using national health accounts. In addition, results from models projecting both external and domestic resource flows to 2015 and estimating the funding "gap" will be shared.

## 6. BREAKOUT SESSION E

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### Equity in RMNCH – What have we learned?

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30pm

**Moderator:** tbc

- Speakers:**
- Cesar Victora, Professor Emeritus, Universidade Federal de Pelotas, Brazil
  - Wendy J. Graham, Professor of Obstetric Epidemiology, Immipact, School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Aberdeen, UK
  - Ties Boerma, Director, Health Statistics and Informatics, WHO, Geneva.

**Description:** Based on new analyses from recent population-based surveys, this session will review recent trends in inequalities in the coverage of reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health interventions, with emphasis on socioeconomic inequities. Data from Brazil's experience will demonstrate how the adoption of pro-poor policies and creation of a universal health service can lead to overcoming these inequities.

## 7. BREAKOUT SESSION F

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### Costing MNCH Programs and Interventions

Tuesday, 3:15-4:15pm

**Moderator:** tbc

- Speakers:**
- Agnes Soucat, Advisor on Health, Nutrition, and Population for Africa, World Bank, Washington DC
  - Karin Stenberg, Health Economist, Child and Adolescent Health and Development, WHO, Geneva
  - Additional presenter to be confirmed

**Description:** This session will provide an overview of several recent efforts to improve costing estimates for funding of national MNCH programs. An opening presentation will review the concepts and uses of costing

methodologies and costing tools. An update will be provided on the efforts to develop a unified costing model across UN agencies. Applications of the "LiST" tool, which links inputs and costs to results, will also be presented.

## **8. BREAKOUT SESSION G**

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### **MNCH intervention coverage, policies, and systems; the 2010 Countdown findings**

**Wednesday, 11:00-12:30pm**

**Moderator:**

**Speakers:**

- Mickey Chopra, Health Chief, UNICEF, New York and 2010 Countdown Co-chair
- Elizabeth Mason, Director, Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development, WHO, Geneva

**Description:** This session will review in more detail findings on MNCH coverage, policy, and systems as described in the latest *Countdown to 2015 Report*. Examples of how the Countdown has been used to accelerate action at country and regional level will be shared.