



## **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

### **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

24 January 2013

**Tuesday, 29 January 2013**

**FIRST Day: Technical Forum**

**08:00 - 08:30      Registration**

**08:30 - 9:30      Opening Session: Maternal and child health initiative in the Region: What's it all about?**

- RD/WHO/EMRO
- RD/UNICEF/MENARO
- RD/UNFPA/ASRO

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

*Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, UAE 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, *Ministers of Health of Egypt, Morocco and Yemen*
- Review of constraints, challenges and lessons learned: *Dr Carole 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 Elizabeth Mason/Dr Mikael Ostergren*
- Discussion

**12:30 - 14:00      Lunch Break**

- 14:00 - 16:30**     **Session 3: Country accelerated plans**  
*Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Lebanon 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
- 16:30 - 17:00**     **Coffee break**
- 17: 00 - 17:30**     **Session 4 : next steps:**  
*Co-Chairs: Minister of Health, Jordan and Regional Director WHO*
- Follow-up in countries, coordination mechanisms, partnerships and partnering
- 17:30 - 18:30**     **Drafting Committee:** finalization of the Dubai Declaration

**Wednesday 30 January 2013**

**SECOND Day: Rising to the Challenge**

- 08:30 - 09:30**     **Inauguration Session**
- Opening remarks: 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 UAE 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: USAID, Qatar Foundation, Gulf Cooperation Council, GAVI
- 13:00 - 13:30**     **Session 3: Closing Ceremony: Forging the change - Commitment to maternal and child health**
- Dubai Declaration
  - Closing and Group Photo