**Symposium on Strengthening Midwifery**

***Saving Lives, Promoting Health of Women and Newborns***

**5-6 June 2010**

**Washington Convention Center, Washington DC**

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1: 5 JUNE, Saturday**

**OPENING SESSION: 9:00- 10:30 a.m.**

Host: Dr. Manju Chugani

Rapporteur: Maha Eladawy, UNFPA and Juliana Yartey, UNICEF

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| **Short Film on Midwifery** | |
| **Opening Ceremony**  **“**Midwives Bringers of Light”- in memory of mothers who lost their lives and celebration of midwives the world over who prevent deaths and disabilities. | **Della Sheratt and others** |
| **Living Testimony of a Sudanese fistula survivor now a midwife** | **Awatif AlTayib** |
| **Opening Remarks**  United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) | **Thoraya A. Obaid,** Executive Director  **Bridget Lynch**, President |
| **Meeting Expectations and Objectives** |  |
| World Health Organization (WHO) | **Daisy Mafubelu**, Assistant Director General, Family  and Community Health |
| United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) | **Juliana Yartey,** Senior Health Advisor |
| World Bank | **Sadia Chowdhury**, Coordinator, Reproductive and Child Health |
| Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) | **Leslie Mancuso**, President and Chief Executive Officer |
| International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) | **Gamal Serour**, President |
| Global Health Work Force Alliance (GHWA)  Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) | **Mubashar Sheikh,** Executive Director  **Anneka Knutsson**, Director, Department for Human Development |
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| **Coffee Break**  **10:30 – 11:00 a.m.** | |

**SESSION 1: Role of Midwives in Addressing MDGs 4, 5, and 6**

**11:00- 1:00 p.m.**

Coordination: International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)

Chair: Agneta Bridges, Secretary-General, ICM Moderator: Bridget Lynch, President ICM

Rapporteurs: Jemima Dennis-Antwi and Catherine Smith, ICM

*Overview: This session reviews the roles and corresponding competencies of midwives in addressing the needs of women related to maternal, newborn and reproductive health.*

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| **11:00 – 11:15 a.m.** | **Presentation: Basic Competencies for Essential Midwifery Care** | **Judith Fullerton**, ICM consultant revising competencies |
| **11:15- 11:45 a.m.** | **Panel Discussion : Aspects of Basic Competencies Practiced in Countries**  Sexual and Reproductive Health  Family Planning and Post Abortion Care  PMTCT and HIV  Basic Emergency Obstetric Care (BEmONC) | **Sandra Oyarzo**, School of Midwifery, University of Chile  **Juliana Lunguzi**, National Programme Officer, UNFPA Malawi  **Precious Robinson,** National Department of Health South Africa  **Nancy Moses**, Coordinator, Liberian  Prevention of Maternal Mortality Office, Monrovia, Liberia |
| **11:45- 12:30 p.m.** | **Brief Summary by Moderator and Discussion with Audience** | |
| **Lunch**  **1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** | | |

**SESSION 2: Midwifery Education- Building Global Consensus**

**2:00- 3:30 p.m.**

Coordination: JHPIEGO Chair and Moderator: Marion Subah, Country Representative, JHPIEGO, Liberia

Rapporteurs: Sheena Currie and Mary Kay Carver, JHPIEGO

*Overview: This session presents standards for education of midwives currently being drafted by ICM. Regional barriers to meeting these strategies will be discussed along with an evidence-based framework for overcoming them. Panel participants provide regional perspectives on challenges and opportunities and respond to queries from conference participants.*

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| **2:00 – 2:20 p.m.** | **Presentation:**  **The ICM Global Standards for Midwifery Education**  **Meeting the Standards of Global Opportunities** | **Joyce Thompson**, Professor of Community Health Nursing, Western Michigan University, and Co-chair of Global ICM/WHO Task Force on Midwifery Education  **Peter Johnson**, Director of Global Learning, JHPIEGO, Panel of Midwifery Educators |
| **2:20 - 3:00 p.m.** | **Panel Discussion : Midwifery Educators**  South America  Sub-Saharan Africa  Asia  Arab States | **Hilda Bonilla,** Dean School of Midwifery, University of Chile  **Lastina Lwatula,** Senior Midwifery Technical Advisor, JHPIEGO Zambia  **Hannah Gibson**, Former Country Director, JHPIEGO Afghanistan (presently Country Director Ethiopia)  **Atf Gherissi**, Professor Education Science, University of Tunis Al Manar. |
| **3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** | **Brief Summary by Moderator and Discussion with Audience** | |
| **Coffee Break**  **3:30- 4:00 p.m.** | | |

**SESSION 3: Midwifery Regulation – Establishing and Maintaining Standards of Care**

**4:00- 5:30 p.m.**

Coordination and Chair: WHO

Moderator: Viviana Mangiaterra, Making Pregnancy Safer Team Coordinator Partnerships, WHO

Rapporteurs: Fredrica Hanson, UNFPA and Patricia van Ham, ICM

*Overview: This session discusses the issues related to Midwifery Regulation, including current practices and challenges faced by different regions and countries in establishing a regulatory authority for midwifery services. It focuses on elements of a midwifery regulatory system, including existing regulatory bodies, education, entry into practice, certification and license, assessment of continued competency, standards of practice and ethical aspects for countries in taking evidence based decisions. The session will be an open facilitated discussion and informed by country examples.*

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| **4:00 – 4:20 p.m.** | **Presentation:**  **Overview of Global Midwifery Regulation and Challenges**  **ICM/WHO Global Standards for Midwifery Regulation** | **Blerta Maliqi**, Technical Officer Health Systems, Making Pregnancy Safer, WHO  **Sally Pairman**, Co-Chair of ICM/WHO Global Task Force on Midwifery Regulation and Head School of Midwifery, Otago, New Zealand |
| **4:20 - 5:00 p.m.** | **Panel Discussion :** **Regional Midwifery Regulators**  East Asia  Americas  Arab States  Sub-Saharan Africa  Europe | **Alejandro San Pedro**, Director Board of Midwifery, the Philippines  **Sandra Land**, consultant, formerly PAHO  **Maaly Guimei,** Professor**,** University of Alexandria, Egypt  **Margaret Loma Phiri,** Nursing and Midwifery Advisor, AFRO  **Gillian Barber**, Royal College of Nursing, London, UK |
| **5:00 – 5:30 p.m.** | **Brief Summary by Moderator and Discussion with Audience** | |
| **5:45 – 6:30 p.m.**  (In the plenary room) | **Midwifery Marketplace and Reception**  **Coordination: JHPIEGO- Hershad Sanghvi, Vice-President and Medical Director**  *An interactive event featuring individual midwives or groups of Midwives or NGOs who will display some publications, advocacy materials, books or leaflets, badges, practical demonstrations, and summaries of research findings relating to midwifery.*  **Reception will be held at the same place, starting at 6:00**  **Hosted by the World Bank and UNFPA**  **All registered participants are cordially invited.** | |

**DAY 2: 6 JUNE, Sunday**

**SESSION 4: Professional Association – Policy Development and**

**Multi-disciplinary Care**

**9:00- 10:30 a.m.**

Coordination and Chair: FIGO; Moderator: Gamal Serour, President

Rapporteurs: Venkatesh Srinivasan and Malin Bogren, UNFPA

*Overview: This session emphasizes the important role professional associations play in the development of policy and institutionalization of multi-disciplinary care at the national level. FIGO member associations and member societies of ICM have, in certain situations, proven their capability in influencing policies and promoting maternal and newborn health, as well as improving practice. Strengthening the capacities of professional associations in low-resource countries could be an essential intervention in promoting sustained progress in maternal and newborn health.*

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| **9:00 – 9:20**  **a.m.** | **Presentation:**  **The Role of Professional Associations in Multi-disciplinary Care**  **The Member Association Capacity Assessment Tool (MACAT)** | **Hamid Rushwan,** FIGO Chief Executive  **Nestor Moyo**, Senior Midwifery Advisor, ICM and Chair, ICM Global Task Force for Midwifery Association Development- Professional associations development tool (MACAT) |
| **9:20- 10:00 a.m.** | **Panel Discussion : Professional Associations in Multi-disciplinary Care** | **Dorothy Lazaro,** International Midwife Advisor, UNFPA in Ethiopia  **Debrah Lewis,** ICM Board Member and Founder of Trinidad and Tobago Midwives Association  **Ana Labandera,** President of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Obstetric Association of Uruguay, and President of the Federation of Latin American Midwives  **Mallavarapu Prakasamma,** President of the Society of Midwives of India  **Jemima Araba Dennis-Antwi,** ICM Regional Midwife Advisor for Anglophone Africa  **Atf Gherissi,**  Consultant and Midwife Advisor for Arab States and Middle East, ICM |
| **10:00-10:30 a.m.** | **Brief Summary by Moderator and Discussion with Audience** | |
| **Coffee Break**  **10:30 – 11:00 a.m.** | | |

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| **11:00 – 11:10 a.m.** | **Presentation:**  **Midwifery and Midwives: Global Situation** | **Della Sherratt**, Senior Internationally Midwifery Advisor and Trainer and UNFPA International Coordinator for Skilled Birth Attendant, Lao PDR |
| **11:10- 11:45 a.m.** | **Panel Discussion : Scaling up Midwifery Services**  **Africa**  **Asia**  **South Africa**  **Arab States** | **Margaret Loma Phiri**, Nursing and Midwifery Advisor, Regional Office in Africa, WHO  **Ramziah Ahmad,** President of the Malaysian Nurses Association and CNF Board Member, Asia Pacific Region  **Sheila Clow,** Associate Professor**,** Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town  **Lamia Eltigani Elfadil Mahmoud,** Director of National Reproductive Health, Federal Ministry of Health, Sudan |
| **11:45 a.m. –**  **12:30 p.m.** | **Brief Summary by Moderator and Discussion with Audience** | |

**SESSION 5: Scaling up Midwifery Services within National Health Human Resource Planning**

**11:00- 12:30 p.m.**

Coordination and Chair: Global Health Work Force Alliance (GHWA)

Moderator: Mubashar Sheikh, Executive Director, GHWA

Rapporteurs: Giorgio Cometto, GHWA and Kristina Lod Castel, UNFPA

*Overview: This session analyses issues and challenges, shares experiences and provides recommendations on necessary elements and processes for the development and implementation of an evidence-informed and needs-based plan for scaling up personnel with midwifery skills. An initial overview will set the scene for the discussion with global trends, and recurrent issues and challenges; this will be followed by 3-4 country experiences, highlighting country-specific challenges, promising approaches and lessons learnt, and, finally, an interactive dialogue between the panellists and the audience.*

**Session 6: Joint Statement from the Symposium followed by Official Closing**

**12:30 – 1: 30 p.m.**

Coordination and Chair: UNFPA and UNICEF

Host: Dr. Manju Chugani

Moderator: Laura Laski, Chief, Sexual and Reproductive Health Branch, UNFPA

Rapporteurs: Asa Hildestrand and Kianoush Deghani, UNFPA

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| **Presentation of the Joint Statement – “Laying the Foundations for Sustainable Midwifery Services”**  **12:30 – 1: 15 p.m.** | | |
| **Panel** -*Panelists to give a short feedback on the final*  *statement and express what their organizations*  *commit to in moving the Call to Action forward*  *to make the strongest possible impact.*  UNICEF  WHO  PMNCH  USAID  WRA  JHPIEGO  FIGO  GHWA  UNFPA  ICM | **Juliana Yartey,** Senior Health Advisor  **Ian Pett,**  Chief Health Assistant and Strategic Planning  **Andres de Francisco,**  Team Coordinator  **Mary Ellen Stanton,** Senior Maternal Health Advisor &  Team Leader  **Frances Ganges,** Senior Technical Advisor  **Patricia Gomez,**  Director, Maternal and Newborn Health  **Gamal Serour,** President  **Mubashar Sheikh,** Executive Director  **Thoraya Obaid**, Executive Director  **Agneta Bridges**, Secretary-General | |
| **CLOSING**  **1:15- 2:00 p.m.**  **Chairs: Swedish and Dutch Government** | | |
| **Closing Messages**  **Tribute to Senior Midwives**  **JHPIEGO Award**  **Vote of Thanks** | | **Anneka Knutsson,** Director of Human Development, Swedish Government  **Helga Fogstad, Coordinator** RMNCH Global Health and AIDS Department, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)  **Coordinated by UNFPA**  **Coordinated by JHPIEGO**  **Thoraya Obaid,** UNFPA Executive Director  **Bridget Lynch,** President |
| **End of Symposium and Registration for Women Deliver Lunch 2:00 p.m.** | | |

*General Rapporteurs: Geeta Lal and Christine Ong, UNFPA*