



Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal



World Health
Organization



Parliamentarians Take Action for Maternal and Newborn Health

The Hague, The Netherlands, 26-28 November 2008

Agenda

Wednesday, 26 November 2008 –Day 1

Chair: Ms. Chantal Gill'ard, MP, The Netherlands

- 8 - 9 a.m.** **Registration with tea and coffee**
- 9 - 9:15 a.m.** **Opening** by the President of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Gerdi A. Verbeet
- 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.** **Opening Plenary**
- Ms Daisy Mafubelu, Assistant Director-General, WHO/FCH
 - Mr Anders B. Johnsson Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
 - Ms. Chantal Cill'ard, MP, The Netherlands
- 10:15 - 11 a.m.** **Briefing on Maternal and Newborn Health: The global and regional situation**
- Dr. Monir Islam, Director, WHO/MPS
- Discussion*
- 11 - 11:20a.m.** *Tea / Coffee Break*
- 11:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Overview of national situations**
- Members of Parliament from South America, Asia, Africa, Europe
- 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.** **Group photo**
- 12:45 – 2:30 p.m.** *"Lunch inspiration" offered by Mr. Bert Koenders. Minister for Development Cooperation*
- 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.** **'World café: Setting out the Challenges (group work)**
- Parliamentarians sharing their experiences from each country
 - Identifying key areas of work for parliamentarians
- 4:15 - 4.30 p.m.** **HRH Princess Máxima of The Netherlands will attend the conference**
- Music intermezzo live performance Lwela Kasulwe & Ichaq van Niel*
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** **Building cooperation among parliamentarians and other partners**
- Presentation of the "Meshwork" initiative by Peter Merry and Anne-Marie Voorhoeve, Centre for Human Emergence, The Netherlands
 - Discussion on building cooperation among parliamentarians and other partners for maternal and newborn health
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** **'Marketplace'** - Choose your favourite field visit for Day 2
- 6:30 - 9 p.m.** *Reception and dinner with organisations for the field visit hosted by Ms. Ada Gerkens, MP, The Netherlands*

Thursday, 27 November 2008 - Day 2

Chair: Mrs. Kathleen Ferrier, MP, The Netherlands

- 9 a.m. –1 p.m.** Site visits to organizations & companies who play a role in safe motherhood
- 1 - 3 p.m.** **Plenary: Welcome & Open Space Technology: Facing the challenges**
Feedback on site visits and discussion
- 3 - 3:30 p.m.** *Coffee/Tea – NGO's invited*
- 3:30 - 5 p.m.** **What can parliamentarians do?**
- Ms. Sylvia Sinabuly, MP, Uganda
 - Ms. Kerstin Engle, MP, Sweden
 - Experiences of other Members of Parliament
- 5 - 6:30 p.m.** **Parliamentarians building partnerships (break out sessions)**
- Dutch and international NGOs
- 7 p.m.** Opening exhibition of safe motherhood in Mali and reception by NCDO at Dudok

Free evening

Friday, 28 November 2008 – Day 3

Chair: Ms Daisy Mafubelu, ADG/FCH, WHO

- 8 – 9 a.m.** Registration with tea and coffee
- 9 - 10 a.m.** **Gobal initiatives to improve maternal health - how can parliamentarians get involved?**
- Department of Making Pregnancy Safer, WHO
- 10 - 11 a.m.** **Roadmap presentation**
- Presentation of the Roadmap and debate with participants
- 11 - 11:30 a.m.** *Coffee/Tea*
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Discussions on follow up - What next?**
- Participants
 - International and regional organizations and partners
 - Organizers: WHO, Dutch Parliament, IPU
- 12.30 p.m.** Closing remarks
- 12:45 – 2 p.m.** *Lunch with Dutch NGOs*