On-line MDG5 Meshwork

Created from the 'Parliamentarians Take Action on Maternal and Newborn Health' event in The Hague, Netherlands November 2008

INVITATION TO NEW USERS

In November 2008, members of parliament from 36 countries came together in The Hague, Netherlands, to discuss the role they can play in the improvement of maternal health and the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 5. The meeting entitled "Parliamentarians take action on maternal and newborn health" was organized by the World Health Organization in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the parliament of the Netherlands.

As a result of the conference, this Internet community platform was created to help stakeholders to connect, share knowledge and improve the monitoring of achievements and successful activities in countries.

We are inviting NGOs, government agencies, scientific and professional organizations as well as other stakeholders in the area of maternal and newborn health to joint our network.

If you are interested to become a member and contribute to the network, please email us the following registration details to **MPSinfo@ who.int**

- Last and First name
- Professional title
- Email address
- Institution/Company
- Country
- Region (AFRO, AMRO, SEARO, EURO, EMRO, WPRO)

If your free membership is approved, you will be emailed by our partner, Gaiaspace, with your username and password.

This is the link to login to the meshwork:

http://mdg5.che.gaiaspace.org/

Non-English letters

We have used English letters for everyone's names, if your name has non-English letters in it, we will change your name to the correct letters when the system can manage them.

Finding your way around the system

We would like to offer you some help with finding your way around the on-line MDG5 Meshwork:

Step 1 : Change Your Password and Language settings

To change your **password, name** (which is different to your login name) and **email address** – click on "**Settings**" (in the top navigation bar). You will see 'Your name' this is your 'display' name and is always shown near your 'icon' – the little picture of you that everybody sees. Please **change your password** from the initial one. You can select another language - Dutch, English, Spanish, French, German or Italian in the **Language settings**. We recommend you check the "yes" radio button under "Notification settings".
Once you have made changes, click the '**Save**' button at the bottom of the page.

Step 2: Update Your Profile and Your Photo

We have already created your **profile** with your **Place** and **Role** (it's important to select one or more boxes in each of these so members of the meshwork can find people), please review your details and complete the '**Pillars**' section and more information about yourself (such as **Location** and **Interests**), here's how to do it:

Click on your outline in the navigation bar, then click '**Edit Details**' (to the right of your name), the profile is shown. Once you have added your information, click the '**Save**' button at the bottom to save your profile.

To add your **photo** click on your outline [image] in the navigation bar, then '**Edit Details**' (to the right of your name) then '**Edit profile icon**' (in the left menu). Use the '**Browse**' and '**Upload**' buttons to get your photo in.

Step 3 : Discover Other People in the Meshwork

Click on the '**MDG5 Meshwork**' icon [image] on the far left in the navigation bar. You can click on both a Region (on the left) and a Pillar (across the top) to see the people who are in that particular Region and Pillar, hover your mouse cursor over a person to see and use the links to their profile and blog (their comments). To deselect a Region or Pillar click on it again.
Your profile is what defines your place in the meshwork, so it's important that the data is kept up-to-date and is accurate (see 'Update Your Profile and Your Photo' section above).

Step 4: Explore Synchronicity – click on the 'Synchronicity' icon [image] to the right of the Meshwork icon.

This screen shows circles that represent people (blue circle), information (orange circle) and files (green circle). The ones nearest to your photo are the people / information / files that align the most with your region, pillar and role, hover your cursor over the circles to see the % alignment and link.

Step 5 : Update your Contacts – this is where you can link to other people in the meshwork. Click on

'Tools/Contacts' – add some or all of the person's name you want to link to in the 'search' field in the navigation bar, click 'Go'. When the search results have been displayed, click on the person's name, if this is the person you want to link to, click 'Add contact' under their icon – the system tells you that you have successfully added the person to your contacts.

Step 6 : Create your Blog – this is where you can put some comments that you want to share about what you

are doing or other information that your colleagues will find interesting. Click on '**Tools / Blogs**' - your own blogs will show by default. Other options on the left side of the screen allow you to see blogs from people in your contact list (see below for more on this) in the 'Contacts blogs' option.
Use the '**Logged in users**' option in the **Access** field.

This is a BETA version of Gaiaspace, we are developing and continually upgrading the software to your needs, if you have a question or suggestion please feel free to send us an email at:
hello@gaiaspace.org

Tips:

If the 'Synchronicity' page is blank you will have to either:
1. update your profile – select a region (place), Pillar (area) and role as a minimum.
If this does not work, then
2. install or update the Adobe Flash Player plug-in (for your web browser) to the latest version:
http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/

Photo Album (photos from the event) and Files (presentations from the event) are available from the Meshwork home page (click on the 'Home' button), links are on the left.

Staying in the MDG5 Meshwork.

You should always see the MDG5 Meshwork logo at the top, if this changes at any time to 'Centre for Human Emergence' then use the link at the top of page 1 to get back into the Meshwork. We're improving the meshwork all the time so please bear with us, this is still a **beta version**.

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