



**World Health
Organization**

Third Parliamentary Conference on Maternal and Newborn Health

Ensuring Access to Health for All Women and Newborn - The Role of Parliaments

Kampala, 23-25 November 2009

AGENDA

Monday, 23 November 2009

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

10.00 - 10.45 Opening Ceremony

Officiated by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, The President of the Republic of Uganda

Chaired by the Rt. Hon. Rebecca A. Kadaga, The Deputy Speaker, Parliament of the Republic of Uganda

Remarks by:

*Dr Joaquim Saweka
WHO Representative, Uganda*

*Mr. Martin Chungong
Director of the Division for the Promotion of Democracy, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)*

*Rt. Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi
The Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda*

Address and Official Opening by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda

10.45 - 11.00 Group photo

11.00 - 11.30 Tea / Coffee Break

11.30 - 12:00 **Introductory Session**

Chaired by the Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

Key note address: *Mr. James Kakooza, Minister of State for Health, Primary Health Care, Uganda*

12:00 - 13:30 **Session 1: Maternal and Newborn Health: The global and regional situation**

Chaired by the Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

- *Dr Monir Islam, Director, WHO/MPS*
 - *Dr Tigest Ketsela, Director of Division for Family and Reproductive Health, WHO/AFRO*
- Discussion*

13:30 - 14:30 *Lunch offered by the organizers*

- 14:30–16:00** **Session 2: The Health System: At the core of reducing maternal and child mortality**
Chaired by the Hon. Alice Alaso Asianut, Member of Parliament, Uganda
- What are the challenges faced by current health systems, especially in terms of services to mother and children? How to evaluate the needs of current health systems and the needs for maternal and newborn health services.
- *Dr Monir Islam, Director, WHO/MPS*
 - *Hon. Rosemary Seninde, Chair of the Committee on Social Services, Parliament of Uganda*
- Discussion*
- 16:00–16.15** **Presentation of Field Visit Plans**
Dr. Jennifer Wanyana, Ministry of Health, Uganda
- 16:15 - 16.30** *Tea / Coffee Break*
- 16:30–18.00** **Session 3: Maternal and Newborn Health in Emergency Situations**
Chaired by the Hon. Prof. W.W. Anokbonggo, Member of Parliament, Uganda
- What are the challenges to maternal and newborn health in conflict and emergency situations and how can they be overcome?
- *Dr. Nevio Zagaria, WHO/Health Action in Crises*
 - *Hon. Ida Ria, Member of the House of Representatives, Indonesia*
 - *Hon. Alice Foyah, Member of Parliament, Sierra Leone*
- Discussion*
- 19:00** **Dinner offered by the Parliament of Uganda and the Ministry of Health**
Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala

Tuesday, 24 November 2009

- Morning** **Field visits** to centres dedicated to improving the health of mothers and children. Departure and return times are in accordance with destination.
- 13:00–14:30** *Lunch offered by the organizers at the Africana Hotel*
- 14:30–15:00** **Debrief on Field Visits**
Chaired by the Hon. Asser Gabriel Mbai, Member of Parliament, Namibia
- 15:00–16:30** **Session 4: Removing Barriers for Women and Newborn to Access Maternal and Newborn Health Services: How to Reach Out to All? Good Practices**
Chaired by the Hon. Asser Gabriel Mbai, Member of Parliament, Namibia
- Infrastructures; training; staff capacity; political will; free services etc. - all are elements that need to be taken into account when developing policies and strategies to secure access to all to maternal and newborn health services.
- *Hon. Ezechias Rwabuhiri, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Rwanda*
 - *Hon. Dr. Guillermo Francisco Mata Bennett, Member of the Legislative Assembly, El Salvador*
- Discussion*
- 16:30–16.45** *Tea / Coffee Break*
- 16.45–18.00** **Session 4 (continued): Removing Barriers for Women and Newborn to Access Maternal and Newborn Health Services: How to Reach Out to All? The role of Parliaments**
Chaired by the Hon. Asser Gabriel Mbai, Member of Parliament, Namibia
- *Hon. Jean Kapata, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Children’s Caucus, Zambia*
 - *Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda*
- Discussion*
- 19.00** **Cocktail offered by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the World Health Organization**
Africana Hotel

Wednesday, 25 November 2009

09:00–10:30 **Session 5: Global Initiatives to Improve Maternal Health - How Can Parliamentarians Get Involved?**

Chaired by the Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

- *Dr. Pius Okong, Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Health*
- *Ms. Marie-Agnes Heine, Communication Officer, WHO/MPS*
- *Dr. Olive Sentumbwe-Mugisa, WHO/Uganda*
- *Dr. Josephat Byamugisha, White Ribbon Alliance Uganda*

Discussion

10:30–11:30 **Session 6: Building Partnerships**

Chaired by the Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

- *Hon. Barbara Contini, Senator, Italy*
- *Hon. Odette Nyiramirimo, Member of the East African Legislative Assembly*

Discussion

11:30–11.45 *Tea / Coffee Break*

11:45–13:00 **Session 7: Conclusion**

Chaired by the Rt. Hon. Rebecca A. Kadaga, The Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Uganda

Presentation of report and recommendations

Discussion on follow up action - what next?

13.00 *Lunch offered by the Parliament of Uganda*