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# ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review Regional Ministerial Meeting on Financing Strategies for Health Care

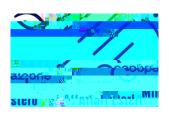
16-18 March 2009 Colombo, Sri Lanka

# PROGRAMME



Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sri Lanka Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition Sri Lanka

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Mid day onwards Registration (for delegates who have already arrived in the hotel)

| 16 March 2009 |   |  |
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| 08:00 a.m.    | Registration  |  |
|               | Opening Session   |  |
| 09:00 a.m.    | Welcoming remarks:  |  |
|               | H.E. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka  |  |
| 09:10 a.m.    | Address by H.E. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition, Sri<br>Lanka   |  |
| 09:20 a.m.    | Keynote address:  |  |
|               | H.E. Ratnasiri Wickremanayake, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka  |  |
|               | Opening remarks:  |  |
| 09:35 a.m.    | H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, Vice-President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations   |  |
| 09:45 a.m.    | Mr. Thomas Steltzer, Assistant-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)   |  |
| 09:55 a.m.    | Dr. Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)  |  |
| 10:05 a.m.    | Tea Break   |  |
|               | Session I: Financing strategies for health care   |  |
| 11:05 a.m.    | Statement by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary, United Nations<br>Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific (UNESCAP) (delivered by<br>Ms. Thelma Kay, Chief, Social Development Division, UNESCAP) |  |
| 11:15 a.m.    | Panel 1: Domestic financing for health care   |  |
|               | Moderator: Professor Weligamage D. Lakshman   |  |

Dr. Rashid Jooma, Director-General, Pakistan

H.E. Mrs. Tsolmon Jadamba, Vice-Minister of Health, Mongolia

Dr. David B. Evans, Director, Department of Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization (WHO)

For discussion:

What are the trends in the region regarding levels and sources of domestic financing?

What strategies and policies can governments implement to raise adequate funds for national health systems?

What mechanisms can be employed to pool risk?

What actions can be taken by governments to ensure the equitable and efficient provision of service?

How are countries coping with the impact of financial crisis on financing of healthcare?

How can public-private partnerships, domestic NGOs and local communities best complement national efforts to provide quality primary health carereW\*nBT/F2 11.0<sup>2</sup>

### Session II: Health systems in crisis situations

04:15 p.m. Panel 3: Challenges for health systems in countries in or following crisis

Moderator: Dr. Poonam Singh, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Office for South-East Asia, WHO

Panelists:

Dr. H. A. P. Kahandaliyanage, Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, Sri Lanka

Dr. Ahmad Jan Naeem, Acting General Director, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan

Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, Deputy Regional Director, United Nations Development Programme, (UNDP), Bangkok, Thailand

Dr. Roderico Ofrin, Regional Adviser, Emergency Health action, WHO Regional office, New Delhi

Mr. Chinnaswamy Kumar, Technical Support Coordinator Micro Insurance, CARE India

For discussion:

What actions can governments take to prepare for, respond to and recover from crisis, specifically with regard to health systems?

How effective have humanitarian actors been in providing emergency assistance to meet urgent health needs and support health systems, in terms of capacity, predictability, effectiveness and accountability?

To what extent have emergency funding mechanisms met demand and expectations? How can they be improved?

- 06:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourns
- 07:30 p.m. Leave Cinnamon Grand Hotel to Mount Lavinia
- 08:00 p.m. Dinner Hosted by H.E Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka, at the Mount Lavinia Hotel

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#### Session III: Initiatives and recommendations

9:00 a.m. Presentations of best practices and new initiatives to finance health care

Chair: Dr Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Deputy

(WHO)

Presentations by: United Nations agencies, governments, NGOs, corporations, foundations

Mr. Robert Filipp, Head Innovative Financing, The Global Fund Dr. Thomas Teuscher, Coordinator for Policy, Strategies and Governance, RollBackMalaria Partnership, Geneva Dr. David B. Evans, Director, Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva Dr. Sania Nishtar, President and CEO, Heartfile, Pakistan Dr. Ravindra P. Rannan-Eliya, Director & Fellow, Institute for Health Policy, Colombo Prof. Hasbullah Thabrany, Director, Institute for Social Security, University of Indonesia, Indonesia Dr. Kiyotaka Segami, Executive Board-Director, Welfare and Medical Service Agency (WAM), Japan

10:30 a.m. Discussion on key messages to be delivered to the Economic and Social Council and next steps to be taken in the region

Chair: H.E. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition, Sri Lanka

Reports from Moderators Professor Weligamage D. Lakshman, Professor of Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Dr. David B. Evans, Director, Department of Health Systems Financing (WHO) Dr. Poonam Singh, Deputy Regional Director, SEARO, WHO

(Tea/Coffee will be available du

|            | The progress government s have made<br>What are the impediments and challenges to achieve the MDGs   |
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|            | Closing Statements:  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Mr. Thomas Steltzer, Assistant-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of<br>Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)<br>H.E. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka |
| 01:00 p.m. | Meeting adjourns/Lunch   |
|            | Press Conference to follow <b>immediately after the adjournment of the Conference</b><br>(on invitation only)<br>Field visit to Kandy  |
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