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Agenda

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

12:00: Welcome and Introduction (Jaap Broekmans)


12:30: The Hague Paper: History and Overview (Dermot Maher and Mario Raviglione)

1:15: The Hague Paper: Process
Global Progress since 1998: Assessment of achievements and unresolved problems and constraints; political will and commitment; financing; estimates; funding flows and gaps; Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria; Human Resources; organization and management; Anti-TB drugs (the Global Drug Facility)

2:15: Break

2:30: The Hague Paper: Content and Recommendations
- Key issues for DOTS expansion and achievement of the WHA 2005 targets and, beyond these targets for reaching the MDGs in 2015.
- Incorporation of several strategic planning sessions over the coming months that will include health and economic policy experts who are not part of the immediate TB community around issues of primary care, human resources, private/corporate sectors, social mobilization, poverty alleviation strategies and equity initiatives.

4:00 Break

4:15 Review of MDG work in progress; establish time lines to move towards completion of interim report by early December; status of commissioned papers/TORs discussed in November (Jaap Broekmans):
Topics:

- CIESIN mapping strategies for a sub-national analysis of the elements of program successes and failures
- Proposal for collaboration with other working groups within Task Force 5 and the Task Force on Maternal and Child Health (TF4) on a commissioned paper that estimates the costs of strengthening health systems in a few case-study countries
- Integration of issues of gender within the TB sub-group work plan.
- Commissioned papers/TORS discussed at the November meeting
  1. Description of the Stop-TB coalition (history and partners) and its value as a model for global partnerships/shared priorities (Ian Smith)
  2. Identify crosscutting issues with other MDG groups with emphasis on developing and promoting systems of accountability (Nils Billo)
  3. Current successes and obstacles of national programs (Diana Weil)
  4. Improve the denominator (Jaap Broekmans)
  5. Social Mobilization. Role of nurses and other community-level health workers in treatment programs (Nils Billo)
  6. Operations research and quality control (Jaap Broekmans)

5:30: Adjourn

Thursday, April 3, 2003
Meeting of Non-CB Members of the MDG Task Force (4-5 people)

Second day session in discussion: suggestions include small, focused session on gender and TB; site visits (TB or ARV treatment centers)