



Geneva Health Forum 2008

Strengthening Health Systems and the Global Health Workforce

Can We Deliver?

Monday, 26 May 2008
14:00-15:30
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Room 3/4

Session Outline

In recent years, despite increasing resources for global health, vast numbers of lives continue to be lost because key health interventions are not delivered effectively.

While drugs and technologies have multiplied, the operations and processes for medicines experience bottlenecks, impeding health improvement in both developing and developed countries. However, this implementation gap is not due to access to drugs alone: it is, for example, particularly apparent in child and maternal health where millions of deaths could be averted each year using known, low-technology interventions.

Although there are on-going efforts worldwide to achieve the MDGs by 2015, progress has been slow and uneven. It is now widely agreed that the attainment of the health-MDGs must be accompanied by a strategy to strengthen health systems.

Objectives:

The objectives of this session is to provide national and international perspectives on the challenges and concrete strategies put in place to overcome the implementation gaps in healthcare delivery and track the progress of the health-MDGs.

The session will be moderated by Dr Richard Smith, Former Editor of the British Medical Journal

Format:

Each speaker will be allotted 10 minutes talk. Speeches will be followed by series of Q&A and debate.