



08:30 Registration and welcome

OPENING SESSION

09:30 **Welcome address by Carlos Moedas**, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

- **H.E. Margaret Gakuo Kenyatta**, First Lady of Kenya
- **Nkandu Luo**, Minister for Gender and Child Development, Zambia
- **Keynote address**
 - **Marleen Temmerman**, Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO

SESSION 1

Research & Innovation to improve Maternal and Newborn health – what next?

This session will explore a selection of recent innovations, in order to stimulate further research and implementation of findings. The panel addresses persistent as well as new challenges to maternal and newborn health. Opportunities that new technologies present will be highlighted and country experiences brought to the fore.

10:30 Chair: **Ruxandra Draghia-Akli** – Director, Directorate Health, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- Keynote introduction
 - **Zulfiqar A. Bhutta** - Centre of Excellence in Women & Child Health, The Aga Khan University, Karachi & Sick Kids Centre for Global Child Health, Toronto
- Panel session moderated by: **Jerker Liljestrand**, Senior program officer, Maternal Newborn and Child Health, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Panellists:

Anna David PhD MRCOG, Reader and Consultant in Obstetrics and Maternal/Foetal Medicine at UCL Hospital, UK

Priya Agrawal, Executive Director of MSD for Mothers

Monique Clesca, UNFPA representative Niger

Krishna Prasad Paudel, Director of the Child Health Division Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal

Berthold Koletzko, Head, Division of Metabolic and Nutritional Medicine, Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, Germany

Discussion

Date: 16/11/2015



13:00 Lunch

SESSION 2

Implementation – What can research do differently to improve the translation of results into policy and practice?

This session aims to discuss what research could do differently to ensure better uptake of results and how to put evidence and knowledge into action.

14:00 Chair: **Lotte Knudsen**, Directorate for Development Coordination, DG International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

- Keynote introduction
 - **Eva-Carin Banka Johnson**, Innovation Project Manager, Future Homes, IKEA of Sweden
- Panel session moderated by: **Nkandu Luo**, Minister for Gender and Child Development, Zambia

Panellists:

Ciro Cattuto – Scientific director ISI Foundation, Italy

Oona Campbell, Professor of Epidemiology and Reproductive Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine, UK

Katia Mungambe, Head of the Social Health Department of the Manhica Health Research Centre, Mozambique

Abhijit Das, Centre of Health and Social Justice, India

David Chiriboga, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School, USA

Discussion

CLOSING SESSION

Surviving the birth day – Looking to the future

16:30 Chair: **Rudolf Strohmeier**, Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- Closing remarks
 - **Maciej Banach**, President, Polish Mother's Memorial Hospital Research Institute
 - **Maria-Teresa Bejarano**, Senior Research Advisor at Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
 - **Charles Goerens, MEP**
 - **Neven Mimica**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development

The conference ends at 17:30.