MYANMAR HEALTH FORUM

Investing in Health: the Key to Achieving a People-Centered Development

28–29 July 2015

Myanmar International Convention Center 2
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

Updated 13 July 2015
08:00 - 08:45  Registration

Opening

09:00 - 09:30  Opening Speech

H.E. President U Thein Sein, President, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

09:30 - 09:50  Keynote Address: The Significance of Health for Development in an ‘Emerging’ Myanmar

Professor Dean Jamison, Professor Emeritus, Global Health, University of Washington, USA; Co-Chair and Study Director of the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health

09:50 - 10:05  Photo Session for Heads of Delegation

10:05 - 10:25  Coffee & Tea Break

10:25 - 10:45  Keynote address: Health Sector Reform Priorities for Myanmar

H.E. Dr Than Aung, Minister of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

10:45 - 10:55  Keynote address: Health as Foundation for Socio-Economic Growth and Prosperity in Myanmar

H.E. Mr Derek J. Mitchell, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

10:55 - 11:15  Keynote address: Leadership for Health

Professor Dr Recep Akdag, Former Minister of Health, Member of Parliament, Grand National Assembly, Republic of Turkey

11:15 - 11:30  Video Presentation

11:30 - 12:45  Panel Discussion: Health Sector Reform and Development Needs in Myanmar
Speakers:
- **H.E. Dr Thein Thein Htay**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- Ministry of Finance, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- **Daw Nwe Zin Win**, Executive Director, Pyi Gyi Khin, CSO Representative

Moderator:
- **Mr Eamonn Murphy**, UNAIDS Country Director, Myanmar

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Session 3: Bringing Health Services to the People
Addressing the unfinished health agenda

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H.E. Dr Thein Thein Htay, Deputy Minister for Health, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Professor Richard Coker, Professor of Public Health, LSHTM & Head of the Communicable Diseases Policy Research Group for South East Asia
Professor Mya Thidar, President of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, Myanmar Medical Association
Professor Ne Win, President, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science
Dr Sid Naing, Country Director, MSI-Myanmar

Moderator:
Ms Janet Jackson, Representative UNFPA Myanmar

Session 4: Planning for the Future
Meeting the future challenges to health and development – increasing burden of non-communicable diseases

Speakers
Professor Dr Recep Akdag, Former Minister of Health, Member of Parliament, Grand National Assembly, Republic of Turkey
Dr Abeykoon Palitha, Chairman, National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol, Sri Lanka
Dr Dorairag Prabhakaran, Center for Non Communicable Diseases, Public Foundation of India
Ms Ully Adhie Mulyani, National Institute of Health Research and Development, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
Professor Ko Ko, Professor/Head of Medicine, University of Medicine 2, Yangon, Myanmar

Moderator:
Dr Kan Tun, Clinton Health Access Initiative, Myanmar

Session 5: Improving Myanmar’s Health Situation through Food and Nutrition

Speakers:
Dr Thein Gi Thwin, Myanmar Medical Research, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Dr May Khin Than, Director, National Nutrition Centre, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
U Sein Thaung Oo, Myanmar Food Processors and Exporters Association

Moderator:
Dr Aye Twin, Principal Partner, Nutrition for Development Initiative

17:00 – 18:00 Viewing of the Community Village, Lobby, Ground Floor, MICC2

18:00 - 19:00 Reception (Banquet Hall, MICC2)
Day 2 – 29 July 2015

09:00 - 09:30  Forum Day 2 Welcome and Outcomes of Day 1

Dr Soe Lwin Nyein, Director General, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

09:30 – 09:50  Keynote address: Investing in Health: Planning and Financing

H.E. U Soe Thane, Minister of the President’s Office, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

09:50 – 10:10  Keynote address: Governance and Partnerships – Decentralizing the Health Services to Reach Those who Need it Most

Dr Nafsiah Mboi, Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance Envoy; Former Chair of the Global Fund Board and Former Minister of Health of Indonesia

10:10 - 10:40  Coffee & Tea Break

10:40 – 11:55  Panel Discussion: Governance and Partnerships for Health and Development

Speakers:
H.E. U Tin Naing Thein, Minister of the President’s Office, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
H.E. Daw Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Minister, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Dr Zaw Oo, Executive Director of Myanmar Development Resource Institute
Professor Naoyuki Kobayashi, Professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Moderator:
Dr Than Sein, President of People’s Health Foundation

11:55 - 13:00  Lunch break

13:00 - 14:30  Parallel Sessions Part 2: Advancing Health Reforms – Planning for UHC

Session 1: What is Needed to achieve Universal Health Coverage?
Strengthening integrated service delivery systems

Session 2: Ensuring No One is Left Behind
Partnerships for health and development with other health actors

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**Dr Tin Tun**, Director of HRH Unit, Department of Health Professional Resource Development and Management, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Dr Eduardo Banzon**, Senior Health Specialist, Asian Development Bank, Manila

**Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

**Dr Prastuti Soewondo Chusnun**, Chairperson, Health Working Group of TNP2K, Vice President Office, Ministry of Health, Indonesia

**Dr Myint Htwe**, Former Director, WHO SEARO

Moderator:
**Dr Andrew Cassels**, Senior Fellow, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute, Geneva

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**Session 3: Bringing Health Services to the People**
Multi-sectoral approaches for achieving UHC – ensuring synergies among key development and economic sectors

Speakers:

**Dr Nafsiah Mboi**, Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance Envoy; Former Chair of the Global Fund Board and Former Minister of Health of Indonesia

Ministry of Finance, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Dr Soe Lwin Nyein**, Director General, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Dr Nu Nu Thar**, Adviser to the President, Health Sector

**Dr Ohnmar Khaing**, Coordinator, Food Security Working Group

Moderator:
**Dr Aung Tun Thet**, Economic Adviser to the President, Myanmar

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**Session 4: Planning for the Future**
Strategic planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation at national, state/region, district and township level

Speakers:

**Daw Aye Aye Sein**, Deputy Director General of Administration, DPH, MOH

**Dr Tun Aung Kyi**, State Public Health Director, Kayah State

**Dr Myint Thein Tun**, Township Medical Officer, Hlaingbwe, Kayin State

**Dr Wai Mar Mar Tun**, Assistant Secretary, Ministry Office, MOH

**Dr Makoto Tobe**, Senior Advisor, JICA, Japan

**Mr Christopher C. Politis**, Chief Technical Advisor, UNDP

Moderator:
**Dr Phone Myint**, Secretary, People’s Health Foundation

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14:30 – 15:00  Coffee & Tea Break

15:00 - 15:45  Conclusion

**Dr Thet Khaing Win**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
15:45-16:00 Review and Adoption of the Communiqué

Dr Jorge Luna, Representative, WHO Myanmar

16:00 Closing Remarks

H.E. Dr Than Aung, Minister of Health, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar