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# Forum on the Recommendations of the Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems

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## Background

A Forum on the Recommendations from the Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems was held in London on October 29 to 30, 2009. The objectives of the Forum were to (i) review the analysis from Working Groups 1 and 2 and explore some of the issues arising from the Reports on constraints, costs, innovative financing mechanisms and channelling funds to countries; and (ii) review the commitments announced at the Taskforce event at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on September 23, 2009. There were some 70 participants including Taskforce Focal Points, representatives of Working Groups 1 and 2, and various stakeholders from developing country governments, civil society, academia, development partners and other relevant health-related organizations. The agenda for the meeting and list of participants are attached in Annex I and II.

## Outcome of discussions

The London Forum covered the key areas proposed in the objectives with extensive participation from countries, donors, and civil society. Discussions ranged broadly over issues such as the costs of reaching the health Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); how to raise domestic health financing while also addressing the country context; assessing the performance of non-state actors; and the evolving model of the health systems strengthening platform. A number of key concerns emerged from the discussions:

- **Countries first:** Responding to a country's local context is vital in implementing Taskforce recommendations, with a priority on building national ownership and capacity. There is no single blueprint. Financing needs to be catalytic, results-focused, and delivered, following IHP+ principles which in turn mirror those of the Paris and Accra development effectiveness accords.
- **More evidence:** Critical gaps exist in many areas of health system strengthening, including how to strengthen performance of the non-state sector. Some of the recommended financing mechanisms require more evaluation to shape their future development.
- **"Sort out the mess":** Inefficient working arrangements between global health partners need to be improved. New HSS harmonization efforts by the World Bank, GAVI Alliance, Global Fund, facilitated by WHO, must simplify investments to deliver results in line with country leadership.
- **Move fast:** Given the continuing impact of the financial crisis and other global challenges, participants at the London Forum warned that it was urgent to show progress in the health systems platform in several countries over the next six months to maintain the attention of international donors and countries before new priorities diverted their attention away. Participants said it was also vital for donors and countries to show progress in harnessing the fundraising potential of the various Taskforce financing mechanisms to the point where they could deliver actual results in countries.
- **Rationalize events in 2010:** In the lead up to the 2010 MDG Summit, numerous conferences are planned at global and regional levels. Taskforce members as well as participants in this meeting have an opportunity to ensure that these meetings are streamlined and linked to bring greater impact and do not distract donors and other partners away from delivering results in countries. This includes the Health and Development Forum planned for late 2010 to look at progress on Taskforce recommendations.
- **Stay ambitious:** The event at the UNGA in September 2009 generated broad, high-level support for the Taskforce's recommendations and spurred a number of significant commitments. The global health community must keep up the momentum, and hold countries and the international donor community accountable for financing their efforts sufficiently to achieve their health-related MDGs.

## Annex 1: Agenda

### Day 1, Thursday, October 29

8:30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast at the Robert Runcie Room</b>
8:50 am	<b>Call to order</b> Phil Hay, Communications Advisor, World Bank (WB), Discussion Moderator
9:00 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Julian Schweitzer, Director, Health, Nutrition and Population, WB, Taskforce (TF) Focal Point (FP) Gavin McGillivray, Head, Global Funds & Development Finance Institutions Dept., UK Dept for International Development (DFID), TF FP
9:20 am	<b>Objectives, Agenda and General Introduction</b> Phil Hay
9:30 am	<b>Overview of the Taskforce work &amp; Progress with Recommendations</b> Bob Fryatt, World Health Organization (WHO), Taskforce Secretariat Nicole Klingen, WB, Taskforce Secretariat
9:50 am	<b>Working Group 1 Report: Constraints to Scaling Up and Costs. Summary and Key Issues</b> Phil Hay to chair Anne Mills, Co-chair Working Group 1, Head, Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Agnes Soucat, Adviser, Africa Region Human Development, WB Tessa Tan-Torres Edejer, Coordinator, Costs, Effectiveness, Expenditure and Priority Setting, WHO David McCoy, UCL Center for International Development
10:45 am	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 am	<b>Open discussion</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 pm	<b>Working Group 2 Report: Raising and Channeling Funds. Summary and Overview of Recommended Innovative Mechanisms</b> Anders Nordström, Chair Working Group 2, Director General, Swedish International Development Agency Susan McAdams, Director, Multilateral Trusteeship and Innovative Financing, World Bank, Member Working Group 2
2:00 pm	<b>What happens next? IFFIm expansion, AMCs, Results Based Financing, Buy Downs, Debt2Health</b> Anders Nordstrom, Panel Chair Jeffrey Tudor, Policy Manager, Global Funds and Development Finance Institutions Dept, DFID Geoff Adilde, GAVI Alliance Susan McAdams, WB Simon Koppers, Head of Division Education, Health, Population Policies, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
2:40 pm	<b>Open Discussion</b>
3:10 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:30 pm	<b>What happens next? Airline Ticket Levy, Voluntary Solidarity Contributions, Tobacco Tax, Currency Transaction Levy, De-Tax</b> Bernard Salome, Panel Chair, Managing Director, Millennium Foundation for Innovative Finance for Health Ian Smith, Adviser to the Director-General, WHO Raffaella di Maro, Director, International Development Cooperation, Treasury Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy Cyrille Pierre (tbc), Deputy Director, Global Economy and Development Strategy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France David Hillman, Stamp Out Poverty
4:30 pm	<b>Open Discussions</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Wrap up</b> Phil Hay

## Day 2, Friday, October 30

- 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:50 am **Call to order**  
Phil Hay
- 9:00 am **Summary of Day 1**  
Phil Hay
- 9:10 am **Harmonizing Efforts Globally: Recalling Paris and Accra, Links to IHP+**  
Phyllida Travis, Coordinator, International Health Partnership, WHO
- 9:20 am **Health Systems Funding Platform Update**  
Carole Presern, Managing Director, GAVI  
Rifat Atun, Director, Strategy, Performance & Evaluation Cluster, The Global Fund
- 9:40 am **Open discussion**
- 10:10 am **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 am **The Role of Non-state Actors in the Health Sector presentation**  
Gavin McGillivray, Panel Chair  
April Harding, Senior Economist (Health), WB  
Dan Kress, Deputy Director of Global Health Delivery, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Mette Kjaer, Country Director and Chairperson of HENNET, AMREF in Kenya
- 11:10 am **Open discussion**
- 11:40 am **Moving forward**  
Voluntary Solidarity Contributions, Mobile phones initiative, Bernard Saolome  
Working with Governments in Africa, Rotimi Sankore, Coordinator, Africa Public Health Alliance – 15% Campaign  
Following up on Taskforce recommendations, Julian Schweitzer, WB  
2010 agenda on Health Women, Healthy Children, Flavia Bustreo, Director, Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Health (PMNCH)  
Preparing for the MDG Summit, 2010, Paul Fife, Director, Global Health and AIDS, NORAD
- 12:10 pm **Perspectives from Government**  
Salif Samake, Director of Planning and Statistics for Health Sector, Mali  
Yasho Pradhan, Chief, Policy, Planning & International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal  
Henry Kansembe, Chief Planner, Ministry of Health, Zambia
- 1:00 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 pm **Summary of Event**  
Bob Fryatt and Nicole Klingen
- 2:30 pm **Wrap up & close**  
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