WHO Global Forum on Innovation for Ageing Populations

WHAT:
WHO Kobe Centre offers the possibility for journalists to register for the Global Forum, hence providing prime access to invited speakers (see agenda attached).

The WHO Centre of Health Development in Kobe is hosting the first WHO Global Forum on Innovation for Ageing Populations. During the Forum a wide variety of stakeholders will address the current needs for technological and social innovation to support healthy ageing, and review specific examples related to assistive technologies to promote wellness, independence and mobility, including care at home; medical technologies targeted to prevent functional and cognitive decline; and ageing-in-place innovations for community based care and home based care systems. Ensuring that rapidly ageing populations remain healthy, productive and independent for as long as possible, requires innovations that meet the greatest needs, and which are safe, effective, affordable, accessible and available, and acceptable to the user.

Outcomes of the Forum include:
- A better understanding of major epidemiological and socio-economic fundamental trends that drive ageing and innovation
- A roadmap for WHO and its partners to tackle the issue of fostering innovation for ageing populations, by addressing needs for frugal innovations to improve access, equity and independence of older persons in Low and Middle Income Countries

General participation in the Forum is by invitation. The final report will be posted on the WHO Kobe Centre website shortly after the meeting, along with additional resource materials.

WHERE: Kobe International Conference Center, 6-9-1 Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe (Port Island) 650-0046, Japan.

WHEN: Tuesday-Thursday, 10 – 12 December 2013

The Global Forum on the web and social media:
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