Partners Meeting to Scale up Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control through a New UN Global Joint Programme

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Draft Annotated Agenda

Co-chairs: Dr. Douglas Lowy, NCI and Dr. Oleg Chestnov, WHO
Moderators: Dr. Lisa Stevens, NCI and Dr. Nick Banatvala, WHO

09.30 -10.00 Registration and Coffee

10.00-10.20 Welcome and introductions
Ambassador Jimmy Kolker, OGA
Dr. Douglas Lowy, NCI
Dr. Oleg Chestnov, WHO

Session 1

10.20-11.20 Ending cervical cancer – working in partnership: evidence, challenges and global perspective
Panelists: Celina Schoken (PRRR), Mona Saraiya (CDC), Dr. Jose Jeronimo (PATH), Cherian Varghese (WHO)
This session will provide an overview of the global epidemiological and public health situation of cervical cancer. It will highlight linkages between cervical cancer and the sustainable development agenda, as well as the inequalities between different countries.

The session will then outline evidence based tools for the prevention and management of cervical cancer and where gaps in our knowledge remain. The discussion will explore the main barriers in middle- and low-income countries for developing and implementing national comprehensive cervical cancer programmes.

The session will then review partnerships and current programmes that exist for driving forward action at global and national levels.

Session 2

11.20-12.30 Country perspectives
Panelists: Dr. Loubna Abousselham, Ministry of Health, Morocco and Dr. Gantsetseg Dorjsuren, Ministry of Health and Sports, Mongolia
This session will describe in detail the current situation with regards to cervical cancer in two of the global joint programme’s initial target countries. The representative from Morocco will describe the results of the first inception mission undertaken by the programme which was conducted in November 2016.

The session will enable participants to better understand the challenges for implementing national comprehensive cervical cancer programmes and highlight the partners on the ground that are contributing to scaling up sustainable action.

12.30-13.30 Networking lunch
Session 3  
13.30-14.40  
**UN Global joint programme- synergising efforts**

*Panelists: Danielle Okoro (UNFPA), Rolando Herrero (IARC), May Abdel-Wahab (IAEA), Ian Askew (WHO), Ani Shakarishvili (UNAIDS) and Gustavo Gonzalez-Canali (UNWomen).*

This session will describe the new joint programme and highlight how this work fits into the broader efforts for more effective UN action. The work of the UN interagency task force will also be described. Participants will have in front of them a memorandum of understanding and a joint programme document, including a detailed logical framework, that the seven agencies have agreed in order to help participants at the meeting to fully understand the content of the programme and the approach that has been taken.

The session will allow participants to understand the added value of the UN agencies as well as the rationale for the involvement of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP). The importance of working in partnership between governments and other development partners at global and national level will be emphasised. The proposed budget for the programme will also be shared with participants, and participants will be invited to comment on it.

Session 4  
14.40-15.30  
**Responding to the UN cervical cancer programme**

*Panelists: Dr. John Flanigan (NIH), Amparo Elena Gordillo-Tobar (World Bank Group)*

This session will allow participants to discuss the proposed programme in detail. It will also allow participants to work with the UN partners as they continue to shape the direction of the programme. The discussion will also enable participants to describe how they see the new programme being able to support their endeavours at both the global and national level.

The session will look to set out a clear roadmap for raising the profile of the programme, the way that the programme can work with partners when it comes to implementation, and importantly how resources can be raised for the joint programme.

15.45-16.00  
**Closing**

16.00  
**Refreshments**