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**From Mexico to Mali:
Taking Stock of Achievements in Health Policy and Systems Research**

**Hotel Beau Rivage, Nyon, Switzerland
25-27 May 2008**

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Objectives

- To critically assess developments in Health Policy and Systems Research and its application to policy since the Mexico Summit
- To highlight gaps, priorities and challenges in the health policy and systems research field that need to be addressed
- To brainstorm about how best to move the field forward and to present progress in the field at the Bamako Ministerial Forum

SUNDAY 25 MAY

Afternoon Registration

19.00 Evening reception and dinner
Restaurant of Beau Rivage Hotel

Introductions and presentation of goals
and objectives of meeting

Professor Anne Mills
Chair of the Alliance HPSR
Board

Reflections on the achievements of the WHO
Task Force on Health Systems Research, and
Health Systems Research agenda post-Mexico

Dr Tim Evans
Assistant Director-General,
Information, Evidence and
Research Cluster, WHO

MONDAY 26 MAY

8.45–10.30	Developments in health policy and systems research and its application to policy	Chair: Dr Somsak Chunharas National Health Foundation, Thailand
8.45-9.15	Presentation and discussion of background papers numbers 1 and 2: Taking Stock of Achievements in the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research since Mexico Trends and Developments among Funders	Dr Taghreed Adam Alliance HPSR Dr Christina Zarowsky International Development Research Centre
9.15 -9.30	Reactions from a country perspective	Dr Delia Sanchez Grupo de Estudios en Economia Organizacion y Políticas Sociales, Uruguay / PAHO Dr Irene A. Agyepong Ghana Health Service
9.30-10.30	Group discussion	
10.30-10.45	Coffee break	
10.45-11.00	Presentation and discussion of background paper number 3 - Taking Stock of Developments in Linking Research to Policy in and about Health Systems	Professor John Lavis McMaster University
11.00-12.00	Reaction from a country perspective Discussion	TBC: Dr Francisco Yepes Colombian Health Association
12.00-12.30	Taking Stock: Discussion and summary What have we achieved since Mexico?	
12.30-13.30	Lunch at Restaurant of Hotel Beau Rivage	

Gaps, Priorities and Challenges

13.30-15.00	Panel number 1 Gaps, priorities and challenges on longstanding HPSR priorities	Chair: Dr Pablo Gottret World Bank
	<u>Short 10-minute presentations, followed by discussion</u>	
	Human Resources for Health	Dr George Pariyo Makerere University
	Equity and poverty and health	Dr Abbas Bhuyia ICDDR,B, Bangladesh
	Health Financing	Dr Pablo Gottret , World Bank Dr Kent Ranson , Alliance HPSR
	The role of non-state health providers	Dr David Peters John Hopkins University
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
15.15-16.45	Panel number 2 Gaps, priorities and challenges in emerging HPSR priorities	Chair: Dr Srinath Reddy Public Health Foundation, India
	<u>Short 10-minute presentations, followed by discussion</u>	
	Governance and accountability	Dr Rene Loewenson Training and Research Support Centre, Zimbabwe
	Health systems in fragile states	Olga Bornemisza London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
	Non-communicable diseases and their implications for health systems	Dr Robert Beaglehole University of Auckland
	Strengthening Health Information Systems	Mrs Carla Abou-Zahr Country Health Information, WHO
16.45-17.15	Taking Stock: Discussion and summary Key priorities in terms of research needs moving forward	

Social event

19.30	Wine tasting at Nyon Castle (located at short walking distance from Beau Rivage Hotel)
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TUESDAY 27 MAY

08.30-09.00 Consideration of draft statement on the state of HPSR

09.00-10.30 **Panel number 3
Gaps, priorities and challenges in terms of capacity development for HPSR**

Chair: Dr Sania Nishtar
Heartfile, Pakistan

Short 10-minute presentations, followed by discussion

Developing skilled human resources in HPSR

Dr Irene Agyepong
Ghana Health Service

Promoting evaluative research as part of health system strengthening investments

Dr Ravindra Rannan Eliya
Institute for Health Policy,
Sri Lanka

Developing and innovating in terms of health policy and systems research methods

Professor Anne Mills
London School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine

Institutional development and networking

Dr Pat Naidoo
International Development
Research Centre

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12.15 **Panel number 4
Gaps priorities and challenges
in Knowledge Translation**

Chair: Christina Zarowsky
International Development
Research Centre

Short 10-minute presentations, followed by discussion

Challenges in systematic reviews of health policy and systems research

Dr Tomas Pantoja
Catholic University of Chile

Zambian experiences with establishing knowledge translation platforms

Dr Joseph Kasonde
Zambia Forum for Health
Research

Monitoring and evaluating evidence-to-policy initiatives

**Professor Nelson
Sewankambo** Makerere
University

12.15-12.45 **Taking stock: Discussion and summary
Key priorities in terms of
(i) Capacity development. And
(ii) Knowledge translation in moving
forward**

12.45-13.45 Lunch at Restaurant of Hotel Beau Rivage

13.45-16.00	Maintaining momentum in the run up to, and after Bamako	Chair: Dr Sara Bennett Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research
13.45-14.45	Small group work - Strategies to maintain momentum in the run up to and after Bamako	
14.45-15.30	Plenary discussion of strategies to maintain momentum	
15.30-16.00	Conclusions, next steps, commitments by stakeholders present	
