



Second Global Forum on
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Even though Human Resources for Health (HRH) have been identified as the single most critical constraint to the achievement of most health and development goals we continue to witness a global health workforce crisis. With only five years left until 2015 to achieve the Millennium Development Goals - there is an urgency for all stakeholders working towards human resources for health and health systems strengthening, to respond appropriately, efficiently and effectively.

Following the success of the first Global Forum on HRH in Kampala - which was the premier gathering for all concerned with the human resources for health crisis - the Second Global Forum on HRH is being convened by the Global Health Workforce Alliance, the Prince Mahidol Award Conference, the World Health Organization and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, supported by many other agencies, especially the Rockefeller Foundation, the China Medical Board and the World Bank. The Forum will be held in **Bangkok, Thailand** from **25 - 29 January, 2011**.

FORUM THEME

The principal theme of the Forum is - **Reviewing progress, renewing commitments to health workers towards MDGs and beyond**. Building on this theme, the planned plenary sessions are:

- From Kampala to Bangkok: Marking progress, forging solutions
- Leadership, governance and coordination for universal access to supported health workers
- Innovations in HRH that support strengthening of Health Systems

FORUM OBJECTIVES

The Forum will build upon the successes achieved in Kampala and will provide a platform to review progress made in fulfilling the commitments outlined in the Kampala Declaration and the Agenda for Global Action. It will be an opportunity to further galvanize and accelerate the global movement on HRH towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Sustaining the global movement on HRH and sharing of knowledge and experiences
- Agreeing and understanding the progress made since Kampala through measured concrete examples of global and country actions
- Coping with new and emerging issues and challenges requiring action and response

FORUM STRUCTURE

The Second Global Forum will comprise of four core groups of activities:

- **Pre-conference:** 25-26 January - side meetings; field visits
- **HRH main conference:** 27-29 January - keynote addresses, thematic plenary and parallel sessions; HRH awards ceremony
- **Post-conference:** 29 January - the forum of Alliance members, monitoring and evaluation of the forum and follow-up activities
- **Multi-day non-stop activities:** throughout the Forum - skill building workshops; market place; poster presentations



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HRH AWARDS

Health workers are the heart of health systems. With this in mind, the Second Global Forum on HRH will honor successful country case stories and individual health workers with prestigious HRH awards. This is the first time that such recognition will be conferred to human resource efforts.

Awards for Excellence (for case stories)

The Awards for Excellence will be given to case stories (preferably but not limited to those that commenced after February 2008), that demonstrate success in addressing health workforce issues based on one or more strategies of the Agenda for Global Action.

(eg. innovative methods in improving the health situation through actions on the health workforce; improved access to the health workforce; innovative incentives and motivation for HRH; innovative education of HRH.)

Special Recognition Awards (for health workers)

This Award will recognize two categories of outstanding and dedicated health workers - medical doctors and nurses/midwives/community health workers. It will be awarded to health workers that demonstrate great dedication on certain specific public health issues; provide quality services in hardship areas; show outstanding innovative methods or adaptation of methods; and/or show continuous commitment for a sustained period of at least 5 years. Proposed candidates will be considered for participation at the Second Global Forum.

Submissions

Submissions for Awards for Excellence: Case stories should be no longer than 2,000 words - preferably, in a narrative nature, story telling, rather than a technical style. There is no specific format requirement for the case stories. A short video of no more than 10 minutes may be included in the proposal. Case stories can be submitted by countries, organizations or development partners.

Submissions for Special Recognition awards: Countries, development and Alliance partners are encouraged to propose two outstanding candidates per country, one from each category. The proposal should provide details of the candidates' profiles and outstanding achievements as well as the transparent and participatory processes and mechanisms involved in selecting these two candidates. The length of the proposal should be no more than 2,000 words. A video of not more than 10 minutes may be attached to the proposal. (Countries may also create a country special recognition award to these two candidates, so that they are first recognized at the country level).

All submissions must be made electronically to global-forum@who.int. Submissions will be accepted from 1 June to 30 September, 2010. The awarding ceremony will be held at the closing session of the Forum.

