



World Health Professions Alliance WHPA

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Agenda item 14.1: Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the World Health Professions Alliance, which represents collective views of more than 26 million healthcare professionals globally. We would like to commend WHO in its efforts to make sure health remains central in the post-2015 development agenda. In the lead-up to the 69th session of the General Assembly, where the post-2015 development framework will be discussed, we would like to see the following points supported by WHO:

1. The “Health across all stages of life” goal should be clearly stated in the framework and include targets on communicable and non-communicable diseases, mental health, sexual and reproductive health and family planning, maternal and child health, and neglected tropical diseases, as well as the social determinants of health.
2. Universal health coverage should be acknowledged as a means of achieving health for all, not an end in itself. Only by strengthening holistic health care systems and linking them to the social determinants of health can we improve the health status of all people.
3. The interdependence of the development goals should be recognized, emphasizing health as critical to their achievement. Health is particularly important in attaining the goals in education, gender equality, eradication of poverty and environmental sustainability, including minimizing the impact of climate change on people’s health. To demonstrate this interdependence, we suggest that all development goals include the health-related indicators.

Thank you for your kind consideration!

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