

Agenda

**Public Dialogue on the Report of the Mission to India of UN Special Rapporteur on the
Right to Health
13 August, 2010,
Conference Room 3 at the IIC Annexe, New Delhi**

Objective: To disseminate the UN-SR-RH report widely, and engage concerned stakeholders in discussing the findings and recommendations of the report.

| Time | Agenda Topic | Chair |
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| 9.30 | Registration | |
| 10 – 10.45 | Welcome from NAMHHR: Jashodhara Dasgupta Keynote address: Prof Gita Sen, IIM Bangalore Maternal Health – an issue of social justice, gender and human rights | Chair- Mr. A.R.Nanda, Population Foundation of India |
| 10.45-11.00 | Tea/Coffee | |
| 11.00- 12.30 | The report of the UN SR-RH on maternal mortality in India a. Overview & Key Findings of the report: Renu Khanna (CommonHealth/JSA) b. Key recommendations of the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce – Dr. Dileep Mavalankar (IIMA) • Accountability – Dr. Abhay Shukla (SATHI-CEHAT/JSA/AGCA) Discussion | Chair Contd. |
| 12.30 | Lunch (1 hour) | |
| 1.30 3.00 | Opportunities and Challenges with recommendations of the UN SR-RH report – 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What about women who deliver at home? Dr. Nirmala Nair (EKJUT/ NAMHHR) • Continuum of care and referral systems: who is responsible –Jashodhara Dasgupta (SAHAYOG/ NAMHHR) • Discussion | Chair- Ms. Poonam Muttreja, MacArthur Foundation |
| 3.00-3.30 | Tea/Coffee | |
| 3.30-4.30 | Opportunities and Challenges with recommendations of the UN SR-RH report – 2 | Chair – Dr. Syeda Hameed, |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EmoC – Quality monitoring– Dr. Abhijit Das (CHS), NAMHHR) • Budget implications for fulfilling the right to maternal health – Trisha Agarwal, CBGA • Centre vs State: who is accountable for workforce shortfall? Prof. Dileep Mavalankar (IIMA) | Member, Planning Commission |
| 4.30-5 | Room change to IIC Main Building, 1st floor Private Dining Hall | |
| 5.00– 6.00 | State Accountability and Human Rights of Women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International accountability and the right to maternal health - Anand Grover • Role of the parliament as an oversight body – Brinda Karat Member of Standing Committee on HFW • Recommendations for HR guidelines on MMM-CS | Chair – Mr.P. C. Sharma, Member, NHRC |

Background: The former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health (UN SR-RH), Paul Hunt, came to India on a mission in 2007 to understand the steps taken by the government regarding maternal mortality. The report provides a right-to-health analysis of the serious issue of preventable maternal deaths in India. The report has been recently tabled at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, where the current UN SR-RH Anand Grover presented it. The Government of India has taken cognizance of it and provided a response in the Council.

The report is available on the University of Essex website within the list (3rd bullet) http://www.essex.ac.uk/human_rights_centre/research/rth/index.aspx. This UN report is supported by a Supplementary Note which provides some additional background information, and outlines a right-to-health approach to maternal mortality.

A Public Dialogue is being organized in this regard on 13 August, 2010 at New Delhi. The objective of the Dialogue is to disseminate the UN-SR-RH report widely, and engage concerned stakeholders in discussing the findings and recommendations of the report.

The Dialogue aims to bring together the National Human Rights Commission, the National Women's Commission, the Planning Commission, MPs from the Parliamentary Standing Committee, officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, NRHM Advisory Groups, technical agencies and donors, health providers' associations, the media, and civil society organizations. The current UN SR-RH Advocate Anand Grover will make a presentation regarding the report.

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