

## Program

Sessions will run from the morning of Monday 19 March 2012 and finish the afternoon of Wednesday 21 March.

With a commitment to tangible outcomes and improvements in child health internationally, the programme will be structured around 5 key sessions.

### 1. Review of the UN Summit on NCDs

- A critical review of the Summit as it relates to child and adolescent health and rights
- Analysis of the political declaration, and what it means for next steps
- How will future efforts be monitored and evaluated?

### 2. Access to essential medicines and equipment

- What can key stakeholders in the fields of diabetes, cancer, heart, asthma, HIV, TB and malaria learn from one another?
- What action is required so that all children and adolescents can access quality palliative care when needed?
- How can the WHO EML for Children facilitate NCD efforts internationally?

### 3. Health Care Workers and systems strengthening

- How is the Health Care Workers campaign tracking for children and adolescents with relation to NCDs?
- Strengthening health systems to better care for children with NCDs - it's time to move beyond an exclusive focus on acute and infectious disease
- How might tools such as the WHO Hospital Handbook and IMCI be used?

### 4. A Focus on Prevention

- Getting the first 1000 days right
- The importance of Newborn Screening (NBS) internationally – next steps?
- Involving adolescents and youth in prevention and risk reduction solutions

### 5. Sustainability, scalability and reducing financial burdens

- Enterprise development solutions for families of children with chronic health conditions; health insurance options
- The importance of grassroots community development approaches
- What can key stakeholders in the fields of diabetes, cancer, heart, asthma, HIV, TB and malaria learn from one another?

Emphasis will be on developing a shared understanding that enables a strong platform for future efforts to protect children and adolescents from NCDs. This will be achieved by finding a common language for all 4 NCD groups; encouraging individual silos to share their own best-practice ideas and consider what we can all learn from one another.



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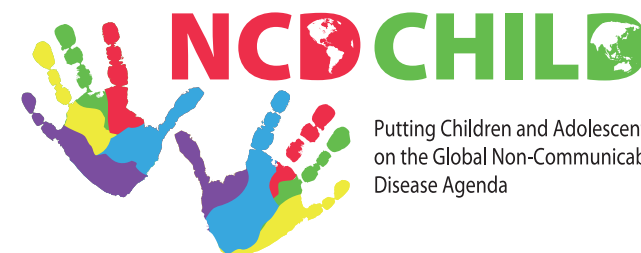
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## CONFERENCE

*Creating a healthier future for children and adolescents:*

*A roadmap beyond the UN Summit on NCDs*

**19-21 MARCH 2012**



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## WHY A CONFERENCE ON NCDs, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS?

- Held exactly 6 months after the UN High Level Meeting on NCDs, this conference will enable a comprehensive review of the Political Declaration that results, and interpret what it means for future efforts to protect children and adolescents from NCDs
- One of the biggest criticisms in the lead up to the UNHLM and Political Declaration is lack of targets, accountability and commitment to action. This conference will be an opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders to collaborate across sectors and silos to consider the best ways to protect children and adolescents from NCDs
- A call for abstracts across several key themes will ensure a solid evidence-base informs collaborative, translational efforts to develop a “policy roadmap” outcomes document that governments and organizations might use to implement, evaluate and monitor efforts to protect and promote the rights of children and adolescents to health with respect to NCDs
- The conference will highlight the centrality of a lifecourse approach to sustainable, scalable efforts to prevent NCDs.
- The conference will offer a forum for exploring ways that child and adolescent focused NCD efforts might sustainably link with existing platforms (notably HIV and Maternal and Child Health) and MDG targets
- This forum will provide a unique opportunity for stakeholders from different NCD disease silos (Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Asthma at minimum) and sectors (not just health) to connect with and learn from one another

## CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

The key outcomes of this conference will be:

- A critical analysis on the Political Declaration from the UNHLM on NDS as it relates to children and adolescents
- A roadmap for governments and organizations in addressing the needs of children and adolescents suffering from NCDs, including recommendations of programs and policies that can be implemented to prevent NCDs
- Enhanced literature base for future research and project work (abstracts for publication; reports; new forums for ongoing efforts) with time allocated for work-shopping practical solutions that will deliver tangible improvements in child health internationally (particularly in low and middle income countries)
- Recommendations on next steps towards effective monitoring and evaluation of future ND efforts, and how child and adolescent focused NCD efforts might be integrated within existing platforms, including the Millennium Development Goals review in 2015

## CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

While the conference will explore 5 key themes, the following cross-cutting issues will inform all discussions and outcomes:

- rights-based approaches to child and adolescent health, wellbeing and NCD action
- systems strengthening
- linking with existing platforms
- sustainability and scalability
- multi-sectoral engagement
- addressing the Social Determinants of Health
- the importance of a focus on prevention

## VENUE

Oakland Conference Center  
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Oakland, CA 94607  
<http://www.calendow.org/occ/centerInfo.htm>

The Oakland Conference Centre is part of the California Endowment Centre, located not far from downtown San Francisco. The California Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.

We thank the Centre for their support in providing venue facilities.

## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Full registration details will be available in late October 2011 with details of how to book accommodation at this time.

Places will be strictly limited to this meeting, so we suggest you book early to avoid disappointment.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

A call for abstracts will be done in late October, with key themes outlined. All abstract submission will be done on line.

