



Country Ownership Strategies: Leadership Forum on Health Information Systems

PRESS ADVISORY

For immediate release
July 31, 2009

Contact: Negash Teklu
Onsite Media Coordinator
+251 911 201968
negashtklu@yahoo.com

Health Information Systems Improved And Sustained through Country Ownership

Event: A leadership forum focused on country ownership of health information systems will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, August 10-12, at the UN Conference Center.

Background: In an innovative approach to helping the global community strengthen country health information systems, key global health partners and donors are convening the forum to address this crucial leadership challenge. Top policymakers from four ministries in six African nations have been invited to participate as country delegates. The goal of the forum is to help each delegation create a workable action plan to deal with the managerial challenges of institutionalizing health information systems in each of their countries.

Participants: Key policymakers from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. Representatives from international partner organizations and forum co-sponsors will also participate.

Sponsors: The US Agency for International Development; The World Bank; World Health Organization; Health Metrics Network; UN International Telecommunication Union; East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Support is provided by USAID-funded projects – Health Systems 20/20, Health Policy Initiative, and Analysis, Information Management and Communications Activity – and Touchstone Consulting Group, Inc.

Media access: Journalists are invited to cover the opening and closing sessions, to request interviews with key participants, and to attend a luncheon briefing on the opening day. Registration and badging are required. For those wanting to attend the briefing luncheon, registration must be done in advance. For further details, see contact information above.

