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**Irish Forum for Global Health International Conference 5-6th November 2014**

**PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH:**

**The Role of Partnerships in Realising Health Related Development Goals**

**Hosted by the Irish Forum for Global Health in partnership with the Centre for Global Health, Trinity College Dublin, and Concern Worldwide**

 **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Early abstract deadline: Friday 13th June 2014, 17:00 Dublin time. A deadline for late-breaking submissions will be advertised closer to the conference date

**OVERVIEW**

Partnerships have become a cornerstone of the development process, and can range from global and institutional, through to local and individual. They embrace civil society, religious, business, academia, governmental, and United Nations institutions. Partnerships can inspire, empower and facilitate development, yet done wrongly they can also impede, frustrate or damage it. This conference will identify what works in partnerships, and what doesn’t, with a focus on partnerships in health.

The Irish Forum for Global Health are inviting abstracts from individuals, organisations and partnerships who are working to realise the health related millennium development goals and have used some form of partnership to support or advance their work. We are interested both in, partnerships that were successful, and in those that failed or were challenging. Abstracts should try to include lessons on partnerships around some of the following key words:

**Capacity-building Alignment Ownership Impact & Innovation**

**Mentoring Harmonisation Accountability Trust**

**Power Sustainability Equity & Respect Synergy**

**Negotiation Cost Effectiveness Increased Reach Dependence Avoidance**

Abstracts involving donor-driven partnerships, and partnerships between North-South, and South-South institutions and organisations, are particularly welcome. Abstracts can be from emergency, recovery and development settings and include a wide remit of health topics including maternal neonatal and child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, health and gender, disabilities, health system strengthening etc.

The conference, which will take place at Trinity College Dublin, will include:

* Plenary sessions with panels of invited international and national speakers
* Oral presentations in parallel thematic sessions - abstract driven and invited speakers
* Oral poster presentations and posters
* Global Village activities

Abstracts submitted will be considered for (i) oral presentations (ii) oral posters and (iii) posters, unless authors wish to exclude one or more of these options for their submissions.

**TYPES OF SUBMISSION ACCEPTED**

We welcome submissions of research findings, evaluations of programmes and projects, lessons from the field, or other forms of systematic learning on issues surrounding partnerships. Abstracts should be submitted, in English only, via email to: conference2014@globalhealth.ie.

**ABSTRACT FORMAT**

*Title:* Should be concise (maximum 100 characters), in bold capital letters.

*Authors:* A maximum of ten authors per abstract are permitted, or alternatively up to three authors and a composite grouping or network name, e.g. INDIGO, ChRAIC, ESTHER. Authors’ names as follows: surname followed by initials (e.g. Murphy, M). The presenting author’s name should be underlined.

*Corresponding Author:* The person who submits the abstract is responsible for notifying all co-authors. Contact details and email address of corresponding author should be included.

*Job title:* Job title(s) of authors should be included, if applicable.

*Affiliations:* An affiliation (institution/organisation & country) should be included for each author.

*Abstract text:* Must not exceed 400 words (excluding above 5 sections) and must include a section on ‘Lessons Learned’ from the findings*.*

Font: 11-point, Arial.

Format: Microsoft Word or Open Office.

For each abstract you submit, please select one of the two **abstract options** below

**OPTION 1: RESEARCH FINDINGS**

*Aims*: Specify the aim/objectives of the study following a brief background statement

*Methods*: Outline methods used, for example study design, study population, type of analysis

*Results*: Summarise the results of the study and key findings

*Discussion/conclusions:* Outline the main implication(s) of the study for policy, or practice or advocacy. It is not sufficient to state: “results will be discussed”.

*Lessons Learned on Partnership:* Outline up to three key lessons on partnership from the study

**OPTION 2: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD, PROGRAMME EVALUATIONS AND ANALYSIS**

Abstracts presented under the second option should normally contain concise statements along the following lines. If in doubt regarding the suitability of your ideas under this option, email your ideas / draft to conference2014@globalhealth.ieand a member of the conference committee will respond.

*Issues*: A summary of the issue(s) being addressed.

*Description*: A description of the intervention, project, experience, service and/or advocacy.

*Discussion/conclusions:* Outline the main implication(s) of the intervention or project, experience, service, and/or advocacy and provide evidence for the conclusions.

*Next steps:* Recommendations for policy, practice and/or advocacy

*Lessons Learned on Partnership:* Outline up to three key lessons on partnership from the study

**POSTER SUBMISSIONS**

We are also inviting those working in the area of Global Health to submit abstracts of work they are doing within the ***broader themes and priorities of Global Health*** (not necessarily restricted to the theme of Partnerships for Health), which can be included as posters.

**OTHER SUBMISSIONS**

Ideas and innovative suggestions for ***Global Health Organisations*** and ***Networks*** to present their interests, activities and work in the ***Global Health Village*** are particularly welcome.

If you are interested to learn more, explore and discuss your ideas, please contact: conference2014@globalhealth.ie

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

An acknowledgement of receipt of abstract will be emailed to the corresponding author. All selected abstracts will be published in an abstract booklet, and titles and presenting authors names will appear in the final programme. Further information about the conference, registration and speakers will be posted on [www.globalhealth.ie](http://www.globalhealth.ie/)