

INVITATION TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S MEDIA ROUNDTABLE AT WOMEN DELIVER

Key Issues for Women's and Girls' Health

Women and girls make up more than half of our world – but too often their health needs are overlooked and underserved. The World Health Organization (WHO) will hold a media roundtable at Women Deliver to provide an overview of some of the key health challenges faced by women and girls, and how overcoming these challenges will be critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2015, over 300 000 women died in pregnancy or childbirth, many lacking access to skilled birth attendants. An estimated 225 million women have an unmet need for family planning. Communicable diseases – like HIV, TB, and malaria – continue to be major killers of women and girls. Women's cancers result in high rates of mortality and morbidity, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Globally, 1 in 3 women will experience physical and/or sexual violence, and over 200 million women and girls have been subjected to female genital mutilation.

In addition to presenting an overview of women's and girls' health, WHO experts will discuss the following emerging issues:

- One year into the Zika virus outbreak: The impact on women's and newborns' health
- The need to invest in adolescent health for a healthy and productive life
- Antibiotic resistance: An emerging threat to progress in reducing maternal and newborn mortality

WHO:

- Dr Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General, Family, Women's and Children's Health
- Dr Anthony Costello, Director, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
- Dr Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli, Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research
- Dr Liz Taylor, Senior Technical Advisor, Secretariat for Antimicrobial Resistance

WHERE: Bella Center, Room 17

WHEN: 17 May 2016, 15:00 – 16:00 CEST

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