**Midwives have your say!**

***The Africa midwives consultation***

**“Every Newborn” an Action Plan to end preventable deaths.**

**Purpose**

To provide the midwives of Africa the opportunity to have their voices heard in the development of the “Every Newborn” Global Action Plan.

**Objectives:** This ICM Africa Congress “*Every Newborn”* consultation has 3 specific objectives:

1. To provide a forum for African midwives to review and provide input to the global “Every Newborn” action plan draft document.
2. To enable African midwives to identify and document their bottlenecks (barriers), challenges, solutions and actions to accelerate the scale up of high quality midwifery care in newborn programmes in national plans
3. To ensure that African midwives are able to contribute to the advocacy movement around global, regional and national newborn action and ensure country-level alignment with other key initiatives and political processes.

**Outputs**

The ICM Africa Congress *Every Newborn* consultation will be a participatory and dynamic process lead to clear outputs including:

1. A report on the bottlenecks to the scale-up of quality newborn care by midwives as well as evidence-based solutions and actions to address the challenges, highlighting policy/programme areas that need investment and improvement.
2. A summary of inputs and recommendations from midwives in Africa to strengthen the *Every Newborn action plan.*

3. The results of the consultation will bebe shared with decision makers, media, and programme planners to harness their support for strengthening the role of quality midwifery care in equitable MNH policies and programmes.

**Agenda Consultation on the “*Every Newborn*” Global Action Plan**

**ICM AFRICA meeting, July 2013, Nairobi**

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| 14:00hrs | Session 1: Welcome and opening remarks | Facilitator |
| 15 mins | * Objectives and review of agenda * What is the GENAP? * Global initiatives – how does it all fit together? * Inter-connection between MNH across continuum of care and multi-sectoral linkages | Fran McConville, WHO |
| 14:15hrs | Session 2: Bottlenecks and barriers from a midwives perspective |  |
| 10 mins  30 mins  20 mins | * Summary of the 7 health system blocks to guide the analysis of barriers to implementing the high impact interventions that prevent the 3 major killers of newborns. * Facilitated group work to identify challenges, bottlenecks and solutions, for example:   *1. What are the opportunities for midwives to engage in the policy dialogue at countries (programme design, annual review meetings, etc.)? (#1. Leadership and governance)*  *2. How are wider newborn interventions linked to the role of the midwife, for example child birth, treatment of infections (#5. Service delivery,# 4. Supplies and equipment)*  *3. Role and responsibilities of midwives to facilitate implementation of the solutions? (#3. Human workforce, #7. Community)*  *4. How can funding be secured to enable midwives to be a strong part of the implementation? (#2. Financing)*  *5. How will the monitoring of the impact of midwives on quality newborn care be conducted (score card, QoC indicators)? (6. HIS, Data, M&E)*  • Feedback from group work | Dr Mary Bwalya, WHO  3 groups, 3 preventable conditions:  *Prematurity,*  *complication during childbirth,*  *infections*  WHO,  ICM, Man.Uni  Facilitators |
| 15:15hrs | Session 3: Reviewing the 7 key themes |  |
| 15 mins  15mins | * Review and discuss key themes * Group feedback on key themes | Group facilitators,  Plenary |
| 15:45-16:00hrs | Session 4: Wrap-up and closing |  |
|  | * Summary of what African midwives want to see in the “Every Newborn” Global Action Plan * Next steps – starting the midwives advocacy movement for “Every Newborn”. | WHO |

**The 7 Health Systems Building Blocks**

1. Leadership and governance
2. Health financing
3. Health workforce
4. Essential medical products
5. Health services
6. Health information systems
7. Community ownership and partnership

**The 9 interventions**

1. Management of pre-term birth (focus on antenatal corticosteroids)
2. Skilled care at birth (focus on use of the partograph)
3. BEmOC (focus on assisted vaginal delivery)
4. CEmOC (focus on LSCS)
5. Basic newborn care (cleanliness, cord care, warmth, feeding)
6. Neonatal resuscitation
7. Kangaroo mother care (skin to skin, breastfeeding, feeding support for premature babies)
8. Treatment of severe infections (injectable antibiotics)
9. Inpatient supportive care for sick and small newborns (IV fluids, feeding support, safe oxygen)