The Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), & the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) are pleased to invite you to a side-event to the Fourth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Health in the Sustainable Development Agenda: Reflections on the Open Working Group, the Global Thematic Consultation on Health and the High-level Panel Report

Wednesday, 19th June, 2013, from 1:15pm – 2:30pm
North Lawn Building, Conference Room 4, UN-Headquarters

This side-event will provide an update to United Nations Member States on current thinking on health in the sustainable development agenda (including potential goals and targets), to help inform their deliberations during the Open Working Group process, including leading up to the September 2013 General Assembly.

The Governments of Sweden and Botswana, WHO and UNICEF, with the support of many other partners, recently concluded a global consultation on these questions which attracted widespread interest and issued a report which was considered by the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda in formulating their own final report.

This side-event will consider the findings of the global consultation and compare them to the recommendations of the High-level Panel and others on the place of health in the development agenda. It aims to provide Member States with an overview of the proposals that have been put forward for new health goals and targets, along with a review of the relationship of health to the dimensions of sustainable development. There will also be an opportunity for Member States and other participants in the side-event to raise queries about these issues as well as discuss the way forward to achieve a sustainable development agenda which coherently incorporates health.

Copies of the final report of the Consultation will be available.

Moderator: Dr Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Deputy Director-General, WHO

Speakers:
- H.E. Mr. Charles Thembani Ntwaagae, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations
- Dr Kumanan Rasanathan, Post-2015 Health Focal Point, UNICEF

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