**Global Health Event Oslo, January 22 2013**

**Accelerating progress: Saving women’s and children’s lives in the coming decade**

**Thematic Session no. 2**

**Session title: Post-2015 agenda for global health: Health as an essential investment for development**

**Purpose of session:** To position health as an investment for economic and sustainable development

**Desired outcomes**

1. Participants are informed about recent evidence and ongoing work on the mutual relationships between economic and sustainable development, investment in health as well as poverty reduction, including emerging methods for measuring this.
2. Participants provided clear recommendation on how the investment case for health should be positioned in the post-2015 agenda.

**Background information**

As the 2015 target date for achieving the MDGs approaches, there is considerable debate on how health should be included in the Post-2015 agenda. The post-2015 UN Task Team established by UN Secretary-General (SG) produced a post-2015 “roadmap” and included a “think piece” on health in the post-2015 UN development agenda. At the start of the 2013 General Assembly there will be a high level summit to review progress on the MDGs and map out a forward-looking agenda.

The r as well as poverty reduction Economic development and poverty reduction is also essential factors influencing countries and individuals possibilities to increase investments in health and ultimately live more healthy lives. There is mutually reinforcing win-win opportunity.

The UN Development Group (chaired by UNDP) is leading efforts to catalyse a “global conversation” on the post-2015 agenda through a series of at least 50 national consultations and eleven global thematic consultations. WHO and UNICEF is presently leading the thematic consultation on health with the support from the governments of Botswana and Sweden.

**Tentative schedule for session**

Introduction by chairpersons: 5 minutes

Introductory lecture:

1. David Bloom – 15 minutes

Panelist introductions:

1. Nick Dyer – 5 minutes
2. Amina J. Mohammed [TBC] – 5 minutes

Discussion time – led by chairpersons: 20 minutes