

**Country Ownership Strategies: Leadership Forum
on Health Information Systems
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Summer 2009
August 10 – 12, 2009**

Proposed Objectives

- .. Develop an appreciation of other perspectives, challenges and roles related to health information systems (HIS) by interacting with colleagues from other countries and sectors.
- .. Develop a shared awareness of the options and strategies for improving coordination of country health information systems (HIS).
- .. Work together as country teams to develop a preliminary stakeholder engagement agenda and strategy to promote ownership of HIS .
- .. Identify follow on resources (information, financial and technical assistance) available through national and international partners committed to supporting country-level HIS strengthening

Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 10 August, 2009

Time	Session
8:00 – 8:30 am	On-site Registration
8:30 – 10:30 am	Opening Session Introduction to the Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background and Purpose of the Forum• Commitment to Country Ownership• Forum Outcomes• Intro of planning group, sponsors Opening Remarks Dr. Nejmudin Kadir, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Introduction of Country Teams and Partners (20 mins) Pre-Forum Interview Results (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives and Methodology• Common Challenges & Promising Practices• Implications for the Forum Forum Objectives, Agenda, Methodology, Norms, Jeopardy HIS Keynote Speaker – Mr. Andrew Mwenda, Editor/owner, <i>The Independent Newspaper</i> , Uganda
10:45 – 11:15 am	Coffee Break

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Time	Session
11:15 – 12:30	Country Ownership & Leadership of HIS Session Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage participants in an hypothetical scenario to explore common issues and challenges in HIS Introduce the country ownership and leadership continuum as a framework for benchmarking progress against country HIS goals. Plenary Presentation and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothetical HIS Scenario Overview of Country Ownership Continuum Impact Story – ICT in Kenya Preview of Afternoon Breakout Sessions
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	[Concurrent Media Briefing] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the Forum – groundbreaking effort that will be replicated based on lessons learned Summation of why this is critical, what we are trying to accomplish Norms of engagement/media package
(1:30 – 4:30)	Country Team Working Group - Session #1 Session Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to form the country teams and orient participants to the working group structure, roles and process. Focus the working groups' attention on existing HIS policies and mechanisms and develop a shared understanding of system gaps and challenges that deserve priority attention. Country Team Discussion Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country vision and goals for HIS Begin to identify gaps and better practices in regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and Multisectoral Engagement
2:45 – 3:15	Interim Coffee Break
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning and Financing System and Data Interoperability
4:45 pm	Wrap up for the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview of Day 2/advance reading Announcements/Reception logistics
5:00 pm	Session Ends Debriefing with Planning and Advance Teams,

	Meeting with Rapporteurs
7:00 pm	Reception at the Hilton Hotel

Day 2: Tuesday, 11 August 2009

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00 am	Overview of the Day Impact Story #2 – UN-ITU
9:00 - 10:30 am	Sector Working Groups - (Finance, Health, Communications/ Statistics/IT) Session Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the role of each sector in HIS • Identify key actors in each sector • Define HIS challenges and priorities specific to each sector Discussion topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector players and roles in HIS • Relevant policies and gaps • Coordination mechanisms and gaps • Resource and funding needs and gaps
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Country Team Synthesis and Preparation for Report outs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of Day 1 and Sector Working Group Sessions
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Country Team Report Outs Session Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an awareness of challenges and existing strategies for improving coordinated HIS across the region Plenary Report Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIS Challenges • Country policy framework and gaps • Coordination mechanisms and gaps • Resource needs and gaps
2:45 – 3:15	Coffee Break
3:15 – 4:30	Resources to Support HIS Strengthening Session Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the array of information, technical assistance and funding resources available through national and international partners Donor/Partner Panel Q&A
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-view of Day 3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Planning Template • Role of Country Team and Donors
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Debrief with advance team and rapporteurs
Day 3: 12 August, 2009	
Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00 am	Overview of the Day Impact Story # 3
9:00 – 10:30 am	Country Team Session #3 – Action Planning Session Objectives and Discussion Topics: Develop a shared understanding among country team members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority HIS challenges to address • Coordination mechanisms and strategies to promote • Needed information, technical assistance and funding
10:30 – 10:50 am	Interim Coffee Break
10:50 – 12:30 pm	Country team meeting –Action Planning continued
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Promoting Country Ownership Session Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify next steps and outline a plan for continuing to work together as a country team to mobilize other stakeholders Discussion Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better practices for stakeholder outreach • Role of individual country team members going forward and follow-on commitments • Information sharing with the organizers and with other country teams • Partnering with the media
2:45 – 3:05 pm	Coffee Break
3:05 – 5:00 pm	Closing Session Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify next steps for the forum organizers • Recommit donor/partner resources . • Establish process and timeline for country teams to share progress and status reports • Motivate the country teams to continue the work begun at the forum. Presentation Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country teams report out immediate next steps • Follow on actions and timeline for forum organizers

Distribution Copy – Advance Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusions and charge going forward• Appreciations Forum Concludes
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Debriefing with advance team and rapporteurs Celebration!