



Maternal Health Academic Consortium Launch Meeting

Entebbe, Uganda | 20-22 February 2018

Agenda

Objectives:

1. Foster collaboration between junior, mid-career and senior maternal health researchers
2. Promote the growth of a new generation of maternal health researchers through the identification of mentorship mechanisms and training opportunities
3. Identify research gaps and priorities for conducting rigorous and collaborative research
4. Build strategic partnerships to grow a collegial network on maternal health research

Day 1: Key Questions

- What is mentorship and how can we foster it?
- What training opportunities exist and what more is needed?

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
8:00 – 8:30am	<i>Registration</i>	
8:30 – 9:00am	Welcome Why a maternal health academic consortium? Overview of agenda and goals for each day	Dean Rhoda Wanyenze Peter Waiswa Ana Langer Linda Vesel
9:00 – 9:45am	Who is here? Introductions Logistics	Gloria Seruwagi Mary Nell Wegner All Olivia Nakisita
9:45 – 11:00am	Mentorship: What is it? What are the facilitators and barriers? Insights from the survey Panel: Experiences of mentors and mentees	Caroline Homer Yemane Berhane, Lynn Freedman, Beena Joshi



	Discussion	Tamil Kendall, Kojo Nimako, Sudhir Prithipal All
11:00 – 11:30am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:30am – 12:30pm	Mentorship: How can we advance it in practice? World café: Developing ideas to facilitate successful mentorship	Mary Nell Wegner Table leaders: Angela Koech, Annetee Nakimuli, Monica Onyango, Marta Schaaf, Suchitra Vishwanbhar Surve All
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30 – 2:15pm	Maternal Health Training: What does it mean? What opportunities exist? Are the existing opportunities sufficient? Interactive exercise Insights from the survey Discussion	Suellen Miller All Linda Vesel All
2:15 – 3:15pm	Maternal Health Training: How can we adjust training to emerging needs? Panel: Reflections from different regions and disciplines	Claudia Hanson Suneth Agampodi, Tshidi Sebitloane, Laura Sochas Sabera Turkmani
3:15 – 3:45pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
3:45 – 4:30pm	Maternal Health Training: Key practical issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is needed for a well-rounded training experience? • Are programs' capacities to grant degrees critical? • Are substantive programs more important than leadership programs or vice versa? • What is the best format? 	Dorothy Shaw All



Day 2: Key Questions

- What are key research priorities in maternal health?
- How are these priorities set and how do they differ by stakeholder?
- What should the role of the MHAC be in setting/addressing priorities?
- What are key lessons in partnerships and collaborations?

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8:30 – 9:15am	Welcome to Day 2 Recap of day 1 Logistics notes Reflections in pairs on mentoring and training	Mary Nell Wegner Grace Edwards Olivia Nakisita Birgitta Essén
9:15 – 10:30am	Maternal Health Research: What are the important concepts? Insights from the survey Panel discussion: Key considerations	Ana Langer Fernando Althabe (moderator) Jolly Beyeza-Kashesya, Josaphat Byamugisha, Thilini Chanchala, Maria Laura Costa
10:30 – 10:45am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10:45am – 12:30pm	Maternal Health Research: What are the priorities and how do we address them? Small group work: Idea generation and selection of research priorities Large group discussion	Oona Campbell All All
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30 – 2:30pm	Partnerships and Collaborations: What are the facilitators and barriers? Personal reflections Panel: Reflections on what works and what doesn't work	Peter Waiswa Mahbub E Elahi Khan Chowdhury, Monica Onyango, Ernest Maya, Marta Schaaf
2:30 – 2:45pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
2:45 – 3:30pm	Partnerships and Collaborations: What are the key takeaways?	Marleen Temmerman



	Large group discussion	All
3:30 – 6:30pm	<i>Free time before special dinner at 6:30</i>	

Day 3: Key Questions

- Is there a role for a Maternal Health Academic Consortium?
- If so, how should we define and position the consortium to address the identified needs?
- Who are the key donors to target?
- What can we each commit to in the short term to keep the momentum going?

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9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome to Day 3	Gloria Seruwage
	Logistics	Olivia Nakasita
9:15 – 10:15am	The Future: What do we envision for the consortium?	Ana Langer
	Large group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What value would a permanent consortium add? • How would a consortium advance on an intersectoral agenda? • What models can we learn from to build and expand a consortium? 	All
10:15 – 10:30am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10:30 – 11:30am	The Future: How would we get there?	Peter Waiswa
	Small group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Donor/funding opportunities • Group 2: Key audiences • Group 3: Positioning • Group 4: Operations 	Group leaders: Henrik Sandell + Maureen Anyango Oduor, Emma Radovich + Karen Klein, Dagmawit Tewahido Haimont + Aklima Chowdhury, Renato Teixeira Souza + Alison El Ayadi
	Large group discussion	All
11:30am – 12:15pm	The Future: What actions do we need to take in the short term?	Organizers
	Defining and committing to actions	All
12:00 – 12:30pm	Meeting Wrap Up/Closing	Ana Langer Peter Waiswa
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	