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### **UNID Announces Open Registration for Unique Forum Designed for World Women's Health and Development**

London, UK – August 1, 2014 – The UN Innovation and Development (UNID) today announced that registration is open for the World Women's Health and Development Forum, the first-ever Forum organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT). The Forum will be held from November 19 to 21, 2014, at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, 1211 Genève, Switzerland.

This public, three-day High Level Forum is an opportunity for United Nations Member States, United Nations system entities, scientists, healthcare professionals, members of NGOs, the media and the private sector, and other interested stakeholders to discuss sustainable ways and means to promote the health of women and girls. Special focus will be on "Women's Health and Development: Post-2015 Desired Outcomes".

There is No registration fee for the Forum, however, participants are required to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Due to the conference room's capacity, 675 attendees will be accepted.

The Forum includes opening and closing ceremonies, plenary sessions and interactive parallel sessions, a welcome reception, and a gala dinner. The Forum will feature discussions on

- ◆ Women's Health and Sustainable Development
- ◆ Global Policymaking for Women's Health
- ◆ Women's Healthcare and Reform
- ◆ Women, Poverty and Economic Empowerment
- ◆ Environment and Women's Health
- ◆ Lifestyle, Family and Women's Health
- ◆ Media and Women's Health
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Research and Development



The closing session of the programme will focus on the Challenges and Opportunities in the United Nations 2015 and beyond agenda, and the drafting of a Declaration that defines an ambitious, inspiring and concrete “Action Agenda” on women’s health for sustainable development.

“We are very excited about the level of enthusiasm we have received for this unique Forum” said Ufuk Eren, Senior Adviser for RASIT and CEO of UNID. “We look forward to bringing together the many world leaders, policymakers, and professionals for a substantive discussion of real-world solutions to key issues facing women and girls health today.”

The Forum Planning Committee is dedicated to ensuring that all perspectives are represented, including north/south; gender; youth; older persons; indigenous peoples; persons with disabilities; global geographic areas; expert constituencies; and international networks (including the sustainable development, post-2015 development and women’s constituencies ). The Forum’s programme is intended to reflect women’s health needs and the necessity for comprehensive global policy.

“The World Women’s Health and Development Forum is an opportunity to bring together the vast diversity of United Nations, governments, civil society representation, constituencies and campaigns in the 69th Session of the General Assembly, when critical decisions will be made by governments about advancing the sustainable development agenda” said HRH Princess Dr Nisreen El-Hashemite, RASIT Executive Director and Founder of the Forum. “The Forum shall provide an inclusive space for the expression of a diversity of views, with a focus on ensuring that marginalized voices are heard. It should be an opportunity for scientific and healthcare professionals as well as civil society to come together to support the post-2015 negotiations, and contribute to a successful post-2015 agenda and its implementation”.

For more information and to register for the Forum, please visit [www.whforum.unidi.net](http://www.whforum.unidi.net)