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RASIT Announce 2014 World Women's Health and Development Forum Programme

London – 28 July 2014. The Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) is pleased to announce the programme for the upcoming World Women's Health and Development Forum, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, 1211 Genève, Switzerland, from 19 to 21 November 2014.

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".

The objectives and discussion topics of the Forum have been prepared in close collaboration with the United Nations and its agencies in order to ensure action-oriented results. In this way, the Forum will provide substantial input into the official discussions taking place at a global level which will seek to:

- Provide a platform for international community leaders, healthcare professionals and scientists to map the complexity and interconnectivity of our changing world.
- Develop the insights, initiatives and actions necessary to respond to current and emerging challenges in public health with an emphasis on women's health as a platform for global change.

The Forum includes opening and closing ceremonies, plenary sessions and interactive parallel sessions, a welcome reception, and a gala dinner. The three-day programme is richly packed, featuring 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.

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 Forum is intended to bring into reality real change towards the empowerment of women worldwide. In the true “United Nations Spirit”, the aim is to elaborate bold ideas and strategic options to consider in the 69th United Nations General Assembly.

The Forum believes that healthy women lead to healthy families, and healthy families lead to healthy communities. The United Nations is therefore envisioned as an environment where all women will have the opportunity to realise their optimal health and well-being at every stage in life.

To learn more about the World Women’s Health and Development Forum programme, visit www.whforum.unidi.net