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Family Care International

Ann M. Starrs is executive vice president of Family Care International, where she is responsible for overall program development, strategic planning, and administration, and also assists with fundraising. She has been part of FCI since its founding in 1986, helping to establish the organization and launching its in-country activities in eastern and southern Africa while based in Uganda. Prior to joining FCI, Ms. Starrs worked with the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She is trained in development economics and demography, with a masters degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a certificate in demography from Princeton's Office of Population Research. Ms. Starrs currently serves as co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

Anne Tinker

Save the Children

Anne Tinker is director of the Saving Newborn Lives Initiative at Save the Children. She has over 30 years experience in reproductive and child health in more than 40 countries. She was lead health specialist in the South Asia region and the Global Human Development Network at the World Bank for 10 years. Before her work at the World Bank, Ms. Tinker was a division chief in the Office of Health at USAID, with responsibilities for the development of Agency policies and strategies in reproductive and child health, country project design, and supervision and management of numerous worldwide grants and contracts. Prior to USAID, she worked for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Mexican National Tourist Council, the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, and the Inter-American Development Bank. Ms. Tinker holds graduate degrees in international studies from Georgetown University and public health from Johns Hopkins University. She has authored many publications, journal articles, and book chapters on women's and children's health.

U.S. Launch of *The Lancet* Maternal Survival Series
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PROGRAM

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.–9:35 a.m.	Opening Welcome Mary Ellen Stanton , U.S. Agency for International Development
9:35 a.m.–9:40 a.m.	Setting the Stage Dr. Harshad Sanghvi , JHPIEGO
9:40 a.m.–9:50 a.m.	Coming to Terms: Ending the Era of Neglect for the World's Mothers Dr. Nils Daulaire , Global Health Council
9:50 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	History of the Global Safe Motherhood Initiative Ann Starrs , Family Care International
10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	Speakers: Dr. Carine Ronsmans , London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Dr. Marge Koblinsky , International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B)
10:45 a.m.–11:05 a.m.	Responses: Lynn P. Freedman , Columbia University Dr. Koki Agarwal , JHPIEGO
11:05 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Q&A
11:45 a.m.–11:55 a.m.	The Way Forward Anne Tinker , Save the Children
11:55 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Closing Dr. Harshad Sanghvi

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Koki Agarwal

JHPIEGO

Dr. Koki Agarwal is the director of the ACCESS Program – USAID's centrally funded five-year flagship program on maternal and newborn health – at JHPIEGO, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Agarwal is responsible for the overall management and strategic and technical integrity of ACCESS. Before joining JHPIEGO, she was director of the Center for International Health at the Futures Group International while concurrently serving as deputy director of the USAID-funded POLICY Project, where she was responsible for guiding all reproductive health and maternal health activities. Dr. Agarwal received her MPH and DrPH from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; a Diploma in Public Health from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; and an MB, BS, and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Delhi, India. Dr. Agarwal also serves as a board member of the White Ribbon Alliance, a global movement for raising awareness of and advocating for safe motherhood.

Dr. Nils Daulaire

Global Health Council

Dr. Nils Daulaire is president and CEO of the Global Health Council, the world's largest membership alliance of public health professionals and organizations working in over 100 low-income countries to raise the attention, resources, and knowledge needed to improve health worldwide. He served in the 1990s as USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy and was the U.S. Government's Senior International Health Policy Advisor, serving as negotiator at numerous international conferences. Previously he worked for two decades on developing and managing maternal and child

health services in developing countries and on field research to identify and validate effective, high-impact health interventions to reduce child deaths. A Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard College, he received his MD from Harvard Medical School and his MPH from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Daulaire is a member of the National Academy of Science's prestigious Institute of Medicine, testifies frequently before Congress, and appears widely in the national and international media on global health issues.

Lynn P. Freedman

Columbia University

Lynn P. Freedman is director of the Averting Maternal Death and Disability Program and professor of clinical public health at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Before joining Columbia University in 1990, she worked as a practicing attorney in New York City. Professor Freedman has been a leading figure in the field of health and human rights, working extensively with women's groups and international human rights organizations. She is widely published on health and human rights issues, with a particular focus on gender and women's health. She served as a senior adviser to the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Child Health and Maternal Health and was the lead author for the Task Force's background paper and interim and final reports.

Dr. Marge Koblinsky

ICDDR,B

Dr. Marge Koblinsky is director of the Public Health Sciences Division of the International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research in Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), responsible for strategic planning, administration, management, program development, fundraising, and implementing research projects. She is also head of ICDDR,B's Reproductive Health Program and senior scientist at the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Since 1970, she has been a leader in safe motherhood and women's reproductive health at the global level, working in over 35 countries with USAID's MotherCare project, IMMPACT, donor agencies, the Ford Foundation, and the International Development Research Centre of Canada. Her focus is on country-level learning and translating research into programs, an effort she leads while based in Bangladesh. She is widely published in safe motherhood and women's health and has received several international awards.

Dr. Carine Ronsmans

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr. Carine Ronsmans is an epidemiologist with degrees in medicine, demography, and epidemiology. She has been a member of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine's Maternal Program since 1993 and its Infectious Disease Epidemiology Unit since 2001. Her areas of interest include the methodological and conceptual aspects of the evaluation of maternal health programs; the measurement of maternal morbidity and mortality; and understanding the contribution of indirect causes, including HIV/AIDS, to maternal mortality. Dr. Ronsmans has extensive work experience in Asia (Bangladesh and Indonesia) and Africa (Benin, Chad, and Côte d'Ivoire).

Dr. Harshad Sanghvi

JHPIEGO

Dr. Harshad Sanghvi is medical director at JHPIEGO, responsible for providing leadership and oversight for technical and clinical approaches, leading strategic thinking, and pursuing innovative opportunities. He has participated on expert and technical committees at WHO, UNICEF, and USAID, and has authored and contributed to numerous manuals and reports. His professional background is in obstetrics and gynecology and clinical epidemiology. He completed his medical education and residency in Kenya; received graduate and postdoctoral training in the United Kingdom and United States; and is a former chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Nairobi. Dr. Sanghvi has extensive work experience in more than 25 low-resource countries. In recent years, he has led efforts to develop a global pool of maternal/neonatal health experts, focused world attention on reducing mortality from postpartum hemorrhage, and developed global training materials for emergency obstetric care.

Mary Ellen Stanton

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Mary Ellen Stanton, a certified nurse midwife, is senior reproductive health advisor for the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition in the Bureau for Global Health at the United States Agency for International Development. She guides USAID's maternal health research and implementation programs. Before joining USAID, Ms. Stanton was the director of international programs at the American College of Nurse-Midwives and served as a consultant for WHO and nongovernmental organizations. She also has experience in service delivery, training, and program design and evaluation in numerous countries throughout the world.