

**Fistula Partners' Meeting**  
**Accra, Ghana**  
**April 15-17, 2008**  
**Airport West Hotel**  
**Agenda**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

7:45 a.m.	Registration (continued from previous evening)
9 .00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions Dr. Isaiah Ndong, Vice President, EngenderHealth
9.15 a.m.	Official opening and keynote speech The Honorable Mr. Abraham Odoom, Deputy Minister of Health, on behalf of the Minister of Health, Ghana
10.00 a.m.	Welcome to participants on behalf of USAID/West Africa Mr. Henderson Patrick, Mission Director
10.30 a.m.	Break
11.00 a.m.	Where are we now? An Overview of Fistula Repair supported by USAID 2004-2008 Ms. Mary Ellen Stanton, Senior Reproductive Health Advisor, USAID and Ms. Patricia MacDonald, Senior Technical Advisor, USAID
11.3 0 a.m.	Objectives and Expectations for the meeting – a Roadmap to 2012 Karen Beattie, Project Director, Fistula Care, EngenderHealth
12 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Strengthening the capacity of centers to provide quality services to repair and care for women with obstetric and traumatic fistula – Panel presentation <i>The Panelists will speak on the organization of quality fistula services and different models of service delivery</i> Dr. Thierno Hamidou Barry, Guinea Dr. Hassan Wara, Nigeria Dr. Maura Lynch, Uganda Dr. Bizunesh Tesfaye Tamirat, Ethiopia Professor Kalilou Ouattara and Dr. Traore Awa Marcelline, Mali
2.45 p.m	Break
3.15 p.m.	Working groups <i>Working groups will define the essential elements of a quality of care strategy for fistula care, including prevention, treatment and reintegration</i>
5.00 p.m.	Close for the day
5.30 p.m.	Welcome reception



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**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**

8.30 a.m.	Regroup and summary of previous day
9.15 a.m.	Building capacity for quality services through training – Panel presentation <i>The Panelists will speak on training strategy, training curriculae and certification, training of trainers, surgeons and ancillary personnel, and training for pre- and post-operative care.</i> Dr. Joseph Ruminjo, Kenya Dr. Steven Arrowsmith, USA Dr. John Kelly, United Kingdom
10.15 a.m.	Questions and comments
10.30 a.m.	Break
10.45 a.m.	Improving quality and performance through data – Panel presentation <i>The Panelists will speak on the work of the Data, Indicators and Research Working Group of the Obstetric Fistula Working Group, core indicators used in USAID programs and processes and tools for supervision and monitoring quality and performance.</i> Dr. Florina Serbianescu, USA Ms. Evelyn Landry, USA Dr. Sita Millimono, Guinea
11.45 a.m.	Questions and comments
12.15 p.m.	Lunch
1.15 p.m.	Working groups <i>Working groups will respond to questions posed regarding key indicators and monitoring processes for a quality of care strategy.</i>
3.15 p.m.	Break
3.30 p.m.	Improving quality and performance through research – Presentations and discussion <i>Presenters will review current research and USAID priorities for future research</i> Ms. Evelyn Landry, USA Dr. John Yeh, USA
5 p.m.	Close for the day



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**Thursday, April 17, 2008**  
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8.30 a.m.	Regroup and summary of previous day
9 a.m.	Strengthening the environment to support fistula prevention, repair and reintegration – Presentation and discussion <i>The Presenter will discuss what it takes to strengthen the environment for fistula services, providing a country case study.</i> Ms. Maggie Bangser, Tanzania
9.40 a.m.	Working Groups <i>Working groups will be organized by country and by specific issues to identify actions that can be taken at the country and global level towards the Roadmap to 2012</i>
10.30 a.m.	Break
10.45 a.m.	Working groups continue
12.00	Lunch
1 p.m.	A Road Map for Fistula Care to 2012 – Highlights of recommendations made and additional contributions – Presentation and discussion <i>Participants will review recommendations made during the meeting and contribute further suggestions for Fistula Care priorities through 2012</i>
2 p.m.	Closing session
3 p.m.	End of meeting



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