

THE WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE

20 Years of Saving the Lives of Women, Mothers and Newborns

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“THE ROAD
TO A BETTER
FUTURE IS
WITH
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What is Women Deliver?

- Marks the 20th Anniversary of the SMI
- 18-20 October 2007, London
- High-level political meeting, with 2,500 attendees
- Goal: highlight links between health of women, mothers, and newborns and the health of nations
- Organized by UN agencies, international NGOs, bilateral organizations



Who's coming?

- Broad development and health community (education, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, human rights, poverty reduction)
- Leading political and public figures
- Health professionals, social scientists, and women's health advocates
- Ministers of Finance, Planning and Health from selected developing countries
- International NGOs & civil society organizations

Why a Conference?

- It is time for women, their health, and safe motherhood to take its rightful place at center stage in the world's development work.
- Serve as catalyst for shaping public opinion and catalyzing political action.
- Builds on ongoing development processes (MDGs, ICPD, Beijing).

What are the Conference objectives?

- Make the case for greater investment in women's health, and the multiple returns such an investment yields
- Accelerate progress towards MDGs 5,4,6,3 & 2
- Engage public policy makers to improve women's health and rights within national plans and strategies (Leaders' Forum)

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