INVESTMENT CASE FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Presented by Mr Ian Anderson

Abstract

The presentation covers substantive analytical and policy issues on the progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals of maternal and child health in the Asia and Pacific regions. The topics covered include: Why is there low expenditure on public health despite rapid economic growth? How does maternal and child health relate to economic productivity? How and why do multilaterals (World Bank, ADB, UNICEF, WHO) and bilaterals (AusAID etc) sometimes jostle, and sometimes cooperate, in responding to the problems of maternal and child health? And, how can countries use tobacco taxation as a source of public finance for maternal and child health?

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Where: Building 400: 330 (3rd floor of the Health Sciences Building)
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Tea and coffee will be provided.

About the Presenter

Mr Ian Anderson is currently an Advisor and Principal Economist in Health Services Delivery at the Asian Development Bank. His special focus is on the economics and financing of MDGs 4, 5, and 6 dealing with maternal, newborn and child health, and HIV and AIDS. He was formerly a Principal Advisor at AusAID and member of AusAID’s Senior Executive Service. Ian spent a total of 21 years at AusAID including 11 years as a member of AusAID’s Senior Executive. At various times he was Head of Australia’s aid program to China and Indonesia; Head of PNG and Pacific Economic Policy Section; Head of Australia’s aid program to Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu; and Head of Corporate Planning and Budget. Ian has also worked for the World Bank as a Senior Economist to the Health, Nutrition and Population Unit of the South Asia Department of the Bank.