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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR-GENERAL NAMES SENIOR TEAM

New structure reflects WHO's core areas of work

Geneva: Today, Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), named her senior team to lead the health programmes, or "clusters" at WHO headquarters. Dr Chan also announced a revised structure including three new clusters, in order to realign WHO's structure with the six core areas she has identified to take WHO's work forward: health development, health security, health systems capacity, evidence and information, partnership, and performance.

The senior team:

Dr Anarfi Asamoah-Baah, as previously announced, as Deputy Director-General

Dr Ala Alwan, Assistant Director-General of a new cluster for Health Action in Crises (formerly a WHO programme)

Dr Tim Evans, Assistant Director-General of a new cluster for Information, Evidence and Research

Dr David Heymann, Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases and Representative of the Director-General for the Polio Eradication Initiative

Dr Catherine Le Galès-Camus continues as Assistant Director-General for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health

Dr Elizabeth Mason, Assistant Director-General, ad interim, for Family and Community Health

Dr Hiroki Nakatani, Assistant Director-General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Dr Anders Nordström, Assistant Director-General of a new cluster for Health Systems and Services

Ms Namita Pradhan, Assistant Director-General for General Management

Ms Susanne Weber-Mosdorf continues as Assistant Director-General for Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments, and Representative of the Director-General on European Union Affairs

Dr Howard Zucker continues as Assistant Director-General for Health, Technology and Pharmaceuticals and Representative of the Director-General on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Public Health

In addition, Dr Chan has announced:

Mr Denis Aitken as Representative of the Director-General for a new programme on Partnerships and UN Reform

Dr Bill Kean to continue as Executive Director of the Director-General's Office

Mr Liu Peilong to continue as an Adviser to the Director-General

Mr Andrey Pirogov to continue as Assistant Director-General of the WHO Office at the United Nations in New York

Dr Ian Smith to continue as an Adviser to the Director-General.

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