

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **The Resolve Awards 2012**

#### **Global Leaders Celebrate Innovations in Family Planning Funding, Policies and Services during the World Health Assembly in Geneva**

**INVITATION:** Journalists are invited to attend or view via online link the inaugural Resolve Awards 2012, recognizing innovation and achievement in family planning and reproductive health made by five developing countries.

**BACKGROUND:** The Resolve Awards have been created by the Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health to recognize country led innovations in service expansion, policy development or financing that result in increased access to family planning and reproductive health.

The Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health was established by The Aspen Institute in 2010, and works to increase public awareness of the centrality of family planning to all aspects of economic and social development.

Twenty Resolve Award nominations were received for innovations that spanned social media, access for medically underserved populations, and a wide range of policy or finance mechanisms. This year's inaugural presentation will recognize achievements made by Ethiopia, Malawi, Nepal and Rwanda, with an honourable mention for the Yemen.

**WHERE:** The United States Mission, 11, route de Pregny, 1292 Chambésy, Geneva, Switzerland Geneva, Switzerland

**WHEN:** 17h00-20h00 Tuesday, 22 May 2012

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Chair: The Honourable Joy Phumaphi**, former Minister of Health of Botswana and former Vice President of Human Development at the World Bank

**Ambassador Betty E. King**, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva

**Peggy Clark**, Aspen VP for Policy Programs, Executive Director Aspen Global Health & Development

**Nils Dulaire, MD**, Director, Office of Global Affairs (OGA), US Department of Health and Human Services

**Ariel Pablos-Mendez**, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development

**Honourable Khumbo Kachali**, Vice President of Malawi, Minister of Health

**H.E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi**, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nepal to the UNOG, WTO, and other international organizations

**Kebede Worku, MD**, State Minister, Ethiopia

**Jean de Dieu Ngirabega**, Director General of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health, Rwanda

**Jamela Saleh Alraiby**, MD Deputy Minister of Public Health & Population, Yemen

**Dr. Mike Mbizvo**, Director of the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research

**Dr. Joseph Kasonde**, Minister of Health, Zambia

**Dr. Flavia Bustreo**, Assistant Director-General - Family, Women's and Children's Health, World Health Organization

Join the event via live stream at <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/events/resolveaward> from 11:30am-2:00pm EST

**For further information, to register to attend the Resolve Awards or to arrange an interview with a member of the Global Leaders Council, contact:**

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**This invitation is transferrable, but RSVP is required for entry.**

Please RSVP by **Friday, 18 May 2012** to [simpsonj@who.int](mailto:simpsonj@who.int) or +41.22.791.1877.