



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE: Abstracts must be received by August 15, 2008

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The Micronutrient Forum will hold its second international meeting in Beijing, China, 12-15 May, 2009. The title of the meeting is "Micronutrients, Health, and Development: Evidence-based Programs". Building upon the theme of the Micronutrient Forum meeting in 2007 which reviewed the scientific base of key micronutrients, the Beijing meeting looks to review the evidence base for programs. Therefore this meeting will focus primarily on what is known and what is not known about the design, implementation, and impact of large-scale micronutrient programs.

The Micronutrient Forum builds upon the success of the International Vitamin A Consultative Group (IVACG) and the International Nutritional Anemia Consultative Group (INACG), which were both established by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in 1975.

The Micronutrient Forum serves as a stimulus for policy-relevant science and a catalyst for moving the global community towards consensus around evidence-based policies and programs that reduce micronutrient deficiencies around the globe.

Meeting participants are welcome from a wide diversity of relevant disciplines such as maternal and child health, nutrition, biochemistry, agriculture, horticulture, education, communications, and development. Participants are expected to include representatives from international agencies, national ministries, educational and research institutions, food and chemical industries, and non-governmental organizations.

Researchers and program implementers are encouraged to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations describing new data on the topics that follow. Abstracts should relate to, but are not limited to, the micronutrient deficiencies of primary interest to the Micronutrient Forum, vitamin A, iron, folate, iodine, and/or zinc.

Primary theme – lessons learned from large-scale programs that have, or have not, achieved their objectives.

1. Monitoring processes and evaluating the outcomes/impacts of large-scale programs with indicators such as coverage, behavior change, nutrient intakes, micronutrient status, growth, development, etc.
2. Successes and failures in strengthening program design and planning, integrating interventions into other delivery platforms, managing/supervising implementation, and/or reaching the hard-to-reach.
3. Successes and failures in achieving sustainability, e.g. systems strengthening, assuring commodities, creating demand.

Note: submissions sharing experiences from programs that have not achieved their objectives should include evidence supporting the conclusion that the objectives were not reached and clearly identify the lessons learned that will inform future programs and benefit the global community or other countries.

Secondary themes:

4. Micronutrient interactions
5. Micronutrients and the immune response
6. Micronutrients and infectious disease with particular emphasis on HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria
7. Innovative approaches to assessment of micronutrient status
8. Early micronutrient deficiencies and their consequences over the life span
9. Micronutrient research or innovations pertaining to maternal and child health

Preference will be given to abstracts describing well-designed programs or studies, providing new and potentially important findings with data that relate to the above topics. Please indicate the topic your abstract refers to when submitting it.

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About the Micronutrient Forum

The Micronutrient Forum is co-hosted by the Micronutrient Forum Steering Committee and the Local Organizing Committee of the China Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and ILSI Focal Point China. A2Z, The USAID Micronutrient and Child Blindness Project serves as the Secretariat for the Micronutrient Forum. A2Z is managed by the Academy for Educational Development (AED) and is funded through September 2010 by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (HIDN) Office of the Bureau of Global Health under Cooperative Agreement (GHS-A-00-05-00012-00).

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