



Interest Group Sessions Information

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Presentation of Papers

Organisers have developed a unique structure for the Forum this year where only keynote speakers will present papers. All other papers and posters will be refereed and if accepted, will form an integral part of the forum's concurrent Interest Group sessions, and documentation and resources displayed at the Forum (i.e. poster presentations).

Delegates will have an opportunity to give brief 'poster' presentations (10 min) during the lunch breaks. A timetable for these sessions will be drawn up and posted on the website in June.

Date for final presentation of papers is 1 April 2004 to allow time for editing and publishing before the Forum commences. Papers submitted by this date will be included in the forum's CD-ROM which will be distributed to delegates at the forum. Any papers forwarded after this date or brought to the forum will not be included in the forum's CD-ROM. A post-conference review panel will select from all papers for a PCF3 publication to be printed.

Interest Group Sessions Format

- Each interest group (Latest Developments – Best Practice – Emerging Issues – Research) will operate in concurrent sessions.
- There are six sessions programmed throughout the four days of the forum.
- Each session is led by a convenor and is supported by a team of facilitators.
- Each interest group will have a different focus and each group can choose how they will go about achieving their outcomes.
- The purpose of the sessions is to address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (see below).
- The interest groups will begin with a plenary session. Delegates will then work in small groups which will in turn feed back to the whole interest group daily. Each day the interest groups will report to the forum as a whole.
- Organisers hope that membership of the groups will remain fairly constant so that participants can fully engage in the process and obtain real outcomes for their own workplace and for the conference as a whole.

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

In summary they are:

- Eradicate extreme hunger and poverty
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development