

**EXPANDING BEYOND THE NUMBERS**  
**Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Case Reviews**  
**Inter-country Workshop for South Eastern Europe**

*Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*  
29 September – 2 October 2014

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

## Day 0 - 28 September

17:30 – 18:30

### Facilitators' meeting

## Day 1 - 29 September

08:30 - 09:00	Registration of participants
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09:00 - 09:15      Opening session

Ministry of Health,  
UNFPA, WHO

09:15 - 09:20      Objectives of the workshop

Doina Bologa

***Overview of perinatal health in the European region, achievements and challenges, “Beyond the Numbers” (BTN) (part 1)***

09:20 -10:00	Maternal and perinatal health in the European region: achievements, challenges and need for quality improvement
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*Alberta Bacci*

10:00 - 10:30 Beyond The Numbers - Reviewing maternal deaths and complications for making pregnancy safer - general principles, deciding which approach to adopt

*Gwyneth Lewis*

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

***Countries' presentations: an overview of characteristics of health systems, current policies, maternal and perinatal mortality, underlying causes and audit***

11:00 - 11:15	Albania
11:15 - 11:30	Bosnia Herzegovina
11:30 - 11:45	the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
11:45 – 12:00	Kosovo
12:00 – 12:15	Serbia
12:15 - 12:30	Armenia
12:30 – 12:45	Azerbaijan
12:45 – 13:00	Georgia
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 14:30	Questions and answers

***Group Work 1***

14:30 – 15:30	Each country delegation will be asked to reflect on the topic, and debate BTN relevance to national conditions. Each country delegation will identify 3-4 critical issues for the implementation of BTN approaches in their country	<i>Country participants</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Break</b>	
15:45 – 16:20	Group work 1 (continued)	<i>Country participants</i>
16:20 – 17:20	Presentations of group work 1	<i>(5' each country)</i>
17:20 – 17:30	Feedback and homework (read chapters 1-3 of <i>BTN</i> )	

## Day 2 - 30 September

09:00 – 09:15      Summary of previous day      *Participant TBD*

### ***Overview of perinatal health in the European region, achievements and challenges, “Beyond the Numbers” (BTN) (part 2)***

#### ***Review of BTN implementation in the European region***

09:15 – 09:40      BTN Review 2014: achievements, challenges, way forward      *Alberta Bacci*

### ***Specific approaches: Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths (CEMD)***

09:40 – 10:20      Saving Mothers Lives: over 60 years’ experience of Confidential Enquiries into maternal deaths in the UK      *Gwyneth Lewis*

10:20 – 10:30      Questions and answers

10:30 - 11:00      **Break**

11:00 – 11:30      CEMD: experiences from countries      *Stelian Hodorogea*

11:30 – 12:00      Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths: achievements and challenges of implementation in countries in the European region      *Alberta Bacci*

12:00 – 12:40      Lessons learnt from implementing maternal death reviews; what works and what doesn’t      *Gwyneth Lewis*

12:40 – 13:00      Discussion

13:00 – 14:00      **Lunch**

#### ***Group Work 2***

14:00 – 15:00      Discussion about critical issues and main highlights.      *Country participants*  
  
Each country delegation will identify 3-4 critical issues for the introduction / reinforcement of *CEMD*

15:00 – 15:30      Presentations of group work 2      *(5' each country)*

15:30 – 16:00      **Break**

16:00 -16:20      Presentations of group work 2 (continued)      *(5' each country)*

***Clinical guidelines and protocols for maternal and neonatal health: an overview of each country situation (part 1)***

16:20 -16:35      Bosnia Herzegovina

16:35 - 16:50      Serbia

16:50 - 17:05      Armenia

17:05 - 17:20      Azerbaijan

17:20 - 17:30      Feedback and homework: Read chapter 4-6 of *BTN*

### **Day 3 – 1 October**

09:00 – 09:15      Summary of previous day      *Participant TBD*

***Specific approaches: Near Miss Case Reviews (NMCR) at facility level***

09:15 – 09:55      Near Miss case reviews main requisites      *Stelian Hodorogea*

Classification, criteria for severity, definitions of near-miss and examples, main concepts, standards, case review framework, areas of analysis

09:55 – 10:30      Near Miss case reviews at facility level      *Alberta Bacci*

Definition of facility based NMCR, running a NMCR meeting, steps in the review process, how to facilitate, confidential or anonymous?, ground rules, summary table, follow up to recommendations, documentation

10:30 - 11:00      **Break**

11:00 – 11:30      NMCR: experiences from other countries (UZB, KAZ)      *Stelian Hodorogea*

11:30 – 12:00      Near-Miss Case reviews at facility level: achievements and challenges of implementation in countries in the European region (MDA, LTV)      *Alberta Bacci*

### ***Group Work 3***

12:00 – 13:00      Discussion about critical issues and main highlights.      *Country participants*

Each country delegation will identify 3-4 critical issues for the introduction/ expansion of *NMCR*

13:00 – 14:00      **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:30      Group work 3 (continued)      *Country participants*

14:30 – 15:30      Presentations of group work 3      *(5' each country)*

15:30 – 16:00      **Break**

### ***Clinical guidelines and protocols for maternal and neonatal health: an overview of each country situation (part 2)***

16:00 - 16:15      Kosovo

16:15 - 16:30      the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

16:30 - 16:45      Albania

16:45 - 17:00      Georgia

17:00 - 17:15      Questions and answers

17:15 - 17:30      Feedback and homework: Read chapter 7-8 of *BTN*

## Day 4 – 2 October

09:00 – 09:15      Summary of previous day      *Participant TBD*

### ***BTN critical issues: pre requisites (clinical guidelines), implementing changes, public health perspective***

09:00 – 09:30      Clinical guidelines and protocols – how to develop/update, use and evaluate      *Stelian Hodorogea*

09:30 – 10:00      Implementing changes – how to be effective in doing these approaches      *Gwyneth Lewis*

### ***Planning the immediate future***

Based on the *BTN* approaches presented during the workshop, develop a draft implementation framework. Country delegations will discuss when, where and how they will introduce *BTN*, and identify resources and timelines required for *BTN* to make progress in their country

### ***Group Work 4***

10:00-10.30      Developing a draft *BTN* country implementation strategy      *Country participants*

Decide changes required to improve quality of care and outcomes; Indicate which *BTN* approach should be introduced or refined in each country and why; Draft objectives and initial steps of *BTN* implementation at national level

10:30-11:00      **Break**

11:00-12:25      Group work 4 (continued)      *Country participants*

12:25 – 12:30      Workshop evaluation

12:30 – 13:30      **Lunch**

### ***Presentation of groups' work: countries' proposals***

13:30 – 13:45      Albania

13:45 – 14:00	Bosnia Herzegovina	
14:00 -14:15	the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	
14:15 - 14:30	Kosovo	
14:30 - 14:45	Serbia	
14:45 - 15:00	Armenia	
15:00 - 15:15	Azerbaijan	
15:15 - 15:30	Georgia	
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Break</b>	
16:00 – 16:30	Summary (BTN approaches)	<i>Alberta Bacci</i>
16:30 - 17:00	BTN in EECA: UNFPA support and next steps	<i>Tamar Khomasuridze, UNFPA EECARO</i>
17:00 - 17:30	Closure	<i>Ministry of Health, UNFPA, WHO, other partners Speakers</i>

Facilitators wind up with UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF and other partners