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High Level Forum on Health, Nutrition and Population-Related MDGs

1. The idea of a high-level forum emerged from a meeting of development agencies and developing countries (Ottawa, May 2003) hosted by the Government of Canada, the World Bank and the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The aim of the High Level Forum on Health, Nutrition and Population-Related MDGs is to provide an opportunity for candid dialogue between senior policy-makers who wish to take stock, review progress and identify possibilities for accelerating action on the health-related Millennium Development Goals.
2. WHO and the World Bank are to host the first meeting of the High Level Forum in Geneva on 8 and 9 January 2004. Participants will include ministers of health and of finance from developing countries and heads of multilateral organizations and bilateral development agencies.
3. The meeting will cover three main themes:
 - resources, effectiveness and harmonization: the implications for health of efforts to harmonize donor procedures will be reviewed
 - human resources for health: critical actions to be taken by governments in developed and developing countries in relation to strengthening human resources for health should be identified
 - monitoring and benchmarking: issues and challenges in monitoring progress towards the health-related Goals will be discussed.

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