Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) Week Commemoration Event and the Launch of the African Health Stats Online Data Platform

WHAT: Commemoration of CARMMA week and launch the “African Health Stats”

WHEN: 26 November 2014, starting at 09:00hrs

WHERE: Small Conference Room 1, African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

WHO: Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission

WHY: Specifically, the activities aim to:

i. Emphasize the role of CARMMA in reducing preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths in Africa;

ii. Facilitate dialogue on MNCH among a diversity of high level national stakeholders as well as other state and non-state actors;

iii. Mobilize all stakeholders - media, communities, service providers, rural leaders, religious groups, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs and the general populace on practical actions to end preventable maternal and child deaths;

iv. Improve accountability by launching the online data platform

v. Share and promote good practices; and Enhance advocacy and resource mobilization for MNCH and SRHR.

BACKGROUND:
Consequent to Executive Council decision, EX.CL/662(XIX) that endorsed the commemoration of CARMMA week, the African Union Commission will be commemorating the CARMMA Week for 2014 under the theme “Accountability for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health…. Lives and not just numbers!” As part of the week long celebrations, the AU will also launch the “African Health Stats” an online data platform that provides data on the status of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) across the continent.

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About CARMMA
The ‘Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA)’ is a major initiative driven by the Department of Social Affairs (DSA) of the African Union Commission (AUC) aimed at promoting and advocating for renewed and intensified implementation of the Maputo Plan of Action for Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality in the Africa Region. The Campaign was launched in May 2009 under the theme: “Africa Cares: No Woman should Die while Giving Life”. More on CARMMA is available on www.carmma.org

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