

Friday, May 30, 2008

## Special Sessions

### Primary Health Care: A New Vision for the Fourth Decade

8:30-10 am

In 2008, we mark the 30th anniversary of the Alma Ata Declaration. The principles of equitable access to affordable health care, using primary health care (PHC) as the tool to turn these principles into practice, remain as valid today as they did in 1978. But times have changed greatly since 1978, and implementing a health system based on PHC, while successful in some countries, continues to face many challenges in general. In this session, we will create a new vision for PHC. What is the new template for reallocating resources to PHC, empowering the community, engaging the government, tracking health outcomes? For moving the principles of Alma Ata forward into the next decade?

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