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UNFPA to underscore centrality of maternal health, family planning to sustainable development at Women Deliver Conference

UNITED NATIONS, Copenhagen/New York, 12 May 2016—Maternal health and family planning are vital to realizing the social and economic well-being of women, girls, families, communities and nations, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, will emphasize at next week's Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. These issues urgently require more commitment from the international community.

The 16-19 May Fourth Women Deliver Conference is billed as the world's largest global conference on health, rights and well-being of women. It will bring together thousands policymakers, advocates and researchers on women's health and empowerment.

Major UNFPA presence at Women Deliver include:

Opening Plenary

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UNFPA Executive Director, **Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin**, is scheduled to speak on the need to focus on quality, equality and accountability to achieve sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls.

When: Monday 16 May, 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Plenary Hall A, Bella Centre, Centre Boulevard 5, Copenhagen

UNFPA Panel: Sustainable development: it starts with family planning

The lives, well-being and empowerment of millions of women depend on if they have the means to decide if, when and how many children to have. Yet, some 225 million women still lack access to modern family planning. This event is expected to call on the international community to urgently secure financial resources for contraceptives to protect the lives and futures of millions of women and girls.

When: Monday 16 May, 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Room: B4-7, Bella Centre, Centre Boulevard 5, Copenhagen

UNFPA Exhibition

With six in ten women dying in childbirth in humanitarian and fragile situations, the UNFPA booth will showcase the importance of ensuring safe birth, with exhibits and publications. A virtual reality film, "Born into exile", recently shot at Zaatari refugee camp

in Jordan, will be launched at the booth. UNFPA's Dr. Osotimehin will officially open the exhibition.

When: Tuesday 17 May, 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: UNFPA booth, Bella Centre Exhibition Hall, Centre Boulevard 5, Copenhagen

Photo exhibition "#childmothers"

UNFPA and Plan International are organizing a photo exhibition, entitled "#childmothers", dedicated to the two million girls who give birth every year before they turn 15. It features more than 50 striking portraits of 15 young mothers from five countries. It aims to inspire global action to do more for young mothers and to prevent teen motherhood. UNFPA's Executive Director, Dr. Osotimehin, and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, a UNFPA Patron, are scheduled to speak at the opening of the exhibition. More information on childmothers.org

When: Tuesday 17 May at 4 p.m.

Where: Danish Parliament, Rigsdagsgården, 1240 København K

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