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Day 1

March 15, 2005

Opening Remarks
Mark Pauly, Bendheim Professor (Wharton)
David Schmittlein, Deputy Dean (Wharton)
Guy Ellena, Director - CHEWR (International Finance Corporation)

Session I

The Economics of Voluntary Health Insurance at Low Income Levels

Chair: Patricia Danzon (Wharton)

Overview
Health Financing Gaps and Development Traps—Alexander Preker (WB)
Voluntary Health Insurance in Development—Mark Bassett (WB)

Discussants:
Fiscal Sustainability—Pablo Gottrett (WB)
Role of Mandatory Pillars and Subsidies—Cristian Barza (WB)

Chair: Richard Scheffler (U.C. Berkeley)

Presentations
Demand for Voluntary Health Insurance—Mark Pauly (Wharton)
Supply of Voluntary Health Insurance—Peter Zweifel (U. Zurich)
Market Equilibrium and Insurance Failure—Mark Pauly & Peter Zweifel

Discussion

Lunch

Meeting of Economic Advisory Group (Closed Session)

Session II — From Theory to Practice

Chair: Olivia Mitchell (Wharton)

Presentations
Impact Evaluation — Oscar Picoso (WB)
Feasibility Studies of Emerging Markets — Johannes Jutting, (OECD)

Discussants:
Paul Gertler (WB), Jere Behrman (Wharton), Emmert Moriatry (IFC), Tec-Wei Hu (U.C. Berkeley), Peter Berman, Mekesh Chawla (WB)

Chair: Presentation

Implications for Health Financing in Africa and South Asia — Nimish Parekh, CEO - United Health Care, India

Day 2

March 16, 2005

Opening Remarks
Mark Pauly (Wharton)

Session III — Role of Health Insurance Industry and World Bank Group

Chair: Cleve Killingsworth, OOO - Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Massachusetts

Presentation
Industry Best Practice — Roger Bowie, Former CEO - Southern Cross, Former President - IHP

Discussants:
Greg Arms, Senior Vice President - UnitedHealth Group, USA
Nicholas Beazley, Group Strategy Director - BUPA, UK
Robert Crane, Vice President - Kaiser, California
Charles Stellar, Executive Vice President, America Health Insurance Plans, Washington, D.C.

Coffee

Chair: Guy Ellena (IFC)

Implications for the IFC, World Bank and Other Development Partners — Invited: World Bank Sector Board Members and George Schieber

Closing Remarks
Mark Pauly (Wharton) and Alexander Preker (WB)

Lunch

Meeting of Industry Advisory Group (Closed Session)

Research Forum and Workshop (Four World Bank/IFC Staff and Researchers)

Introduction:
Alexander Preker (WB), Richard Scheffler (U.C. Berkeley), Mark Bassett (WB)

Facilitators:
Health Financing Research Networks — Gilles Dussault (WB) and Abdo Yazbeck (WB)

Discussions:
Ladi Awosika, CEO - Total Health Trust Ltd., Nigeria
Macdonald Chaora, Chief Executive - CIMA, Zimbabwe
Kabelo Ebineng, MD - Botswana Public Officers Medical Aid Scheme
Banafa Nkosi, CEO - Bonitas Medical Fund, South Africa
Penney Thayi, CEO - Board of Healthcare Funders, Southern Africa

Dinner
Keynote Address: Government and Private Financing of Health Care in Nigeria — His Excellency, Honorable E. Lambo, Minister of Health, Nigeria

Chair: Tom Sackville, CEO - International Federation of Health Plans (iFHP)
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