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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: GLOBAL AND COUNTRY-LEVEL INNOVATIONS AND INITIATIVES IN MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

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There are multiple exciting innovations and initiatives occurring worldwide that build upon the Every Newborn action plan and the UN Secretary Generals Every Woman Every Child initiative. These initiatives speak to the overarching objectives of the Global Strategy – namely Survive, Thrive and Transform. During his keynote address, Professor Engmann will bring many of these global efforts into sharp focus. He will describe the evidence –base for many of these and examine with the aid of country case studies the science of implementing evidence-based best practices at scale. He will demonstrate how effective advocacy coupled with thoughtful, strategic policy formulation can result in transformational changes at national, sub-national (regional, county and district), health facility and community level, and how together, academics, pediatricians, advocates, programmers, clinicians, policymakers and researchers can all make a difference. He will use examples richly drawn from the 1) Early Childhood Development agenda; 2) Human milk banking; 3) Breast feeding & Kangaroo mother care; 4) Country and global level Newborn Health and 5) Maternal immunization

Biography

Cyril Engmann is the Global Program Leader and Director for the Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) program at PATH, an international health organization driving transformative innovation to save lives in 70 countries. In this role he leads a department of over 140 staff (physicians, public health practitioners, scientists, nutritionists, economists, business and policy experts) working in the USA, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Far East on a diverse and complex portfolio of work with grants totaling over \$200M. Prior to this appointment, he led the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Newborn Health Strategy where he designed and oversaw a portfolio of grants totaling \$200M. Cyril also remains an active, practicing physician and academic at the University of Washington Schools Of Medicine & Public Health, Seattle, where he is Attending Neonatologist and Professor of Pediatrics and Global Health.

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