Promoting An Enabling Environment: Music, Technology, Culture and Healthcare

International Conference
Thursday, June 9, 2005
1:15 – 6:00pm
United Nations Headquarters
ECOSOC Chamber

Conference Program

Registration: 11am –
Co-Chairmen: Ambassador Bob Jaling’o & Secretary Neil Solomon, M.D., Ph.D.

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Chair: Ambassador Bob Jaling’o, Former Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, currently consultant and public speaker

Welcoming remarks:
Mr. Ramu Damodaran, Chief
Civil Society Service, United Nations Department of Public Information, (DPI)

Imagining the Possible: Rural ICT Approaches (live video presentation)
Mr. Dan Pellerin, Manager and Ms. Jeannie Carpenter, Administrator
K-Net/ON-RMO First Nations Communities, Canada

Opening Remarks

Mrs. Aliye Celik, Chief, ECOSOC and Interorganization Cooperation Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Dr. Mathew Lee, Director, MD, Howard A. Rusk Professor, Chairman & Medical Director,
Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center
President & Founder of Rusk Without Walls, USA

Roundtable 1: Current Research
Moderator: Maestro Samuel Wong, MD
Principal conductor, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Music Director, Honolulu Symphony,
President, Global Music Healing Institute, USA

Max Hilz, MD, PhD, Dept. of Neurology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

Yeou-Cheng Ma, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine,
Executive Director, the Children’s Orchestra Society, USA

Patrick Whelan, MD, PhD. Dept. of Pediatric Rheumatology, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA

3:30- 3:40: Music demonstration: ICT Drum: Mr. Marc Segueira, Special Lecturer Information Technology Program., NJIT/ICT Department, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

4:00 –6:00PM
Chair: Secretary Neil Solomon, MD, PhD, Former Maryland State Secretary Health and Mental Hygiene, currently Health Communicator, USA

Roundtable 2: Enabling Environments
Music and its effects on the individual have been recognized and practiced for centuries. But what is new is that now, for the first time, we can now prove through technology what happens! Plus, enhance lives more rapidly using ICT as an enabling tool.

This unique interrelated event is part of a series organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) in collaboration with the United Nations ICT-Task Force, Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center, Global Music Healing Institute; NGOs and the private sector. The Conference will address applications related to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in terms of creating partnerships and improving health of citizens worldwide.

Conference addresses:
- ICT as an enabling tool for rural and urban delivery of health care services
- Emerging technologies in music and medicine
- Power of music in creating a dialogue among children
- New understanding of the impact of musical rhythms and its utilization as a “Medical Tool”

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