



# 2009 ANNUAL MINISTERIAL REVIEW

## AMR E-Discussion on Global Public Health

### Background

A moderated e-discussion which was held as part of the preparatory process for the 2009 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) focussed on “*implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health.*” Generating 126 responses from more than 5,500 subscribed participants, including health experts, practitioners and policy-makers from within and outside of the United Nations system, this online forum served as a platform to share relevant knowledge and concrete experiences, and in doing so, generated practical inputs towards the 2009 AMR. Jointly organized by UN/DESA and UNDP, with support of the WHO, it provided an opportunity, in particular for those working at the country level, to submit valuable contributions and actionable recommendations which may also be considered for inclusion in the report of the Secretary-General on the AMR.

### Thematic focus

The e-discussion revolved around two broad themes: (1) **strengthening health care** which addressed the question of “How can we strengthen health systems, achieve universal coverage and revitalize primary health care (PHC), including by overcoming the shortage of health care workers?” and (2) **emerging and future health challenges** which examined the questions of “What are essential elements of national strategies to address the growing magnitude of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes) and their modifiable risk factors (tobacco