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## The Global Strategy for Women, Children and Adolescents and the Sustainable Development Goals: Working together to improve health and equity

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The panel will address the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's (WCA) Health (2016-2030) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDG 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) includes new targets for reducing maternal, newborn, under-five mortality and sexual and reproductive health. Other SDGs address issues of critical importance including education, gender equality, sexual and reproductive rights, nutrition, governance and accountability. The Global Strategy was developed by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and has three objectives: SURVIVE (end preventable deaths), THRIVE (ensure health and well-being) and TRANSFORM (expand enabling environments). While the expanded focus on women and adolescents beyond reproductive health is essential, much of the existing evidence and interventions relate to maternity and child health. This panel will provide an overview of the PMNCH process of developing the Global Strategy—a consultation process incorporating the voices of more than 7,000 individuals and organizations. Other panelists represent CORE Group (an organization representing 70+ international NGOs working in community health and development), the Women and Health Task Force (WHTF, a south-south collaboration to improve women's health), and International Health Central American Institute (IHCAI, focused on health disparities and improved health outcomes in Central America and the Caribbean). They will discuss the roles of WHO/PMNCH, international NGOs, universities and government policies. The panel will focus on what is currently being done, where the





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gaps exist and how multiple-levels of government and civil society can work together to meet the targets for 2030.

