

Nutrition as a Key to Economic Development: The Case for Armenia
Agenda
American University of Armenia, Manoogian Hall
May 26-27, 2014

Day 1- May 26, 2014	
Childhood Nutrition in Armenia	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:20	Welcome and opening remarks: Introduction of all conference organizers and co-sponsors, Kim Hekimian (Columbia University) Dr. Armen Mouradian, Minister of Health, Republic of Armenia
9:20 - 12:15	Session I: Childhood Malnutrition, Moderator: Dr. Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia University)
9:20 - 9:50	Karine Saribekyan (Head of Maternal and Child Health Department, Ministry of Health, Republic of Armenia): "Child malnutrition problems in the RA: Analysis of the situation, the solution strategy"
9:50-10:20	Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia University): "Global Overview of the Double Burden of Nutrition and Why this Conference Now?"
10:20 – 10:50	Andrew Thorne-Lyman (Columbia University): "Nutrition Specific and Nutrition Sensitive Assessments and Interventions to Address Stunting: Current Evidence and Best Practices"
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee Break
11:10– 11:40	Sharon Akabas (Columbia University): "Food Sources of Nutrition – What needs to be added to a diet of bread and potatoes to make a healthy meal?"
11:40 – 12:15	Eugene Dinkevich (Columbia University): "Routine Growth Chart Tracking – How to Identify Problems and How to Intervene"
12:15- 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch

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13:45- 15:15	Session II: Current Assessments in Childhood Nutrition in Armenia, Moderator, Naira Gharakhanyan (WVA)
13:45 -14:05	Kim Hekimian (Columbia University): “Lessons Learned from Breastfeeding Promotion in Armenia”
14:05-14:30	Hambardzum Simonyan (FAR): “Nutrition interventions in an inter-sectoral approach to reduce poverty, Tavush, Armenia 2014”
14:30-15:00	Viktoria Sargsyan (WVA) and Anahit Demirchyan (AUA): “Prevalence and Predictors of Undernutrition and Anemia Among Under five Children in Talin Region of Aragatsotn Marz, Armenia”
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:00	Session III: Current Planned Nutrition Interventions in Armenia – Moderator Varduhi Petrosyan (AUA)
15:30-15:50	Sergey Sargsyan (Arabkir Medical Center/Institute of Child and Adolescent Health): “Dietary intake of Armenian schoolchildren as a risk factor for developing NCDs”
15:50-16:10	Ruzanna Manukyan (WVA): “World Vision’s model for community nutrition training and outreach in Armenia”
16:10 – 17:00	Discussion

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Day 2 - May 27, 2014	
Nutrition Throughout the Lifecycle	
9:00-10:15	Session IV: Nutrition and NCDs Moderator: Dr. John Bilezikian(Columbia)
9:00-9:20	Sharon Akabas (Columbia University): "A Life-cycle Approach to Obesity and NCD Prevention"
9:20-9:40	John Bilezikian (Columbia University): "Diabetes Mellitus: The Global and Local Epidemic"
9:40-10:00	Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia University): "Modifiable risk factors of heart disease in children and adults"
10:00-10:15	Discussion
10:15 – 11:35	Session V: Nutrition Education, Training, Capacity Moderator, MikayelNarimanyan (YSMU)
10:20- 10:40	MikayelNarimanyan (YSMU): "Current Situation Regarding Nutrition Education in Yerevan State Medical School, Continuing Education and In-service training"
10:40 – 11:00	Susanna Harutyunyan (YSMU): "Challenges in Nutrition Training to Reduce Stunting in Armenia"
11:00 – 11:20	Sharon Akabas (Columbia University): "The Challenges to Integrating Nutrition into Health Professional Education in the US"
11:20-11:35	Discussion
11:35 – 11:50	Coffee Break
11:50 – 13:45	Session VI: Clinical Issues in Nutrition Moderator: Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia University)
11:50 – 12:15	John Bilizekian(Columbia University): "Vitamin D, Calcium and Bone Health – Relevance to Armenia"
12:15 - 12:40	Andrew Thorne-Lyman (Columbia University): "Nutrition in Special Clinical Populations: The Case of TB Patients"
12:40 – 13:15	Eugene Dinkevich (Columbia University): "Cow's Milk, Formula and Breastmilk – The Impact on Infant and Child Development"
13:15 – 13:45	Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia University): The Cost of Doing Nothing: Discussion and Close of the Conference