

# **Safe Motherhood Conference**

*The State of the World's and Alabama's Mothers*

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Co-sponsored by : SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology)

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at the University of Alabama in Birmingham

With collaboration from: The Safe Motherhood Initiative, The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Alabama Department of Public Health, and others

9:00 Session 1 **Overview of the State of the World's Mothers Today**

Dr. Mary Blankson, MD, DrPH, Jefferson County Dept. of Public Health

9:45 Session 2 **In the Trenches Internationally**

Brief personal story of Benjo—child of a maternal mortality statistic—  
the inspiration for the founding of SIFAT, Sarah Corson, co-founder of SIFAT  
Special guest: Liberian Civil War Refugee mother, Esther Miamen

10:15 Session 3 **Issues of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Globally**

Hamisu Salihu, MD, PhD, Dept. of MCH, UAB School of Public Health

11:00 Session 4 **Family Planning: Vital for Safe Motherhood**

Andrzej Kulczycki, Phd, Dept. of MCH, UAB School of Public Health

11:30 Session 5 **Safe Motherhood Advocacy**

Kathy Bryson, MPH, MHS, SIFAT International Health Director

12:00 LUNCH (and optional visit to the Village Store, supporting micro-enterprise from around the world)

1:00 Session 6 **The Safe Motherhood Initiative** Myra Tucker, Maternal Health Team, DRH, CDC

1:30 Session 7 **Latinas in our Midst: Special Issues for Immigrant Mothers**

Consuelo Beck-Sague, MD, PhD, HIV Coordinator, DRH, CDC

2:00 Session 8 **The State of Alabama's Mothers**

Julia Hayes, MS, RD, Assit. Dir. Minority Health, ADPH

3:00 Session 9 **Alabama Latina Mothers: Patterns of Health Services Utilization**

Fausto Patino, MD, DrPH, En Espanol; UAB Post-Doctoral Scholar

3:45 Session 10 **In the Trenches Locally**

(Panel discussion: March of Dimes, Samford University School of Nursing, Hispanic clergy member, Hispanic community representatives)

4:30 Session 11 Break-out Session for discussion and recommendations

5:00 End Conference