



# 第九届世界盐业大会

9th International Symposium on Salt



## 9<sup>th</sup> International Salt Symposium in Beijing, China September 4-7, 2009 *Salt, Essence of Life*

A bit of history... In May 2000, at the World Salt Symposium ("Salt 2000") in The Hague, executives of the salt industry met with leaders of governments, NGOs and international organizations to discuss how to better collaborate on eliminating IDD forever. An agreement was reached to form a global coalition of public, private, international and civic organizations whose goal would be the sustained elimination of iodine deficiency disorders through universal salt iodization. This agreement culminated two years later in the high-profile launch at an UN General Assembly side event (A Smart Start for Children) of the *Network for Sustained Elimination of Iodine Deficiency* or the *Iodine Network*.

Today the Iodine Network continues to fulfill the goals that inspired it; the harmonization of efforts to provide support to countries, the tracking of progress in the elimination of IDD and the undertaking of communication and advocacy efforts to ensure the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders remain at the top of the global health and development agenda.

A decade later... the International Salt Symposium entitled *Salt, Essence of Life* is scheduled to take place in Beijing, China. Hosted by the Iodine Network member, China National Salt Industry Corporation (CNISC), it is an opportunity to celebrate "one of the biggest public health success stories of the last decades" with more than 70% of the world now consuming iodized salt compared to 20% in 1990. It is also an outstanding occasion to deepen and update the commitment of the world salt industry to the objectives of eliminating IDD and review new approaches to preventing the brain damage of still 38 million children born at risk of iodine deficiency disorders every year.

The Iodine Network encourages all parties interested in the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders, to register and submit abstracts to CNISC through the [www.worldsalt2009.com](http://www.worldsalt2009.com) website. Deadline for abstract submissions is **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.

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