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**19TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES COALITION**



New & Underused RH Technologies Caucus

Welcome and Background

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Agenda

Time	Event
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome
9:15 - 10:00	New Product Introduction: Opportunities and Challenges
10:00 - 11:00	Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:30	Safe Abortion Supplies Workstream
12:30 - 1:00	NURHT Forward Thinking



Goal of the NURHT Caucus

- Improve clients' choice of available reproductive health technologies
- Contribute to country-level efforts to achieve universal access to reproductive health services and products
- Expand the supply of new and underused technologies to improve equity and meet the needs of lower-income population segments



NURHT Approaches

- Broaden the discussion within the Coalition of technologies that meet users' needs but are not well integrated into the public or commercial sectors globally or in large regional markets.
- Collaborate with the Working Groups to identify specific initiatives that contribute to improved choice level through improved supply
- Identify common barriers that all NURHT products face in areas such as new product introduction, registration, uptake, scale-up
- Provide a space for the Coalition to support access to safe abortion from a supplies angle



NURHT Caucus Year in Review

- NURHT is **198** organizations **strong!**
- **Welcome** to **39** new organizations and **76** individuals
- NURHT covers **contraceptives**, **menstrual health supplies**, and **safe abortion supplies**
- Innovation Fund Grants: **2**
- Community discussions: **7** webinars and **329** viewers
 - General topics: **3**
 - Safe Abortion: **3**
 - Menstrual Health: **1**



NURHT Caucus Forward Thinking

Objective:

To learn about (current and prospective) NURHT Caucus participants' ideas and preferences with respect to priority areas and participation. This input from members regarding their views and priorities can inform NURHT's planning for the upcoming year.



Background

Themes identified at the 2018 General Membership Meeting in Brussels:

- **Periodic updates on Implants**
- Role of frontline midwives & supplies
- Vaginal product use
- **Ideation process for new users**
- **Landscaping on impact of NURHT at other IMs**
- **Female condoms**
- **Menstrual health supplies**
- Occasional method
- Carbetocin
- **New product introduction**
- MPTs (Multipurpose prevention technology)
- **Human centered design**
- Begin with the end in mind



Questions for live polling

- What are some priority areas the NURHT Caucus should focus on for 2019-2020? (Word cloud) We encourage everyone to be as specific as possible.
- Please explain in more detail how you want to see your suggested priority area highlighted within the NURHT Caucus or the RHSC more broadly? Is there a corresponding activity or should this be added to the learning agenda? (Open ended)
 - For example, present brief quarterly updates on _____ on the NURHT Caucus' teleconferences; feature a recently published landscape analysis on _____ on a webinar, add X, Y, and Z resource to the NURHT Caucus webpage; hold a dedicated teleconference on _____; form a sub-group that will focus on increasing access to quality and affordable menstrual health supplies; collaborate with the Maternal Health Supplies Caucus or Market Development Approaches Working Group to co-host a webinar on _____; etc.
- What are ways through which you would like to contribute to the Caucus? (open ended/word cloud)
- What are your interests and suggestions regarding opportunities for member engagement?
- Which types of NURHT activities do you see value in participating? (Ranking or open ended?)



Stay engaged with NURHT priorities this GMM

- **Joint session: Maternal Health Supplies Caucus / NURHT Caucus**
Tuesday, March 26 | 14:00-15:00 | Regal 1
- **Menstrual Health Product Standards: Why do we have to talk about this?**
Plenary Session | Thursday, March 28 | 11:30-12:30 | Regal 1 / 2
- **Assessment Results from Medical Abortion Combi-pack Markets**
Parallel Session | Wednesday, March 27 | 14:00-14:50 | Regal 1 / 2
- **What does method choice mean for USAID?**
Parallel Session | Wednesday, March 27 | 14:00-14:50 | Regency Room
- **What information reaches the end user?**
Parallel Session | Wednesday, March 27 | 15:00-15:50 | Marble Room
- **What program managers need to know about product registration**
Parallel Session | Wednesday, March 27 | 15:00-15:50 | Durbar Room
- **Ensuring equity in access and quality for marginalized groups**
Parallel Session | Thursday, March 28 | 14:00-14:50 | Regal 1 / 2
- **I-U-Me: Building markets for copper IUDs and LNG-IUS to meet diverse needs**
Parallel Session | Thursday, March 28 | 14:00-14:50 | Crystal Room
- **Expanding Method Choice: New resources and lessons learned from the field**
Parallel Session | Thursday, March 28 | 15:00-15:50 | Dynasty Room

Check out the [GMM Info-Pack](#) for more!