

New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus

Background and Update

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Agenda

16:00 - 16:15 **Welcome, introductions, NURHT Update**

Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair

16:15 - 16:45 **New NURHT Initiatives**

Introduction: Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC

Speakers: Laura Hytti, Womena; Briton Bieze, Ipas;
Jennifer Blum, Gynuity; Milka Dinev, RHSC on behalf
of CLACAI; Heather Clark, Population Council

Agenda (continued)

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NURHT Metrics discussion

Facilitation: Kate Rademacher, FHI360 and Elizabeth Westley, MSH

Heat-stable carbetocin - Hans Vemer, Concept Foundation
Post-partum IUD - Mukul Taparia, Pregna

17:15 - 17:30

FP TRT Update and Merger

Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair

17:30 - 18:30

Workplan brainstorm

Facilitators: Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair and Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC

Coalition Updates

Focus on
FP2020

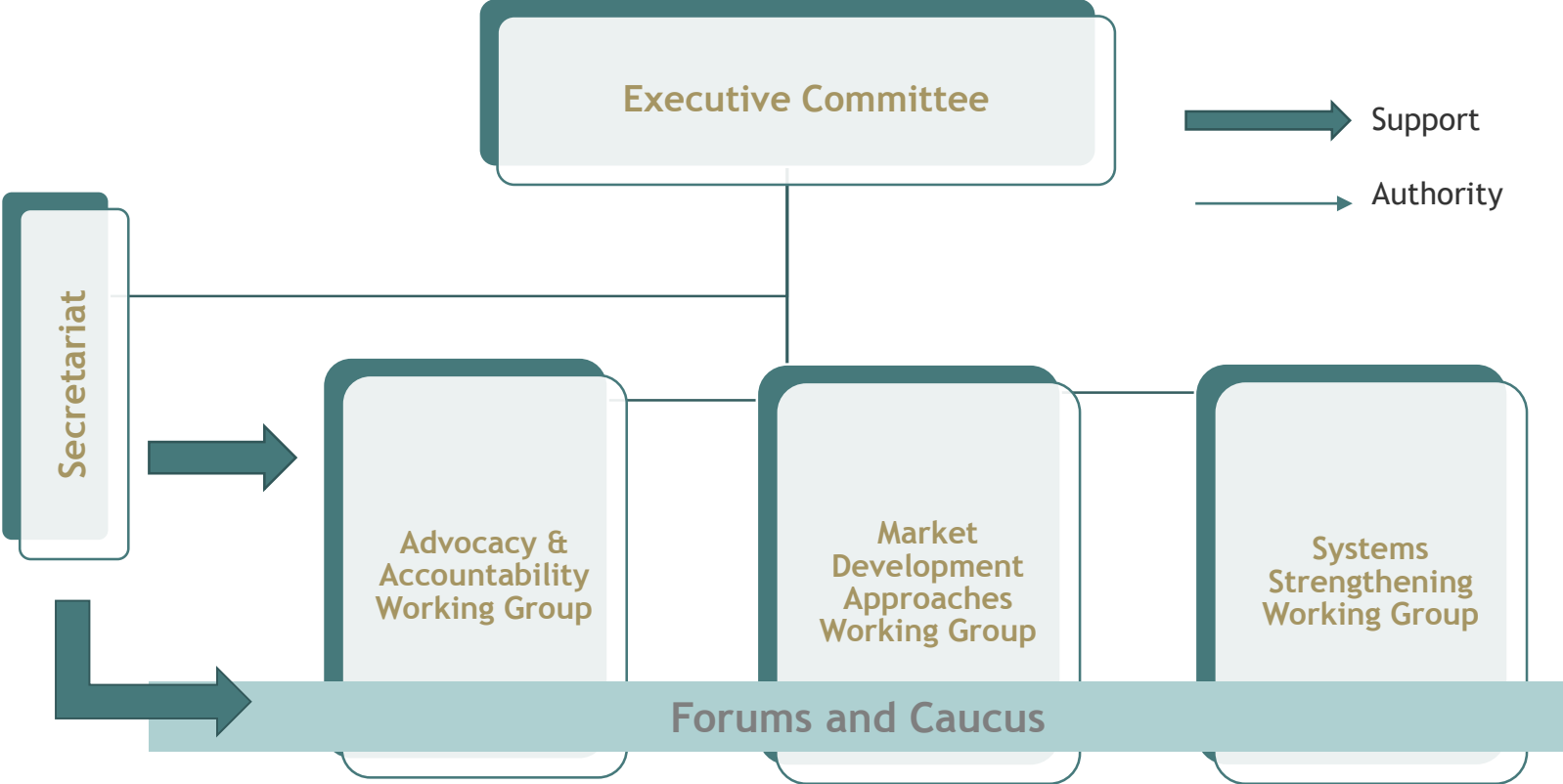
New initiatives

- Youth and adolescents
- Safe abortion

Reinvigoration
of regional
initiatives

- ForoLAC
- SECONAF

RHSC Governance and Administration



What is the NURHT Caucus?

- Community of practice
- Cross-cutting body
- One of the Coalition's eight implementing mechanisms (IMs)
- Approaches:
 - Broaden discussion within the Coalition on NURHTs
 - Collaborate with other Coalition IMs

What do we mean by “new” and “underused”?

New RH technologies are those that are new to a global or country market and are currently available for procurement.






Underused RH technologies are those that are not routinely available in the public, private, or social marketing sectors, as well as those technologies not routinely procured by the major procurers.

The Caucus is not method-specific, but rather it focuses on the common challenges and barriers facing regular uptake of these commodities in developing country markets.

Commodities

1. Contraceptive implants
2. CycleBeads
3. Diaphragm
4. Emergency contraceptive pills
5. Female condom
6. Levonorgestrel intrauterine system
7. Magnesium sulfate
8. Manual vacuum aspiration
9. Mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion
10. Misoprostol for maternal health
11. Oxytocin
12. Pregnancy tests
13. Progesterone vaginal ring
14. Sub-cutaneous DMPA

NURHT Caucus Highlights 2016

- New NURHT awards
 - 5 in 2016! Innovative ideas
- Linking with MDAWG
 - Pregnancy tests webinar
 - Product Introduction meeting Seattle Successful collaboration
- Inclusion/graduation of products
 - Process developed and put into practice Staying relevant
- Coordination of UNCoLSC FP Technical Resource Team Links to and influence on global efforts
- Technical briefs update (in progress) Communicating on NURHTs



Enable women and men to choose from among a wider range of contraceptive and other RH supply options than currently available in the global marketplace.

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Safe abortion supplies landscaping

GOAL is to improve access to safe abortion supplies by better understanding where the gaps and challenges are along the supply chain.

Project phases

Phase I includes a systematic literature review on safe abortion supplies globally

Phase II includes consultations with key experts to vet findings from the literature review, and highlight case studies and innovative solutions via phone interviews and in-person meeting.

Phase III is the development of a final report on the literature review including case studies and recommendations for the field.

Outcome

Safe abortion supplies landscape analysis document

- Serve as a framework for global policy and decision-makers
- Provide the rationale for the global communities' future investment in increasing access to safe abortions supplies.

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Background on UNCoLSC FP TRT

- The UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health (2010) called on the global community to work together to save 16 million lives by 2015
- Challenge was taken up by the [→]UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children
- 9 Technical Resource Teams carried out this work

Emergency Contraception

Female Condoms

Implants



FP TRT

Why the Coalition and the NURHT Caucus?

- NURHT Caucus was instrumental in getting EC, FC, and Implants on the UN Commission's list of life-saving commodities
- Participants in the former EC, Implants and Female Condoms TRTs were already members of the NURHT Caucus
- Given the Coalition's and Commission's primary focus on supplies, the Coalition can ensure the commodity angle of these products will remain at the forefront

FP TRT Goals

- Strengthen public awareness and demand
- Increase availability, accessibility and utilization
- Strengthen systems and capacity of national officers to deliver quality programs
- Strengthen providers/pharmacists capacity to deliver these commodities
- Update existing and develop new tools and guidelines that expand accessibility and use.

FP TRT Select Highlights

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities

- Input on country-level plans
- EC training modules developed and piloted
- Policy and stakeholder landscaping conducted to inform in-country advocacy plans
- Sharing lessons learned on FC: stakeholder meeting (Zambia)

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries

- Media engaged on FC issues (London)
- National dissemination of tools and results
 - Implants, EC and FC tool dissemination and capacity building (December 2014; Nigeria and Senegal)
 - EC materials dissemination (March 2015, DRC; April, Malawi)
- Publications

Unfinished Agenda

- Dissemination of tools and documents
- Following up on outcome of and disseminating results of certain activities
- Commodity specific activities

How can the NURHT Caucus facilitate?

Life-Saving Commodities Practitioners' Network

Goal: translate the global learning and knowhow that the experts have developed into country-level action under the banner of the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents Health.

Features:

- Community of practice (member only)
- Ask-the-expert web feature (public)
- Knowledge library (public)



Life-Saving Commodities Practitioners' Network

From knowledge to action for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

Life-Saving Commodities Practitioners' Network (continued)

Who can join?

Professionals at the sub-national, national, regional and global levels, experienced in RH, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health programs.

How to join?

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Workplan Brainstorming

1. What **new approaches** to existing supply chain barriers facing NURHTs should we be considering?
2. What **emerging topics** around improving the supply chain of NURHT products do we need to be looking at?
3. How can the NURHT Caucus **broaden the scope of the Implementing Mechanisms** to include workstreams that focus on improved choice through improved supply of NURHTs?