

## TOP STORY



## Registration for Dakar now open

Join us in Dakar, Senegal, for the 18th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition 23-27 October. The meeting will acknowledge significant improvements in reproductive health across francophone Africa, while at the same time focussing on the challenges women continue to face in accessing contraceptive methods of their choice. Check out the meeting [landing page](#) for the week's [agenda](#). Please register [here](#), and submit your presentation proposals by 16 June [here](#).

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**[Register now!](#)**

## IN THE NEWS

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### **Commodity Gap Analysis projects annual shortfall of \$233M**

Funding for contraceptive supplies is already insufficient, and without appropriate action, is likely to grow. If current trends continue, the annual funding gap across the 69 FP2020 focus countries will be \$233 million by the year 2020, a Coalition-supported analysis has found. The new report “Global Contraceptive Commodity Gap Analysis 2016” (CGA 2016) has just been published and is [available for download](#). CGA 2016 presents estimates for 135 low- and middle-income countries, with a special focus on the subset of the 69 FP2020 focus countries. [Register here](#) to attend a webinar explaining CGA2016 on Tuesday 30 May, 10:00 EST.

### **Youth Caucus becomes Coalition’s 9th Implementing Mechanism**

After 18 months of active work collecting data, managing dedicated Innovation Fund projects and building alliances, the Youth Discussion Group, with more than 150 members, has been elevated to the status of an RHSC Implementing Mechanism (IM). This decision promises to better inform RHSC interests and executive decisions, and attract the engagement and commitment of other RHSC IMs. Read the Youth Caucus’ [key messages](#). For more information, please contact Emilie Peeters at [epeeters@rhsupplies.org](mailto:epeeters@rhsupplies.org).

### **Bayer’s Klaus Brill accepts manufacturers’ seat on EC**

The Coalition is delighted to announce that Mr. Klaus Brill, the Vice President of Global HealthCare Programs at Bayer AG in Berlin, was recently elected by the Executive Committee as its first Manufacturers’ Representative. [Read more](#)

### **New resource offers procurers guidance on Quality**

A new resource offers procurement groups guidance on quality standards and performance specifications for pregnancy tests. The document, “[Quality and Performance Guidance on Selection of Pregnancy Tests for Procurement](#),” was developed by FHI 360 under the USAID-funded [Envision FP](#) project, in consultation with experts through a workstream of RHSC’s Market Development Approaches working group.

[Read more](#)

### **[New study links stockouts to provider motivation](#)**

An Innovation Fund-supported initiative in Mozambique that links staff motivation with good supply management has been written up in [BMC Health Services Research](#), an open access, peer-reviewed journal. The research, carried out by Ghent University's International Centre for Reproductive Health, explored how—and to what extent—the motivation of providers can be optimized to reduce the frequency of stockouts.

### **[Advocacy resources for subcutaneous DMPA now online](#)**

Advocacy tools for a new type of injectable contraceptive are now available on the RHSC's website. Developed by Coalition member PATH and partner organizations, the Advocacy Pack for Subcutaneous DMPA is designed for use by advocates in the Global South to increase access to subcutaneous DMPA in their countries. The pack is available both in [English](#) and [French](#).

### **[New webinar highlights quality of maternal health supplies](#)**

April's webinar on 'Putting the "Quality" into Maternal Health Medicines' is now available [online](#). Lack of knowledge about the quality of maternal health medicines contributes to ongoing, preventable maternal mortality. This webinar highlights the need to focus on the quality of maternal health medicines, and explores what "quality" really means. It also addresses what it takes to get a medicine approved by the WHO Prequalification program and made available in low income countries.

#### **IN THE CALENDAR**

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**[2017 Conference on Health & Humanitarian Logistics](#)**

**7-9 June**

Copenhagen, Denmark

**[2nd Health & Humanitarian Supply Chain Summit](#)**

**7 July**

Nairobi, Kenya

Joint WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA meeting with pharmaceutical, condom, IUD, vaccine and diagnostics manufacturers and suppliers

**18-21 September**  
Copenhagen, Denmark

[EuroNGO's Annual General Meeting and Conference](#)

**26-28 September**  
Brussels, Belgium

[Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition 18th General Membership Meeting](#)

**23-27 October**  
Dakar, Senegal

[Fourth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health](#)

**13-17 November**  
Dublin, Ireland

[3rd Biennial Scientific Conference: Sustaining the Momentum for Regulatory Harmonization in Africa](#)

**27-29 November**  
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

[9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights](#)

**27-30 November**  
Hanoi, Vietnam

[XXII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

**14-19 October 2018**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[5th International Conference on Family Planning](#)

**12-15 November 2018**  
Kigali, Rwanda



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