

TOP STORY



Nepal's Health Secretary to deliver keynote address

Dr. Pushpa Chaudhary, Secretary, Nepal Ministry of Health and Population, will deliver the keynote address at the upcoming RHSC General Membership Meeting. All speakers can be found in our online [speakers' catalogue](#) and presentations will be available on the [meeting site](#) as soon as they are delivered. To support the meeting on social media, please use the [media kit](#).

IN THE NEWS

[Treating pregnancy-related hypertension: How ready are we?](#)

De-centralized procurement policies are no guarantee that essential supplies will be available to manage hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP), an ongoing study has found. Supported by the Innovation Fund, Gynuity is assessing the readiness of health facilities in Uganda, India and Mexico to diagnose, monitor and treat women with pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, and other hypertensive disorders. Gaps will be identified in equipment, medicines, policy and procurement practices. A range of preliminary findings will be shared in Kathmandu. For more information, please contact Alex McDevitt on amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org.

ForoLAC to deliver better market intelligence

Last year, procurement officers from 15 Latin American governments called on the RHSC's regional forum for Latin America, ForoLAC, to improve market intelligence as a means of bettering their negotiating position with distributors and manufacturers. The result is SEPREMI, an online price platform developed by Coalition member A.B. Prisma, which will allow countries to upload all their pricing data on a range of supplies. This month saw 22 procurement agents and technical consultants pin down indicators and data sources for SEPREMI, which will be launched in June. For more information, please contact coordinador@sepremi.org.

EC welcomes Mukul Taparia and Monique Vledder

This month, the Coalition's governing body, the Executive Committee (EC) admitted two new members to its ranks: Mukul Taparia of Pregna International, Ltd. and Dr. Monique Vledder of the Global Financing Facility.

Longtime Coalition supporter **Mukul Taparia** will take up the seat reserved for the manufacturing sector. In that capacity, he will represent the views and concerns of Coalition manufacturers, engage with them, solicit their input, and speak to their interests. The incumbent of this seat alternates every two years between the innovator and generic subsectors. Mukul replaces Klaus Brill, formerly of Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, who held the post from 2017.

Dr. Monique Vledder has been appointed to an "Open" Seat, which is filled by invitation and at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Open Seats allow the Executive Committee to bring on board individuals or institutional representatives with perspectives, advice, skill sets, and/or sectoral visibility not otherwise present.

FondSeconaf launches!

FondSeconaf, a new small grants program for member organizations of the RHSC's francophone Africa forum SECONAF is now up and running. [Read more](#) about FondSeconaf (in French), look at a sample concept note, and submit your own concept before 5 April. For all

queries, please write to Regional Advisor Aminata Lenormand at alenormand@rhsupplies.org.

Sara Stratton to co-chair AAWG

Sara Stratton, an active member of the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group (AAWG) since 2012, has been elected to co-chair the group alongside current co-chair Rosemarie Muganda. Sara, who is Senior Technical Advisor and Director, Health Practice at Palladium USA, says she appreciates the “special role AAWG holds among all the Coalition’s implementing mechanisms—well placed to mobilize and leverage advocacy expertise to support the other implementing mechanisms, and drawing from strong participation from the Global South”. We welcome Sara, and thank Wendy Turnbull, her predecessor, for her hard work, vision, and support.

Calling all supplies-related presentations at Women Deliver

The Coalition is compiling a guide to RH supplies-related events at this June’s Women Deliver conference in Vancouver. If you or your organization intend to highlight reproductive health supplies in Vancouver, please take a few seconds to [fill out this form](#), or drop a line to Hannah Pandian at hpandian@rhsupplies.org.

NEW MEMBERS

The [Comité promotor por una maternidad segura en Mexico](#) (CPMS-Mexico) is a civil society organization bringing together 64 non-governmental, governmental and academic organizations to improve the quality of women's care during pregnancy and childbirth, and after delivery.

In Chengdu, China, [Sichuan Chuanda West China Pharmaceutical Company, Ltd.](#), is a modern joint-stock hi-tech enterprise with a long history as main manufacturer and supplier of contraceptives to the public and private market in China.

IN THE CALENDAR

Advocacy & Accountability Working Group (AAWG)
New & Underused RH Technologies
Caucus (NURHT)

Youth Caucus
Market Development Approaches Working Group (MDAWG)

25 March
Kathmandu, Nepal

Maternal Health Supplies Caucus (MHS)
Systems Strengthening Working Group (SSWG)

26 March
Kathmandu, Nepal

19th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

25-28 March
Kathmandu, Nepal

Women Deliver 2019 Conference

3-6 June
Vancouver, Canada

European Development Days

18-19 June
Brussels, Belgium

Inspire Annual Conference

01-02 October
Athens, Greece



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