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## West African partners meet to shape future of SECONAF

SECONAF's second annual membership meeting saw more than 50 participants from across West Africa gather in Dakar to shape the future strategic direction of this regional forum. They prioritized greater use of the neutral space SECONAF offers to convene diverse partners. They also called for leveraging the Coalition's global work on commitments and in so doing, help translate supplies-related commitments into action. And finally, participants expressed the need to expand capacity-building opportunities.

The week-long event kicked off with the inaugural meeting of SECONAF'S eight-person executive committee and ended with a three-day workshop on resource mobilization. Facilitated by Coalition partners DSW and Equilibres et Populations, the workshop introduced participants to a wide range of funding opportunities and it strengthened their proposal writing skills, using key project management concepts and tools. For more information, contact Regional Facilitator [Badara Seye](#).

## Coalition partners field test stockout indicators in Zambia

Local representatives of four Coalition members—John Snow Inc., Marie Stopes Zambia, the Zambia Ministry of Community Development Mother and Child Health, and UNFPA—have just concluded two weeks of fieldwork, testing a suite of indicators that should one day help us all speak the same language when it comes to stockouts. The 11-member team spent two weeks training and visiting health centres across four provinces in an effort to refine indicators that better capture the stock situation and strengthen the hand of advocates seeking to improve product availability. For more information, contact Stockouts Officer Ellen Tompsett at [etompsett@rhsupplies.org](mailto:etompsett@rhsupplies.org).

## NURHT Caucus leads new Family Planning TRT

The UN Commodity Commission's three family planning Technical Resource Teams (TRT) have joined forces under the leadership of the Coalition's New and Underused RH Technologies (NURHT) Caucus. Selection of the three commodities—emergency contraception, female condom, and contraceptive implants—was first recommended by the Caucus in 2012, and so it is fitting that they should be reunited under Phase Two of the Commission's work, which runs through the end of 2015. The new FP TRT's work plan has been approved by the RMNCH Strategy and Coordination Team at UNICEF, with priority given to improving access to these methods in service delivery programs. Any questions may be directed to Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair, at [hclark@popcouncil.org](mailto:hclark@popcouncil.org).

## Innovation Fund to help crowdfund safe births

[Financing for Development](#) (F4D) has just launched a new initiative to support [Kangu.org](#), an online platform that enables individuals to crowdfund safe births for expectant mothers in developing countries. The award from the Coalition will enable Kangu to tap F4D's institutional relationships and management capacity in an effort to launch an innovative financing campaign in up to three Latin American countries where access to maternal health care is particularly low for indigenous and low income women. Together with local implementing agencies, F4D and Kangu seek to improve maternal and neonatal health outcomes through the One Mama at a Time campaign by mobilizing a new community of socially-committed donors.

## Faith-based providers not immune to stockouts

Faith-based organizations (FBO) have been offering healthcare services in Africa for more than a century, and in some countries account for up to 50 per cent of all services delivered. Like all service delivery systems, the FBO facilities are not immune from occasional stockouts and supply shortages. But the diversity of approaches they use to provision their facilities means that there is often no easy, and certainly no single, fix. Rising to this challenge, the Coalition's Stockouts Initiative and Coalition member [Christian Connections for International Health \(CCIH\)](#) have embarked on an 18-month effort to build a typology of FBO supply chains and related bottlenecks—a typology that can be used to improve stock availability. For more information, contact Stockouts Officer Ellen Tompsett at [etompsett@rhsupplies.org](mailto:etompsett@rhsupplies.org).

## Adequate supplies keep abortions safe, preventable

Last month, three high-level representatives of LAC Forum, joined 200 delegates in Lima at the Fourth Regional Conference of CLACAI, the Latin American Consortium against Unsafe Abortion. The meeting allowed the LAC Forum to draw attention to the crucial role supplies play in ensuring safe and accessible medical abortion, but also in enabling women to avoid unwanted pregnancies in the first place. Since the meeting, two CLACAI member organizations have applied for Coalition membership.

## Coalition welcomes Gretchen MacLeod

Gretchen MacLeod has joined the Coalition Secretariat as Senior Program Administrator, replacing Shannon Mills who, earlier this month, embarked on an extended round-the-world expedition. Gretchen brings with her 16 years' experience at PATH in finance and administration, most recently as Senior Program Administrator for its \$182 M Malaria Vaccine Initiative RTS,S program. Shannon has left big shoes to fill and will be sorely missed. But we wish her well and look forward to working with Gretchen.

## Coalition membership reaches 299 with four new members

- Asociación Frente de Salud Infantil y Reproductiva de Guatemala. This federation comprises nine Mayan organizations working in the highlands of Guatemala and leads dialogue and cooperation on reproductive health between civil society, international organizations and the public and private sectors.
- [Association de Soutien au Développement des Activités de Population \(ASDPA\)](#). Develops reproductive health projects and manages a free clinic in Bamako, Mali.
- Association pour l'appui aux initiatives de santé communautaires et pour le Marketing Social au CONGO (AAISC/AMSCO). This Congolese NGO socially markets male and female condoms and advocates for sexual and reproductive health.
- [Civil Society for Family Planning in Nigeria \(CiSFP\)](#) is a Nigerian NGO that seeks to reduce maternal and infant mortality through grass-roots advocacy; promotion of family planning; and greater government accountability—especially in fulfilling health-related commitments. CIS-FP is a long-standing partner of the A&A WG and a recipient of funds under its Templeton grant.

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- 26-30 September 7th China Reproductive Health Expo  
28-30 September 2nd PtD Human Resources for SCM Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark  
20-24 October [15th RHSC General Membership Meeting](#), Mexico City, Mexico  
17-19 November 7th Global Health Supply Chain Summit, Accra, Ghana  
25-26 November [11th PPD Inter-ministerial conference on Population and Development](#), New Delhi, India  
5 December ICRH Meeting on “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights”, Ghent, Belgium



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