

**Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition
Eighth Semiannual Membership Meeting – Agenda
October 24–25, 2007
Washington, DC**

Objectives:

- Update members on current Coalition activities, initiatives, and developments.
- Share successes and challenges in ensuring reproductive health commodity security from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) that are highly relevant for developing countries in other regions.
- Emphasize the lessons learned in LAC regarding financing mechanisms, supply chain management under health sector reform, advocacy, the private sector, reaching the underserved, and data for decision-making.

WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2007

- 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration in Quorum Room**
- 9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Introductions and Report on October 23 Executive Committee Meeting**
Speakers: Wolfgang Bichmann and Margret Verwijk, Coalition Co-Chairs
- 9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Since London**
Speaker: John Skibiak, Coalition Director
This session will introduce the overall objectives and agenda of the meeting and highlight key Coalition achievements since the last membership meeting in London.
- 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Working Group Update: Market Development Approaches**
- 10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Working Group Update: Systems Strengthening**
- 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Working Group Update: Resource Mobilization and Awareness/ Introduction of the Advocacy Toolkit**
During this expanded session, RMA WG will update members on its work and introduce the new advocacy toolkit.
- 12:30 p.m.–12:45 p.m. Dash Board**
Speaker: Gary Conille, UNFPA
The "Dash Board" is a web-based program that allows viewers to see at a glance where a country (or region or the world) stands with respect to its achievement of the basic elements that define RH commodity security.
- 12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Lunch in Renoir Room**

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Family Planning in LAC

Speaker: Carmen Barroso, IPPF/Western Hemisphere Region

Respondents: Two Coalition members with expertise from LAC and other regions.

This session will provide an overview of the history of the family planning movement in LAC, including its successes and challenges. Respondents will be asked to draw parallels with other regions.

Format: 30-minute plenary presentation followed by 7 minutes from each respondent and 15 minutes for questions and answers (Q&A).

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Mobilizing and Leveraging Resources for Family Planning

Facilitator: Patricia Mostajo (Peru)

Speakers: Rubén Ortiz (Paraguay), Mirna Montenegro (Guatemala), Teresa de Vargas (Ecuador)

This session will demonstrate the roles of different sectors (government, nongovernmental organizations [NGO], and civil society) in mobilizing and leveraging resources in the context of donor phaseout of contraceptive supplies; the importance of leadership from the MOH in creating a supportive policy environment for contraceptive security; and the value of civil society engagement in resource mobilization and policy implementation efforts.

Format: 15-minute plenary presentations followed by 30 minute Q&A.

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions: Mobilizing and Leveraging Resources

Format: 60-minute breakout sessions with invited guests to allow deeper consideration of specific examples.

- Developing and implementing government policies to ensure financing for family planning and reproductive health
 - Mirna Montenegro, Guatemala (facilitator)
 - Esmeralda de Ramírez, El Salvador
 - Rubén Ortiz, Paraguay
- Financial sustainability for NGOs involved in family planning and the importance of the whole market approach
 - Teresa de Vargas, Ecuador (facilitator)
 - Carmen Barroso, IPPF/Western Hemisphere Region
- The role of advocacy in ensuring commodity security and use of quantitative data to support advocacy
 - Patricia Mostajo, Peru (facilitator)
 - Alejandro Solís, Nicaragua
 - Oscar Viscarra, Bolivia

THURSDAY, October 25, 2007

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration in Quorum Room

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Keynote Address

Speaker: Dr. Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, Bureau for Global Health, USAID

9:30 a.m.–11:15 p.m. Supply Chains Under Health-Sector Reform

Facilitator: Anabella Sánchez (Guatemala)

Speakers: Rene Castro (Chile), Esmeralda de Ramírez (El Salvador), Alejandro Solís (Nicaragua), Oscar Viscarra (Bolivia)

This session highlights key considerations facing the international donor community, policymakers, family planning managers, and logistics advisors as they design and implement reforms for logistics system functions. Guests from developing countries will share the successes and challenges regarding, for example, direct procurement, use of procurement agents, and maintaining contraceptive security in integrated and decentralized logistics systems.

Format: 15-minute plenary presentations followed by 30 minutes for Q&A.

11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions: Supply Chains Under Health-Sector Reform

90-minute breakout sessions with invited guests to allow deeper consideration of specific examples.

- Successes and challenges in outsourcing procurement to a third-party agent
 - Esmeralda de Ramírez, El Salvador (facilitator)
 - Rubén Ortiz, Paraguay
 - Oscar Viscarra, Bolivia
- Successes and challenges in direct procurement
 - René Castro, Chile (facilitator)
 - Patricia Mostajo, Peru
 - Carmen Barroso, IPPF/Western Hemisphere Region
- Maintaining commodity security and prioritizing supply chain management systems in a decentralized and integrated setting
 - Anabella Sánchez, Guatemala (facilitator)
 - Teresa de Vargas, Ecuador
 - Alejandro Solís, Nicaragua

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Lunch in Monet 1 Room

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Conclusion of LAC Session

Facilitator: John Skibiak

Respondents: Three or four Coalition members will relate lessons from LAC to other regions and contexts.

This session links the lessons shared from the LAC region with those of other regions, as well as the Coalition Working Groups. In the plenary session, respondents will consider the relevance of the successes and challenges discussed to their regions of expertise, thus provoking broader discussion amongst all members.

- 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** **Breakout Sessions: Working Groups Consider Lessons from LAC**
The three Coalition Working Groups will consider opportunities to incorporate the lessons learned from LAC into their work plans and on-going activities.
- Market Development Approaches Working Group
 - Resource Mobilization and Awareness Working Group
 - Systems Strengthening Working Group
- 4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.** **Break**
- 4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m.** **New Female Condom Consortium**
Speaker: Yvonne Bogaarts, World Population Foundation (WPF)
This presentation introduces the new “Female Condom Consortium” established in the Netherlands in May 2007 by the Dutch chapter of Oxfam (Novib), the WPF, a small female-condom producer, a specialized distribution firm, and the Dutch Government. Drawing on experience derived from the introduction and distribution of the female condom, the presentation addresses four themes included in the Coalition’s new Strategic Plan: the challenges of ensuring broad method choice, innovative financing, role of women, and alternative product sourcing.
- 4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.** **Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**
Speakers: Wolfgang Bichmann and Margret Verwijk, Co-Chairs
- 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.** **RHSC Capitol Hill Reception**
Population Action International invites you to a reception at:
The Washington Home of Stuart R. Mott
122 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(across from the Supreme Court Building on Maryland Ave.)