

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

2008 Membership Meeting

Agenda

Centre Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, May 22-23, 2008

Objectives:

1. Showcase Europe's role within the Coalition's overall Strategic Framework
 - Financing for development; options for commodity security
 - Harmonization/alignment of programmes and funding
2. Share new knowledge and lessons learned from within the Coalition
 - Update on key Coalition/Secretariat developments
 - Workstream results
3. Engage an expanded membership: identify the path forward
 - Introductions and presentations of new members and their views
 - Identification of critical issues
4. Implementation of the Coalition's Strategic Plan: progress to date and key activities in the year ahead
 - New instruments to be developed/programmes to be undertaken collaboratively
 - Efforts to achieve sustainability
 - Operationalizing new systems

DAY 1: THURSDAY, May 22, 2008

Morning Chair: Wolfgang Bichmann, Vice President, KfW Development Bank

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| 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. | Registration and coffee |
| 9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m. | Welcome
Dominique Dellicour, EuropeAid Cooperation Office (AIDCO), European Commission |
| 9:15 a.m.–9:40 a.m. | Introductions and report on May 21st Executive Committee Meeting
Wolfgang Bichmann and Margret Verwijk, Coalition Co-Chairs |
| 9:40 a.m.–10:00 a.m. | Since Washington
John Skibiak, Director, Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition
This presentation will introduce the overall objectives and agenda of the meeting and highlight key Coalition achievements since the last membership meeting in Washington |
| 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m. | Financing of development assistance in Europe: an overview
Vicky Claeys, Regional Director, IPPF European Network
The presentation will outline the relationship in Europe between bilateral, multilateral, and EU assistance, and the relative significance of each. It will provide a general overview of the European landscape and situate the work of the Coalition in Europe. There will be time for questions at the end. |
| 10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m. | Break |

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Europe looking in: perspectives on reproductive health (RH) supplies from the Commission, EU presidencies, parliamentarians, and bilateral support

European Commission (EC): where do supplies fit?

Antoinette Gosses, European Commission

The 10-minute presentation will use the recently completed consultancy report¹ as a basis for highlighting the relative importance of RH supplies within the EC's thinking and priorities.

Council of Ministers perspective: work on supplies with the European Council

Renate Baehr and Karen Hoehn, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)/German Foundation for World Population

The 10-minute presentation will discuss the role of the Council of Ministers in RH supplies, including the role of EU Presidencies at the national and European levels, and how members of the Coalition have worked with the European Council and can work with them in the future.

Working with the European Parliament: national and EU advocacy through parliamentarians

Neil Datta, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

This 10-minute presentation will briefly explain how the European Parliament works regarding RH supplies and how existing Coalition members, or those assembled at the meeting, can work with, influence, and benefit from parliamentarians.

European bilateral perspective: RH funding by European donors

An Huybrechts, Countdown 2015 Europe; Felicity Daly, Interact Worldwide
This 20-minute presentation will give an overview of how Coalition members can work with bilateral governments, using an analysis of RH funding trends by European donors (from recent Countdown 2015 Europe research² on tracking of funding for RH supplies) and the Countdown 2015 Europe report³ called "Strategic Options for Greater European Investment in RH Supplies".

This will leave about 10 to 15 minutes for general questions from the floor.

12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. The new RH strategy of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Susan Rich, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

12:45 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided at the L'esprit de Sel Brasserie Restaurant, Place Jourdan 52-54, 1040 Bruxelles

¹⁻³ Copies will be presented to all participants ahead of time in their briefing packets.

Afternoon Chair: Lester Chinery, Managing Director, ICON, IPPF

- 2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.** **An expanded Coalition membership and new issues**
Steve Kinzett, Technical Officer, Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition
Short plenary followed by panel discussion facilitated by Jane Hutchings (PATH) by new members of new and emerging issues for RH supplies.
- 3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.** **Breakout sessions: Working Groups (WG)**
1. Provide a forum for new members to meet with colleagues in the WGs
 2. Enable group leaders to provide an update to all members on WG achievements and to enlist the support of new members in carrying out these activities
 3. Identify critical issues that could be (but are not) addressed by the WGs
 4. Begin exploring ways in which WGs can operate within the new realities of the Coalition (i.e., annual meetings) or ways in which the goals and/or critical issues can be addressed
 5. Identify solutions, including wish-lists of support from the Secretariat, which could be incorporated into new funding proposals, etc.
- 6:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.** **Reception**
The reception will be held at the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-arts de Belgique, Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels

DAY 2: FRIDAY, May 23, 2008

Morning Chair: Scott Radloff, Program Manager, USAID, Bureau for Global Health

- 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.** **Registration and coffee**
- 9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.** **Introduction to Day 2 – Scott Radloff**
- 9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** **Market Development Approaches WG: updates and developments**
Ben Light, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** **Systems Strengthening WG: updates and developments**
Alan Bornbusch, US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.** **Resource Mobilization and Awareness WG: updates and developments**
Mercedes Mas de Xaxas, Population Action International (PAI)
- 11:45 a.m.–12:30 pm** **Financing Mechanisms for RH supplies**
Daniella Ballou-Aares, Director and partner at the Dalberg Group
Presentation on progress towards designing mechanisms for the “Minimum Volume Guarantee” and “Pledge Guarantee” mechanisms for financing RH supplies.
- 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
Lunch will be held at the Café des épices, Place Jourdan 21, 1040 Bruxelles

Afternoon Chair: Jagdish Upadhyay, Chief, Commodity Management Branch, UNFPA

- 2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Introduction to Day 2 Afternoon – Jagdish Upadhyay**
- 2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Sustaining our work**
John Skibiak, Director, Coalition
Report out regarding the future sustainability of the Coalition. Around 15 minutes will be available for questions.
- 2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Breakout sessions: in WGs identification of members support to the Coalition using the sustainability framework**
- 3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Break**
- 3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Breakout sessions: in WGs identification of members support to the Coalition using the sustainability framework**
- 4:30 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. Looking ahead to the next year**
John Skibiak, Director, Coalition
- 4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Wrap-up and closing remarks**
Wolfgang Bichmann, Chair