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**18TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES COALITION**

Overview of Youth Caucus activities since RHSC GMM in Seattle

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Youth featured during RHSC GMM in Seattle

- ❖ 11 youth delegates attended the meeting
- ❖ Youth Discussion Group met in-person for the first time
- ❖ First Youth plenary session
- ❖ Discussions with all members on what RHSC's role around young people's access to RH supplies could be



Created the basis for making the youth work more formally integrated in RHSC

Activities planned for 2017

- 1) After positive interaction with the other RHSC Working Groups around youth, starting the process to become a formal Youth Caucus
- 2) Explore the possibility to have a young person in the open chair at the RHSC Executive Committee (EC)
- 3) Develop key messages on youth and reproductive health supplies
- 4) Guarantee meaningful youth participation during next RHSC GMM via a mentorship system
- 5) Data collection on youth and what products they want
- 6) Follow closely the work done in the youth IF programs
- 7) Search for youth specific funding
- 8) Use technology, strong and adapted communication and new media to inform young people about reproductive health products and points of delivery

The Youth Caucus today

- ❖ 167 members
- ❖ Representatives from 43 countries of which 34 are from low or middle income countries
- ❖ 20 calls
- ❖ 390 contributions on the listserv



Ready to identify new activities for 2018 and complete them as well!

Way Forward for the Youth Caucus 2018



Availability >



Quality >



Equity >



Choice >

- ❖ Further explore the interlinkages between reproductive health supplies and young people. By doing a conceptual mapping in collaboration with the other implementing mechanisms.
- ❖ Research and evidence to ensure that product designs and delivery systems take into account costs and other barriers young people face in obtaining RH supplies of their choice.
- ❖ Advocate for the implementation of existing or new youth RH supplies policies and funding streams using the key messages document developed by the Youth Caucus.
- ❖ Ensure that the availability, affordability and quality of menstrual products is fully included in the RH supplies agenda.
- ❖ Seek technological solutions and innovative ways to reach young people so they have full knowledge about sexuality, reproduction and contraceptives, and access the method of their choice



Thank you!

