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NEW AND UNDERUSED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES CAUCUS MEETING

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NURHT CAUCUS BACKGROUND AND 2014 UPDATE

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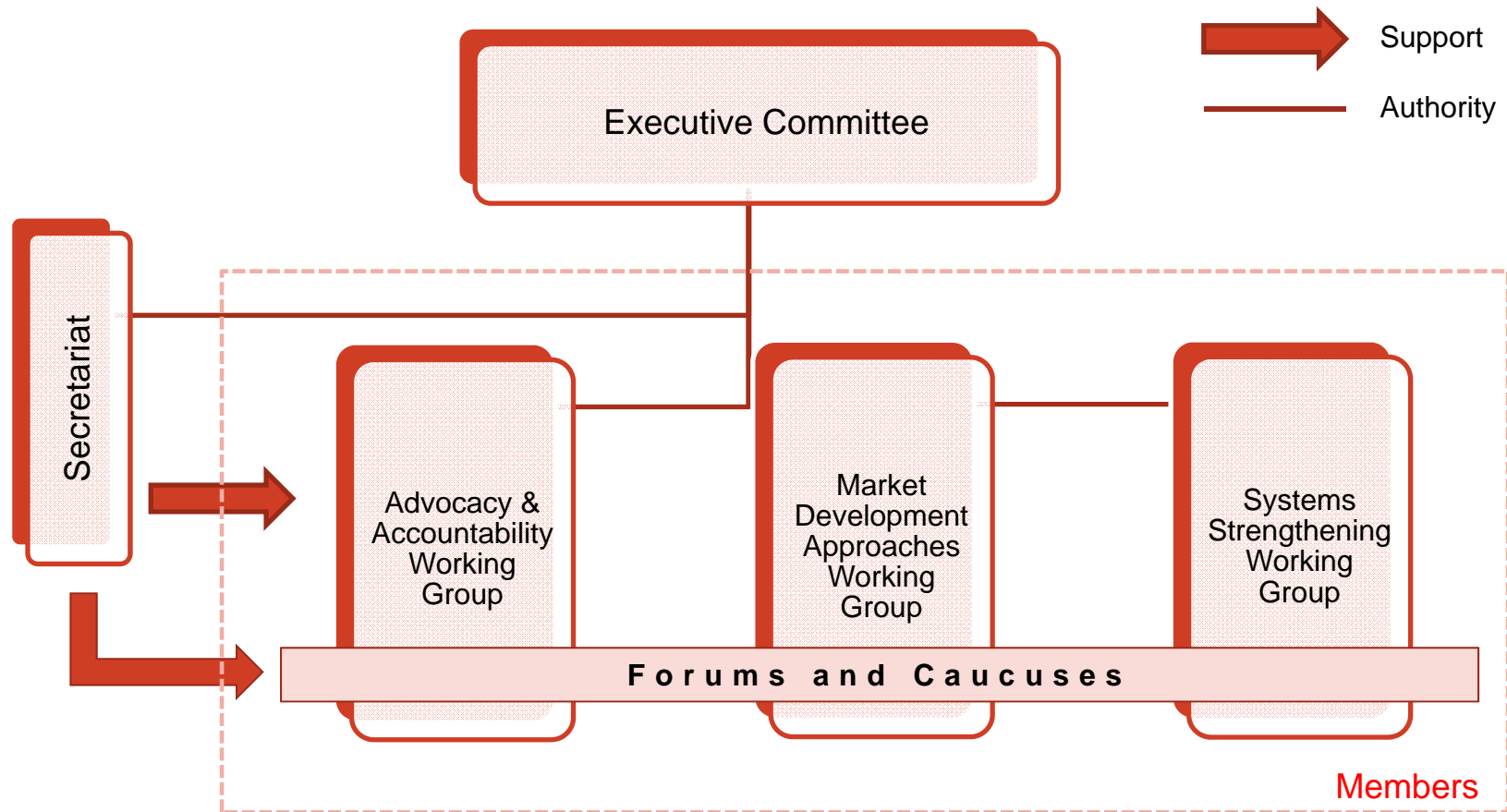
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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES COALITION



Coalition structure and numbers

- Executive Committee
- Brussels-based Secretariat
- Eight Implementing Mechanisms
 - Three Working Groups: Market Development Approaches, Systems Strengthening, Advocacy & Accountability
 - Three Caucuses: NURHT, Maternal Health Supplies, Generic Manufacturers
 - Two Regional Forums: ForoLAC, SECONAF
- 300+ members
- Core support and three initiatives:
 - Shaping Markets
 - Reducing Stockouts
 - Delivering on Promises



BACKGROUND

What is the NURHT Caucus?

- Community of practice and cross-cutting body
- One of the Coalition's eight implementing mechanisms (IM)
- Purpose: To contribute to country-level efforts to achieve MDG 5
- Approaches:
 - Broaden discussion within the Coalition on NURHTs
 - Collaborate with other Coalition IMs

NURHT DEFINITIONS



What are “new” and “underused” methods?

New RH technologies are those that are new to a global or country market and are currently available for procurement.

Underused RH technologies are those that are not routinely available in the public, private, or social marketing sectors, as well as those technologies not routinely procured by the major procurers.

*The Caucus is not method-specific, but rather it focuses on the **common challenges and barriers** facing regular uptake of these commodities in developing country markets.*

PRIORITY COMMODITIES

The Caucus defines 13 priority commodities:

1. Contraceptive implants
2. CycleBeads
3. Diaphragm
4. Emergency contraceptive pills
5. Female condom
6. Levonorgestrel intrauterine system
7. Magnesium sulfate
8. Manual vacuum aspiration
9. Mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion
10. Misoprostol for maternal health
11. Oxytocin
12. Pregnancy tests
13. Progesterone vaginal ring

COALITION UPDATES



The past year was one of tremendous growth for the Coalition...

- 10th anniversary of the Coalition and over 300 members!
- Fully staffed Secretariat
 - Deputy Director: Brian McKenna
 - Senior Program Administrator: Gretchen MacLeod
- Revised Strategy and TOR
 - Four strategic pillars: Availability, Quality, Equity, Choice
 - Levers of change: neutrality, convening power, brain trust, partnerships, flexibility, respected brand name
- Re-launched Innovation Fund and new guidelines in 2014
- Began country and programmatic work under three initiatives

9 STRATEGIC PILLARS OF THE COALITION



Caucus goal: directly contributes to Coalition Strategy

- Strategic pillars:
 - Critical guideposts for reaching strategic goals
 - Condition/state of being we hope to achieve in 10 years
 - Preconditions for achieving our vision: *“All people are able to access and use affordable and quality supplies, including a broad choice of contraceptive methods, needed to ensure their better sexual and reproductive health.”*
- Pillar → pathway → strategic goal → VISION
- Caucus goal: Help improve choice of RH technologies



Enable women and men to choose from among a wider range of contraceptive and other RH supply options than currently available in the global marketplace.

NURHT CAUCUS UPDATES



Since Delhi, the NURHT Caucus has:

- Developed a workplan
 - Two new subgroups formed: Metrics, Essential Medicines Lists (EML)
- Translated and published 2013 product briefs in Spanish and French
- Final draft of editorial for *Contraception*
- Took over coordination role for consolidated FP Technical Reference Team
- Innovation Fund submission from Institute for Reproductive Health (currently under review)

NURHT CAUCUS 2014-2015 WORKPLAN

Objective	Activity	Person(s) Responsible	Anticipated Completion Date	Completion Date	Comments
Increase knowledge of NURHTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update product briefs - Develop dissemination plan for product briefs 	Jamee	1/2/2015		- Authors began working on briefs in August
Make the case for investment in NURHTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize and publish journal editorial (target journal: <i>Contraception</i>) 	John Townsend Heather Clark	10/31/2014		- Drafted and with communications group at Pop Council
Institute process for inclusion/exclusion of NURHTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document process and develop metrics for inclusion/exclusion of NURHTs and plan for periodic review 	Heather Clark (coordinating) Saskia Husken Saumya RamaRao Elizabeth Westley Kate Rademacher Tabitha Sripipatana	10/31/2014		- Subgroup should use Sayana Press as a test case to develop a draft of metrics
EML (TBD)		Jamee Kuznicki (coordinating) Elizabeth Westley Saskia Husken Hilary Lawton Sarah Rich Anita Deshpande Richard Lowe Ally Doody	TBD		
Increase engagement with other RHSC groups: MDA, A&A, SSWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map Caucus/WG membership of NURHT Caucus members - Reach out to each group and identify areas of collaboration 	Heather Clark Jamee Kuznicki Sarah Rich (A&AWG) Elizabeth Westley (MDAWG)	Ongoing		

NURHT CAUCUS CURRENT PORTFOLIO



Current and upcoming work includes:

- Updating 13 technical product briefs for 2014
 - Received revisions from authors on 2013 briefs
 - Next steps: review process and graphic design
- Instituting a process and metrics for product inclusion/exclusion
 - Document process
 - Develop metrics
 - Plans for period review
- Focusing on EMLs in relation to NURHTs
 - Data collected and shared on where our products lie on EMLs
 - Next steps: determine advocacy focus/strategic area of intervention
- Defining areas of collaboration with other WGs (e.g., A&AWG)

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Challenges:

- Linking with Coalition Working Groups

Opportunities:

- Linking with Coalition Working Groups
- UNCoLSC FP TRT

**UN COMMISSION ON LIFE-
SAVING COMMODITIES
FAMILY PLANNING TECHNICAL
REFERENCE TEAM**

- UN Commission absorbed into new Reproductive Maternal Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) Steering Committee and separate trust fund
- Effort to streamline TRTs

Emergency Contraception
Female Condoms
Implants



Family Planning TRT

WHY THE COALITION AND NURHT CAUCUS?



- NURHT Caucus was instrumental in getting EC, FC, and Implants on the UN Commission's list of life-saving commodities
- Participants in the three TRTs were already members of the NURHT Caucus
- Given the Coalition's and Commission's primary focus on supplies, Coalition can ensure the commodity angle of three products will remain at the forefront

- Phase I:
 - Activities completed or wrapping up by end of 2014
- Phase II:
 - Phase II workplan approved for activities through 2015
 - Funding agreements underway
 - Planning with partners ramping up

WORKPLAN HIGHLIGHTS



- Collaborate with local partners to conduct operations research in Malawi to improve access to EC (WHO)
- Development of a media strategy for 2014 to raise public awareness and gain political support for FC (UNFPA)
- Use comprehensive training tools already developed for all three FP commodities; pilot implementation of integrated provider training to pharmacists/other providers in selected sites (ICEC)
- Support country partners in developing and implementing CoLSC country plans, FP2020 projects, and/or other ongoing country projects that focus on EC, FC, and implants (ICEC)
- Support country-level partners to develop and implement in-country advocacy goals and campaigns related to EC, FC, and implants (ICEC, UAFC)

QUESTIONS?

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