



New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus Meeting Background, Progress and Updates

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Agenda

- 1:30-1:45 **Update on the year: Did we achieve our goals?**
RHSC Secretariat
NURHT Caucus
UN Commission FP TRT
Heather Clark, Chair, Population Council and Sophia DeLevie-Orey,
RHSC
- 1:45-2:35 **Metrics for NURHT**
Report back from Metrics Subgroup (25 minutes)
Saskia Hüsken, UAFC
Introduction to the FP2020 Market Dynamics dashboard (15
minutes)
Mabinty Koroma-Moore, FP 2020
Amy Lin, USAID
Discussion (10 minutes)

Agenda (continued)

2:35-3:15 **Innovation Fund Grantee Presentations**

Moderated by Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC

1. The Inclusion of NURHT in Global and Country-Level EMLs (10 minutes)

Elizabeth Westley, ICEC

2. Crossing Over the Thin Blue Line: An Innovation Fund Project to Assess the Availability and Affordability of Pregnancy Tests in Three Countries (10 minutes)

Kate Rademacher, FHI 360

3. Can on-line availability of contraceptives increase access to new and underused methods? (10 minutes)

Victoria Jennings, IRH

Nicki Ashcroft, mHealth

Question and Answer (10 minutes)

Agenda (continued)

3:15-3:30 **Coffee break**

3:30-4:00 **Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (MPTs): New reproductive health products on the horizon**

John Townsend, Population Council (Moderator)

Ben Light, UNFPA

Bethany Young Holt, IMPT

Trisha Wood Santos, Gates Foundation

4:00-5:00 **Forward planning for the next year: Brainstorming Session**

Facilitated by:

Heather Clark, Chair of NURHT Caucus, Population Council

Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC

Closing remarks

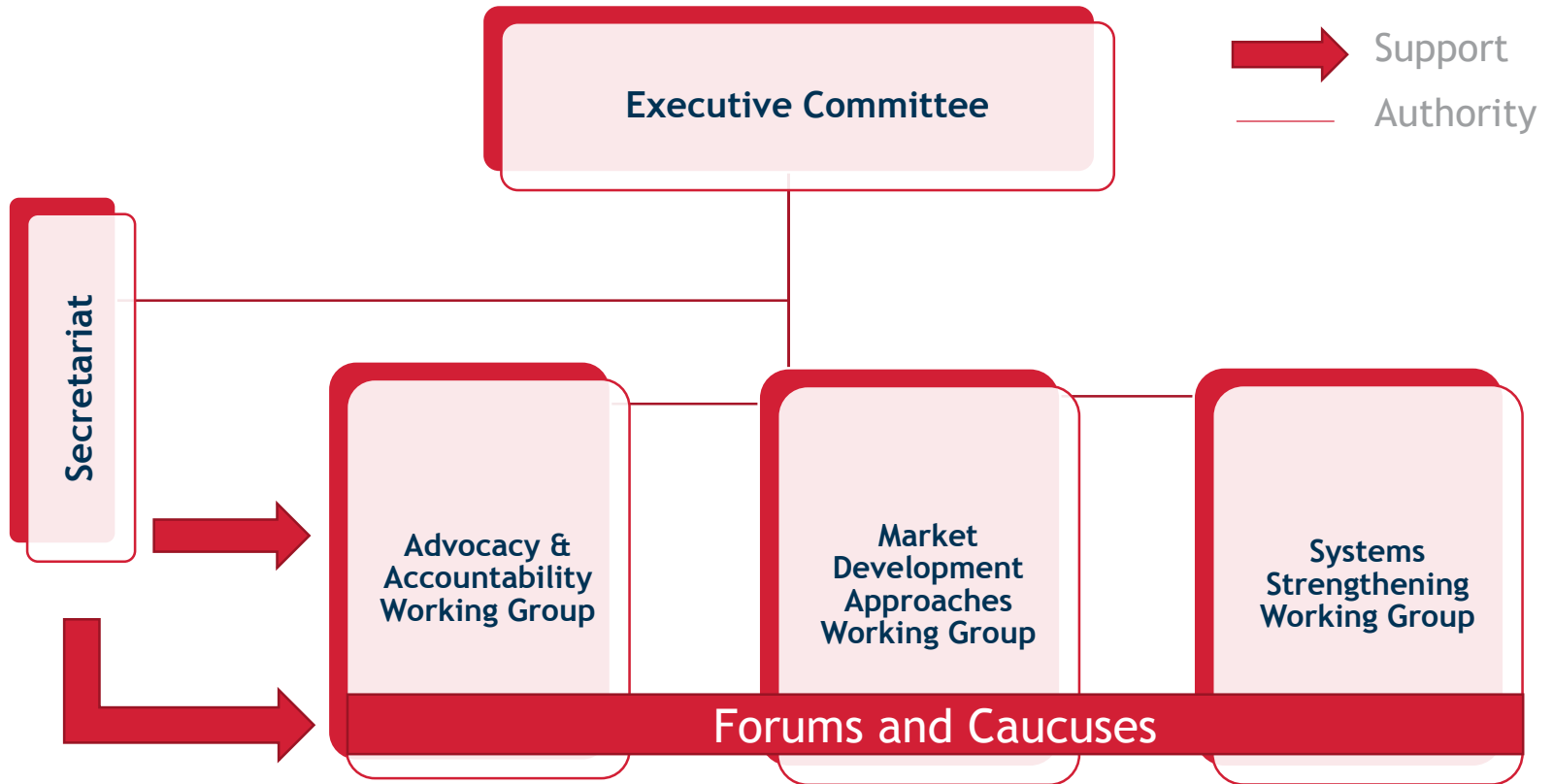
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NURHT CAUCUS BACKGROUND AND 2015 UPDATE

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RHSC Governance



What is the NURHT Caucus

- Community of practice and cross-cutting body
- One of the Coalition's eight implementing mechanisms (IMs)
- Approaches:
 - Broaden discussion within the Coalition on NURHTs
 - Collaborate with other Coalition IMs

NURHT Definitions

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

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

NURHT Caucus Progress 2015

- EML activity launched via Innovation Fund
 - 2014 EML subcommittee
 - Collaboration with A&A WG in Mexico Successful collaboration
- Innovation Fund awardees
 - 3 for 3 in 2015! Innovative ideas
- Metrics for inclusion and graduation of products
 - Tool developed
 - Collaboration with MDAWG Flexible and responsive Caucus
- Coordination of UNCoLSC FP Technical Resource Team
 - Technical input to country plans Links to and influence on global efforts

NURHT Caucus - Ongoing Agenda

- Updating 13 technical product briefs
Next steps: request revisions from technical experts
- Instituting a process and metrics for product inclusion/exclusion
Institute plans for periodic review
- Communicating NURHT work via webinar
Series or stand alone

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges:

- Identifying champions for a steady stream of ideas
- Communicating NURHT work within Coalition

Opportunities:

- Linking with and identifying new activities with IMs
- Caucus and UNCoLSC FP TRT post 2015

UN COMMISSION ON LIFE-SAVING COMMODITIES FAMILY PLANNING TECHNICAL RESOURCE TEAM

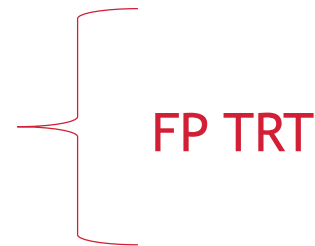
Background on UNCoLSC TRT Restructuring

- UNCoLSC was absorbed into the Reproductive Maternal Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) Steering Committee.
- Effort to streamline TRTs (23 → 9)

Emergency Contraception

Female Condoms

Implants



Why the Coalition and the 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, the Coalition can ensure the commodity angle of these products will remain at the forefront

FP TRT Goals

- Strengthen public awareness and demand
- Increase availability, accessibility and utilization
- Strengthen systems and capacity of national officers to deliver quality programs
- Strengthen providers/pharmacists capacity to deliver these commodities
- Update existing and develop new tools and guidelines that expand accessibility and use.

FP TRT Timelines

- Phase I:
Activities completed end of 2014
- Phase II:
Phase II workplan approved for activities through 2015 with
NCE through 2016
- Beyond Phase II:
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FP TRT Progress Highlights Achieved

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities

- Input on country-level plans
- EC training modules developed and piloted
- EC Operations Research
- Sharing lessons learned on FC: stakeholder meeting (Dec 2014; Zambia)

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries

- Media engaged on FC issues (event held Dec 2014 in London)
- National dissemination of tools and results
 - Implants, EC and FC tool dissemination and capacity building (December 2014; Nigeria and Senegal)
 - EC materials dissemination (March 2015, DRC; April, Malawi)
- Publications

FP TRT Progress Highlights

Ongoing

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities

- Support country level partners to develop in-country advocacy goals

DRC/Bangladesh

- Implementation of integrated provider training to pharmacists

Malawi

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries

- Sharing lessons widely

Globally and locally; conferences, list serves, and papers

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For most women, including women who want to have children, contraception is not an option; it is a basic health care necessity.

-- Louise Slaughter

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