



LARC & Permanent Methods Community of Practice

Technical Consultation:

Expanding Contraceptive Method Choice

Date: September 25th, 2019

Time: *In-person:* 8:30 am - 4:00pm (EDT)

Remote Viewing: 9:00am - 12:45pm & 1:30 - 2:30pm (EDT)

Venue: Human Rights Campaign,
1640 Rhode Island Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20036

Goal:

To support the Long-acting and Reversible Contraceptive and Permanent Methods (LARC and PM) Community of Practice's (CoP) transition to a Method Choice CoP through exploration of new contraceptive data and trends and by hearing from country experiences about what it takes to operationalize an environment where all individuals can freely choose a contraceptive method that best meets their reproductive desires and lifestyle.

Objectives:

Participants will...

- develop an understanding of what the data tell us about contraceptive method choice, where it is inadequate for doing so, and what opportunities exist for understanding method choice better
- discuss process of and lessons from introducing a new method and how it affects contraceptive choice at the country level
- recognize, extract, and reflect on major arguments in the pursuit of balancing efforts between investment in new contraceptive method development with making better use of the contraceptive methods already available
- identify and recommend key priority technical areas of focus for the new Method Choice CoP

Agenda:

Time	Session & Presenters	
Breakfast and Registration (for in-person attendees)		
8:30-9:00	Breakfast & Registration	
LIVESTREAM EVENT BEGINS		
Welcome and Opening		
9:00-9:05	Welcome	Ellen Starbird, USAID
9:05-9:20	Looking Back, Looking Ahead	Trish MacDonald, USAID
Data Panel: What can data on contraceptive method availability and mix tell us about method choice?		
9:20-10:35	<u>Moderator:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Bertrand, Tulane University 	
9:20-10:35	<u>Panelists:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Callahan, FHI 360 Scott Radloff, PMA Emily Sonneveldt, Avenir Health Michelle Weinberger, Avenir Health 	
10:35-11:00	Q&A	
BREAK		
11:00-11:20	Break	
Country Panel: What does it take to introduce a new method and how does it affect contraceptive choice at country level?		
11:20-12:25	<u>Moderator:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martyn Smith, FP2020 	
11:20-12:25	<u>Panelists:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aparna Jain, Population Council Gathari Ndirangu, MCSP Kenya Mengistu Asnake, Pathfinder International Ethiopia Maryjane Lacoste, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 	
12:25-12:45	Q&A	
LIVESTREAM EVENT ENDS		
LUNCH		
12:45-1:30	Lunch	
Debate: Do we need new contraceptive methods to ensure more choice? (Remote participation available)		
1:30-2:10	<u>Moderator:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Townsend, Population Council 	
1:30-2:10	<u>Debaters:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laneta Dorflinger, FHI 360 Roy Jacobstein, Intrahealth 	
2:10-2:30	Audience Perspective/Voting	
BREAK		
2:30-2:50	Break	
Discussion: Shaping the Method Choice CoP Together		
2:50-3:45	Transitioning to a Method Choice CoP	Elaine Menotti, USAID
3:45-3:50	Next Steps	Rita Badiani, E2A Fariyal Fikree, E2A
Closing		
3:50-4:00	Closing Words	Anne Pfitzer, MCSP Trish MacDonald, USAID