

The Implementing Best Practices (IBP) Initiative, coordinated by the World Health Organization/Reproductive Health and Research Department, and supported by USAID, UNFPA and over 30 other organizations working in family planning and reproductive health, is pleased to sponsor sessions on each of the five action areas that emerged from the 2009 International Conference on Family Planning: promoting investments in family planning, expanding access to a broader method mix through community involvement, contraceptive supply systems, integration of family planning within and beyond the health system, and involving men and youth. A session on the USAID High Impact Practices will highlight the importance and approach for using an evidence base in defining what practices are "high impact." All the sessions are designed to share evidence-based and innovative practices, including issues related to scaling up and promoting partnership, through an interactive format. Rotating stations and other approaches will be used to maintain a high level of energy, stimulate exchange of ideas, and generate maximum participation.

Engaging Men in Family Planning – 1 Dec. 9:30-11 AM

Organizers: Institute for Reproductive Health, IPPF

Description: Participants will learn about 6-8 initiatives to engage men in family planning, assess these initiatives through the lens of gender equity, and discuss/identify gender-equitable strategies for engaging men in FP through outreach and service delivery. Initiatives will be discussed from partner organizations including EngenderHealth, IPPF, Promundo, Save the Children, IRH, and others.

Supporting Contraceptive Security: Data Visibility and Coordination – 1 Dec. 11:30 AM-1 PM

Organizers: IntraHealth, PATH/RH Supplies Coalition, JSI/UNFPA

Description: The session will describe interventions that strengthen contraceptive supply chains through improving data visibility, trust, and coordination among decision makers at multiple levels. Tools such as the Procurement Planning and Monitoring Report (PPMR) and RH Interchange will be emphasized to demonstrate "end-to-end" data visibility. Participants will rotate through stations using case studies to learn about utilizing resource groups and data approaches.

Effective Approaches for Increasing Access to Family Planning Services and Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Underserved Areas– 1 Dec. 2--5:30 PM (double session with a 30 min break)

Organizers: EngenderHealth, Marie Stopes International, and Population Services International

Description: The session will focus on three service delivery approaches (mobile outreach, dedicated service providers and special service days) that have been shown to increase access and expand contraceptive choice in underserved areas. The session will be interactive and highlight ways to engage community groups and leaders and to address operational challenges in initiating, replicating, and scaling-up service delivery beyond fixed facilities.

Integration of Family Planning within and beyond the Health Sector – 2 Dec. 9:30 AM-11 AM

Organizers: Jhpiego, USAID, and MSH

Description: The session will share a variety of program efforts to integrate FP with other services and sectors, look at gaps in the evidence of such integration, and explore partnerships and priorities for moving this approach forward. Participants will engage in small group discussions, considering integration of FP with HIV/AIDS, child immunization, workforce and agricultural programs, and environmental efforts. Challenges for scaling up and partnerships will receive attention.

Promoting Investments in FP: Advocacy for National Policies and Development Plans – 2 Dec. 11:30 AM-1 PM

Organizers: FHI, USAID, Futures Group, PRB

Description: Participants will learn how advocacy tools can help governments increase line-item budgets, gain commitments from planning/finance committees, and implement plans with costs identified and addressed. The session will use successful case studies using such tools as the RAPID model, Spectrum/FamPlan, GAP Tool, Costed Implementation Plan, and ENGAGE/Trendalyzer,

Getting HIP-ER: High Impact Practices in FP based on Evidence and Research – 2 Dec. 2-3:30 PM

Organizer: USAID

Description: The session will orient participants to the processes for identifying and defining High Impact Practices (HIP) in FP, familiarize participants with available material and ways to become engaged in helping identify and define HIP in FP. Participants will also engage in an interactive activity to help develop tools and approaches for prioritizing HIP in a country context.