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Context

The Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) is finishing the third year of its “acceleration phase” for which the Ministers of Health of the nine Francophone countries in West Africa, accompanied by their many partners, agreed to add 2.2 million additional users of modern contraception by 2020. The annual meeting for the OP has become an important opportunity for the many family planning actors across the region to come together to celebrate and examine their progress towards this ambitious goal.

The 6th Annual Meeting in Conakry, Guinea in December 2017 had a theme of “Women’s Empowerment and the Contraceptive Revolution” and allowed participants to assess progress to date: after the first two years of the acceleration phase, OP countries were nearly on track to their 2020 targets, although progress varied from country to country. Nevertheless, the meeting showcased that continued effort and progress were needed if the OP were to remain on track. Moreover, the meeting helped the community recognize that additional opportunities remained, and OP countries could possibly even exceed their 2020 targets.

This year, the **7th OP Annual Meeting will be held in Dakar, Senegal from December 12th to 14th** and will continue the examination begun last year with a theme of “**Tracks to OP Success in 2020.**” Specifically, the meeting will explore three topics crucial to our collective success: youth, high-impact practices (HIPs), and multi-sectorality. Specifically, the meeting will be organized along three tracks: (1) Breaking the mold for youth inclusion, (2) Stepping over roadblocks to scale-up high-impact practices; and (3) Pushing family planning beyond health. While each of these tracks/topics has been central to the OP’s work and success over the past years, there is much left to be done and new ideas, data, and information to share across the community.

Each of these topics will be addressed in plenary with expert speakers, panelists and informed stakeholders and will be followed by a series of parallel sessions on more narrow topics. There will also be ample opportunity for side discussions, presentations on different projects in the region, and summary of the overall progress of the OP countries.

Meeting objectives

The OP Annual Meeting is inclusive and will draw many (if not all) family planning stakeholders in the region to develop relationships, celebrate successes, and identify new approaches. More specifically, this year’s meeting aims to:

- Identify effective strategies to better involve youth in family planning decisions and policies, to implement high-impact practices, and to involve sectors other than health in implementation
- Estimate progress in each of the OP countries and across the region and assess difficulties and barriers faced by all participants, including governments, donors, implementing partners, and civil society organizations



- Set priorities for calendar year 2019, and identify questions that may be answered throughout the year and presented at next year's annual meeting

Participants

Between 350 and 400 participants will attend the 7th Annual Meeting, including:

- Country delegations from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, and Togo will include 15 participants per country, including government representatives, youth, religious leaders, journalists, and civil society coalition members,
- Donor representatives, including those from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Canadian government, the French Development Agency (AFD), the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, UNFPA, USAID, and the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation,
- Global partners including FP2020,
- Regional institutions, including the West African Health Organization (WAHO),
- Technical partners,
- Parliamentarians and Mayors,
- Private sector actors

Format

The 7th annual meeting will take place over three days. The first day will focus on overall progress, progress in Senegal specifically (the host country), and the "Pushing family planning beyond health" track (multi-sectorality). The second day will focus on "Breaking the mold for youth inclusion" and on new projects and opportunities in the region. The last day will focus on "Stepping over roadblocks to scale-up high-impact practices" and on recommendations, next steps, and priorities coming out of the previous days' discussions.