

Tuesday, June 23, 2009
National Press Club
529 14th Street NW
Washington, DC

9:30am: Networking &
Light Breakfast
Sessions from 10:00am-
4:30pm
Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by June 10,
2009, to Belinda Arthur:
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INVITATION



You are invited to the launch of a new Community of Practice on Long-Acting and Permanent Methods of Contraception (LA/PMs)

Please join us to launch this new USAID-supported initiative. This LA/PM Community of Practice (CoP) will be an ongoing forum for collective learning, knowledge sharing, coordination, and technical resource development related to long-acting contraception (hormonal implants, IUDs, and permanent methods of contraception [male and female sterilization]).

Attached is the meeting agenda, which is designed to facilitate an initial conversation among organizations concerned with family planning (FP) service delivery about the important role that LA/PMs can play in FP programming, the need to call attention to these methods and different aspects of LA/PM programs. Among other sessions, the morning panel will feature donor perspectives and program priorities, with guest speakers from:

- USAID
- The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The afternoon presentations and panel will focus on the day's featured method, hormonal implants, with guest speakers from:

- USAID
- Population Council/Washington, DC
- Marie Stopes International/London
- Family Health International
- Population Services International

Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Engage with colleagues in discussions about the desired purposes of the LA/PM CoP, as well as how the CoP will work
- Learn about the latest global data on the status of LA/PMs
- Exchange information about participating organizations' respective experience, planned activities, and programmatic issues related to hormonal implants
- Identify future CoP activities of most interest to CoP members

We hope that you and your organization will be able to participate in the launch meeting and will find that the establishment of this LAPM CoP will be to your interest and benefit.