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“Access to Reproductive Health Supplies – Challenges, Barriers and Opportunities in Developing Countries”

A DSW Symposium at the World Health Summit 2011
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Availability of reproductive health (RH) supplies plays a critical role in achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and information, which is fundamental to improving health and effectively fighting poverty. However, in the developing world, the availability and accessibility of RH supplies, such as contraceptives and condoms, as well as tools for safe delivery and medicines for prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, do not meet current demands. Despite an increased demand for RH supplies, donor support is declining or stagnating in many countries and many national governments have not prioritized RH in their strategies yet.

The lack of access to family planning (FP) supplies is a key driver of the more than 60 million annual unintended pregnancies worldwide and high maternal mortality rates throughout the developing world. Challenges related to these problems are: limited resources and donor coordination at national level; the new development aid environment shifting responsibilities and priority setting to recipient countries, as well as weak health systems and supply chains, but also low acceptance of several modern FP methods. In the symposium at the World Health Summit 2011, high-level speakers from politics, civil society and multilateral institutions will discuss these challenges at national and global level and why investing in RH supplies and FP pays off.

Panelists:

Dr. Sharon L. Camp

[President and CEO | **Gutmacher Institute**]

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[President and CEO | **PATH**]

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[Deputy Chief, PSB | **UNFPA**]

DSW organizes this symposium during the World Health Summit 2011. Please register online: <https://www2.kit.de/whs11/registration/whs1> or at the World Health Summit registration desk. You can either register for the 4-day conference or get a daypass for October 23rd. Daypass costs 25Euro and includes admission to all events on the 23rd, material, coffee breaks and lunch.

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