



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

Session title	Country consultation	Room name	Ballroom
Session length	2 hrs, 30 min		
Background and Rationale	<p>The Ouagadougou Partnership, known for its momentum in the sub-region, is also recognized for the commitment of its stakeholders to make family planning a priority in public policy and a true catalyst for development. The Ouagadougou Partnership inspires other areas of the world with its model, in addition to the stakeholders’ energy, interrelations and results they achieve, despite a very small amount of financial resources coming to Francophone countries in West Africa.</p> <p>The Ouagadougou Partnership, launched in 2011, is comprised of countries, including ministries, civil society organizations, youth and the private sector, as well as donors supporting this movement. These stakeholders are also represented within each country by OP focal points as well as the FP2020 global initiative.</p> <p>If the OP’s momentum has been sustained since 2011, it is because stakeholders contribute to reflections and development of strategies to strengthen the partnership each year. Recently, observations have been made on OP operations at the regional level, and several shortfalls were detected in its functionality and effectiveness within certain countries.</p> <p>Last July, the nine OP countries renewed their commitments at the London summit. Together they presented regional commitments, which are representative of the countries’ individual commitments. However, stakeholders are concerned about knowing how the implementation of these commitments can be monitored, to contribute to reaching the goal of an additional 2.2 million women using modern contraceptive methods by 2020.</p> <p>Having four OP focal points in each country with terms of reference in place provides a fantastic opportunity that ensures connections and information sharing at the country level. It also supports governments to maintain coordination mechanisms for CIP implementation. Finally, the focal points help to facilitate an ongoing conversation between stakeholders to better monitor implementation of FP commitments. These focal points could be real catalysts for the momentum of the OP, which is already regarded highly at the regional level.</p> <p>The consultation with the stakeholders at the Ouagadougou Partnership annual meeting will be an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss these two challenges: the functionality of the OP at the country level and the monitoring of commitments made by countries. It will also provide an opportunity to lay the groundwork for reflection, which will facilitate the adoption of approaches aiming to strengthen the OP’s functionality in each country. Finally, it will provide an opportunity to propose strategies that will be useful for monitoring implementation of commitments made regarding FP.</p>		
Expected results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OP’s stakeholders discuss their understanding of the Partnership and what could be established for effective functioning at the country level.</li> <li>2. The recent commitments of OP countries at the London summit are introduced and discussed.</li> <li>3. The countries discuss best approaches, techniques and strategies to establish a monitoring mechanism for the implementation of commitments.</li> </ol>		
Equipment and materials needed	Nine large circles of approximately 18 chairs, projectors, nine flip charts, blank sheets, stickers and markers, one rapporteur per country, laptop computer for writing the report		
Other needs to consider	Simultaneous interpretation, interpreting equipment and headphones for approximately 70 participants, one or two interpreters.		



**PROPOSED FORMAT**

The session will be split into two parts:

- The first part will be 75 minutes and will be dedicated to work by the countries, divided as follows: 30 minutes, during which each country will discuss the challenges of the Partnership, then 45 minutes to discuss monitoring of commitments made by their countries.
- The second part will also be 75 minutes and will be dedicated to presenting results, creating recommendations and consensus.

**Note: Other stakeholders, such as implementation partners, may join the country of their choice.**

**AGENDA**

Time	Leader	Activities	Description
75 min	<b>Moderators:</b> Tom Van Boven and Rodrigue Nguouana  <b>Facilitators by country:</b>  <b>Benin:</b> Dr. Zannou <b>Burkina Faso:</b> Dr. Salou <b>Ivory Coast:</b> Dr. Kouassi <b>Guinea:</b> Dr. Kourouma <b>Mali:</b> Dr. Koné <b>Mauritania:</b> Dr. Moctar Diallo and Dr. Sidi <b>Niger:</b> Dr. Lucien <b>Senegal:</b> Dr. Sarr <b>Togo:</b> Dr. Agossou	Brainstorming and discussion of the Partnership (30 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify obstacles and challenges of the Partnership in your country.</li> <li>- What are the driving forces of the OP at the country level?</li> <li>- How can we ensure effective functionality of the OP within each country?</li> </ul>
		Brainstorming and discussion of commitment monitoring (45 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review (distribution) of commitments (5 minutes)</li> <li>- Sharing experiences on commitment monitoring               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🕒 Experience of the HIV/AIDS observatory in Benin (5 minutes)</li> <li>🕒 Experience of the Motion Tracker (5 minutes)</li> <li>🕒 Experience of similar tools (7 minutes)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- How will OP countries monitor implementation of commitments made regarding FP?</li> <li>- What mechanism would be appropriate to monitor FP commitments?</li> </ul>
75 min	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Moctar Diallo	Results and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each group presents discussion results</li> <li>- Creation of recommendations.</li> </ul>