



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Family Planning and Women's Empowerment!</b>	<b>Session Room</b>	BallRoom
<b>Session Length</b>	1h30m		
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Ouagadougou Partnership is focused on increasing access to and use of modern contraception in nine Francophone countries in West Africa, to protect the health and well-being of women, children, and families. However, the Partnership's members and allies also recognize how family planning offers benefits well-beyond health. Over the past few years, the Partnership has worked closely with partners focused on other social issues – including economic development and education – to identify and enhance opportunities for family planning programs to improve economies and education systems, and for economic development and education programs to promote family planning as a vital tool.</p> <p>As the Partnership continues to develop, we are seeking to better align our family planning efforts with regional campaigns to increase women's rights and empowerment. Indeed, these issues are deeply interrelated: family planning is a tool that can increase women's autonomy, but greater autonomy is necessary if women are to embrace family planning at scale across the region. We are seeking to use the 2017 Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting in Conakry, Guinea to begin building ties between the community of women's empowerment and rights activists, academics, and experts and our membership.</p> <p>We are selecting speakers to discuss efforts to increase women's rights and autonomy in Francophone West Africa and to identify how family planning can support those efforts. Speakers will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative of the UNFPA/World Bank <i>Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend</i> project (SWEDD) to speak about experiences in the region of linking women's empowerment to family planning.</li> <li>• A regional women's empowerment activist to speak about progress and challenges in women's empowerment and rights, and the relationship between sexual and reproductive freedoms and women's rights.</li> <li>• A regional academic to speak about the role of men in women's empowerment, and efforts to increase their involvement.</li> </ul>		
<b>Expected Results</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Ouagadougou Partnership membership is inspired to further enhance family planning efforts to support fundamental issues of equal rights.</li> <li>2. Membership better understand the goals and tactics of women's empowerment campaigns, and the primary challenges and barriers to those efforts.</li> </ol>		



	<p>3. Membership identifies specific ways they can better support the aims of women's empowerment campaigns, and how they might gain strength, ideas, and information from those campaigns to further their own goals.</p> <p>4. All participants begin to build relationships with others working on related issues.</p>
<b>Equipment and Materials Needed</b>	Projector; a dias, and on-stage seats for panelists during discussion
<b>Other Needs or Considerations</b>	Translators

### PROPOSED FORMAT

Time	Lead	Activity/Articulation	Description
5 Mins	Rachel Cintron, Health Office Director, USAID West Africa (Moderator)	Welcome	<i>Introductions, Description of Format and Instructions</i>
15 Mins	Justin Koffi, Regional Coordinator UNFPA-World Bank SWEDD project		<i>On the ground experiences with women's empowerment and family planning</i>
15 Mins	Codou Diaw, FAWE.org		<i>The relationship between women's empowerment and SRHR</i>
15 Mins	Marius Zambou Vouking, CDBPS-H		<i>Analysis of interventions to better include men in family planning decisions</i>
25 Mins	Rachel Cintron, USAID West Africa (Moderator)	Q&A with moderator/panelists	<i>Moderator asks each panelist to comment on two pre-planned questions</i>
15 Mins	Rachel Cintron, USAID West Africa (Moderator)	Q & A with the audience	<i>Moderator will call on participants and hostesses will pass microphone around the room</i>