

UN Commission on Life Saving
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**Antenatal Corticosteroids
Technical Working Group:
Background and Introduction**

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8:30am – 4:00pm

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Date and time:	June 14, 2016 8:30am to 4:30pm EDT
Physical Meeting:	PATH DC Office 455 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20001 <i>Security will only allow access to participants who have pre-registered. If you have not already sent an RSVP to Amelia Kinter, please RSVP to Chelsea Dunning at cdunning@pciglobal.org</i>
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Time	Agenda Item	Session Lead
9:50	WHO multi-country ACS safety and efficacy study	Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Coordinator, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Research and Development Team, WHO
10:15	Update on the Threatened Preterm Birth Care training curriculum	Lindsay Grenier, Maternal Health Advisor, MCSP/Jhpiego
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	Aiming Low: Optimizing ACS dosing regimens	Dr. Rachel Gibson, Clinical Scientist, MNH Unit GlaxoSmithKline and Dr. Alan Jobe, Professor of Pediatrics/Neonatology Cincinnati Children's Hospital
11:45	Brief update on other innovations and research	Open participation
12:00	Lunch (provided on site)	
12:45	UNCoLSC ACS policy and implementation landscape analysis in seven pathfinder countries INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Methods/tools • Country participation • Overview of findings 	Dr. Jim Litch, Every Premie / GAPPS Judith Robb-McCord, Every Premie / PCI
1:15	PANEL 1: Country findings and current efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRC • Ethiopia • Malawi • Q&A for DRC, Ethiopia, Malawi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laetitia Mavinga, Pediatrician, Neonatology Unit, Cliniques Universitaires, Kinshasa University, DRC • Dr. Lisanu Tadesse, Newborn & Child Health Technical Advisor, FMOH, Ethiopia • Dr. Eneles Kachule, Desk Officer for Care of LBW & PT Babies, Reproductive Health Division, MOH, Malawi
2:05	PANEL 2: Country findings and current efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria • Sierra Leone • Tanzania • Uganda • Q&A for Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bose Adeniran, Head of Child Health Division, FMOH, Nigeria • Dr. Alimamy Philip Koroma, Senior Ob/Gyn, Director, Princess Christian Maternity Hospital—Cottage Hospital, Sierra Leone • Dr. Kidanto Hussein, Consultant Ob/Gyn, RMNCH, MOH, Tanzania • Dr. Jesca Sabiti, Assistant Commissioner Health Services, Child and Newborn Health, MOH, Uganda
3:15	Implementation going forward – what do countries need?	Open discussion – Facilitator: country representative
4:00	Taking stock: discussion on future of ACS TWG (post UNCoLSC)	Open participation
4:30	CLOSE	

UNCoLSC Background

- Formed in 2012 by the UN Secretary-General as part of the global Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement.
- EWEC challenges the global community to increase access to and appropriate use of essential medicines, medical devices, and health supplies that effectively address the leading preventable causes of death during pregnancy, childbirth, and childhood.
- Identified ACS as one of thirteen life-saving commodities within their maternal, newborn, and child health commodities framework.
- A 5 year effort that comes to a close June 2016.

UNCoLSC ACS TWG

- **Formed in 2013 under the auspices of the Newborn Health TRT**
- **Convened a range of experts from UN organizations, universities, donors, research, and scientific organizations and NGOs.**
- **Members include the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth at Seattle Children's, Instituto de Efectividad Clinica y Sanitaria, Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children, the US National Institutes of Health, USAID, and WHO.**

ACS TWG Activities

- Developed a plan to aggregate known data and gather new data related to ACS use and barriers to use
- Shared the evidence, and systematically address research needs and barriers to ACS use.
- Led the effort to have dexamethasone added to the WHO's Essential Medicine List for fetal indications for the specific use of accelerating lung maturity in preterm babies.
- Supported the development of the WHO *Recommendations on interventions to improve preterm birth outcomes, 2015.*
- Supported the development the Care of Threatened Preterm Birth curriculum
- Involved in the ENAP Metrics ACS Work Group