

International Seminar on Medication Abortion: Availability and use, and impact on abortion safety and women's health

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Programme

Wednesday 6 July

8:30	Registration	
9:00 – 9:45	Opening - Remarks, Welcome & Introduction	(IUSSP/Mary Ellen) (Susheela) (Harriet) (Nafi Diop)
	Logistics	
Session 1: Misoprostol for medication abortion		
Chair: Agnes Guillaume		
Discussant: Ndola Prata		
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Institutional and professional priorities regarding Misoprostol in Benin and Burkina Faso</i>	
		Fatoumata Ouattara, Seydou Drabo, Carine Baxerres, Agnès Guillaume
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Community-based distribution of misoprostol for early abortion: Evaluation of a program on the Thailand-Burma border</i>	
		Angel Foster, Grady Arnott, Cari Sietstra, Margaret Hobstetter
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Trends in availability, use and quality of care for medication abortion services in private pharmacies and clinics in Western Kenya</i>	
		Francis Obare, Wilson Liambila, Harriet Birungi
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 11:50	Discussant: Ndola Prata	
11:50 – 1:00	Open Discussion	
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	

Session 2: Beyond clinics: self-medication, pharmacies and other points of care

Chair: Ndola Prata
Discussant: Harriet Birungi

2:00 – 2:20 *The use of misoprostol in abortive practices in Madagascar: between ease of access and lack of information (an anthropological approach)*

Dolorès Pourette, Chiarella Mattern, Patricia Nambinintsoa Raharimalala

2:20 – 2:40 *Medical abortion outside of centers in Bangladesh; women's experiences*

Elisabeth Eckersberger, Sadid Nuremowla, Arunima Islam, Kate Reiss, Thoai Ngo, Pronab Chowdhury, Barbara Reichwein, Cicely Marston

2:40 – 3:00 *Second trimester medication abortion outside of the clinic setting*

Caitlin Gerdts, Sarah Baum, Daniel Grossman, Kelly Blanchard

3:00 – 3:30 **Coffee break**

3:30 – 3:50 Discussant: Harriet Birungi

3:50 – 5:00 Open Discussion

Thursday 7 July

Session 3: Access, quality and safety of medication abortion

Chair: Sabina Faiz Rashid
Discussant: Agnes Guillaume

9:00 – 9:20 *Using a call center to support the provision and uptake of menstrual regulation medications in Bangladesh: a harm reduction approach*

Barbara Reichwein, Katharine Footman, Munnaf Sadekin, Sadid A. Nuremowla, Suzie Schaffnit, Gillian Eva, Kate Reiss

9:20 – 9:40 *Assessing the safety and effectiveness of medical abortion medications purchased from pharmacies: Methodological challenges and emerging data*

Katharine Footman, Sally Dijkerman, Shahida Akter Mitu, Pronab Choudhury, Sadid Nuremowla, Thoai Ngo, Kate Reiss

9:40–10:00 *From dilation and curettage to medication abortion: Documenting a successful transition at the Mexico City Legal Abortion Program*

Araceli Fernández-Cerdeño, Jorge Morales, Claudia Díaz-Olavarrieta

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 – 10:50 *Medication abortion in Zambia: trajectories, costs and healthcare provider perspectives*

Ernestina Coast, Emily Freeman, Tiziana Leone

10:50 – 11:15 Discussant: Agnes Guillaume

11:15 – 12:00 Open Discussion

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

Afternoon free. (Optional Outing – to be decided).

Friday 8 July

Session 4. Medication abortion: measurement issues, trends and availability

Chair: Fatima Juarez

Discussant: Sabina Faiz Rashid

9:00 – 9:20 *Trends of use of medical abortion in India: A missed opportunity in formal health system*

Sushanta Banerjee, Kathryn Louise Andersen, Sumit Gulati, Vinoj Manning

9:20 – 9:40 *Availability and use of menstrual regulation with medication among pharmacies in Bangladesh: A situation analysis*

Fauzia Huda, Anadil Alam, Hassan Rushekh Mahmood, Bidhan Krishna Sarker, Nafis Al Haque, Faisal Ahmmed, Anisuddin Ahmed

9:40 – 10:00 *Medical abortion in Zambia: Results from a longitudinal qualitative study*

Ann Moore, Ragnar Anderson, Mardieh Dennis, Akinrinola Bankole

10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 10:50 *Measuring abortion incidence in the context of access to medical abortion*

Gilda Sedgh, Sarah Keogh

10:50 – 11:15 Discussant: Sabina Faiz Rashid and Fatima Juarez

11:15 – 12:00 Open Discussion

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm *Lunch*

Session 5: Priority research questions on medication abortion

Chair: Ndola Prata

Panel: Ernestina Coast (LSE); Sushanta Banerjee (Ipas Development Foundation - India); Jennifer Blum (Gynuity); Fatima Juarez (El Colegio, Mexico)

1:00 – 2:00 Panel - presentations

2:00 – 3:00 Open Discussion

3:00 – 3:30 *Coffee break*

Session 6: Methodological issues with research on medication abortion

Chair: Susheela Singh

Panel: Diana Foster (UCSF); Gilda Sedgh; Harriet Birungi (Population Council); Caitlin Gerdt [not attending but may provide some comments]

3:30 – 4:30 Panel - presentations

4:30 – 5:30 Open discussion

Session 7: Wrap up: Next steps and closing

Chair: Susheela Singh

5:30 – 6:15 Panel on Abortion Research & Fatima Juarez (IUSSP Liaison): outline next steps

6:15 – 6:30 *Closing*