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**Evening Event**

# Beyond the Numbers: Building a Culture of Data for Family Planning

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Ágora, Room HI

High-quality, reliable data is the foundation of smart family planning policy and programming. But too often, evidence does not translate into action. As the family planning ecosystem faces new pressures and opportunities, the question is: how do we ensure data drives real decisions that improve lives?

This session brings together senior government leaders from Africa, Aparajita Ramakrishnan (Director of Family Planning, the Gates Foundation), and global innovators to explore how data can shape the future of family planning. Aparajita will share how the Gates Foundation is embedding a culture of evidence-based decision making, while government leaders will speak to how they are putting that ethos into practice in policy and programs.

You will hear cutting-edge perspectives from Sema Sgaier, who is advancing causal modeling, and James Blanchard, who is working closely with governments to deliver granular health system data they can act on. Together, the panel will offer a rare inside look at how governments, donors, and researchers are converging to build resilient, country-owned systems – and what it will take to turn evidence into lasting impact.

**Don't miss this chance to hear directly from those helping shape the future of family planning data use!**

**Speakers**:
Katherine Hay, Co-Executive Director, Center on Gender Equity and Health at the University of California, San Diego
Aparajita Ramakrishnan, Director, Family Planning, Gates Foundation
Dr. Sema Sgaier, Co-Founder and CEO, Surgo Health
Dr. James Blanchard, Professor, University of Manitoba
Dr. Fatoumata Toure Bamba, Cote d'Ivoire Director Coordinator of the National Program for Maternal and Child Health
Dr. Kemi Ogunyemi, Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Health

**Let us know you're coming!**
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