

**Regional Meeting of the
Southern and Eastern African Parliamentary Alliance of Committees of Health (SEAPACOH):
Repositioning Family Planning and Reproductive Health in Africa:
Lessons Learnt, Challenges and Opportunities
Imperial Royal Hotel, Kampala, Uganda
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Follow-Up Survey Results

- This was a short questionnaire to help us determine the best methods for SEAPACOH and partners to follow-up with your in-country work and promote the sharing of information throughout the year.
 - 45 surveys were returned
1. What would be the best method for SEAPACOH to share information with you outside of meetings?
 - Email/ email list: 96%
 - Website: 27%
 - Other: 18% (fax, telephone, correspondence, Facebook, exchange visits)
 2. What is the best way for you to share information, best practices, and lessons with your fellow parliamentarians in other countries?
 - Email/ email list: 80%
 - Website: 27%
 - Other: 16% (workshops, briefing meetings)
 3. How could SEAPACOH keep you updated on issues related to your work?
 - Share information and news through email: 71%
 - Have a website where global and regional agreements (e.g. Maputo, Abuja, etc.) can be downloaded: 51%
 - Have a website where examples of members bills can be downloaded: 31%
 - Have a website where you can post information on progress in your country: 36%
 - Other: 11% (workshops, through office of the Secretary of the National Assembly)
 4. What would be the best follow-up mechanism for members of parliament to report on their in-country work?
 - Quarterly report to SEAPACOH Secretariat by email: 40%
 - Bi-annual report to SEAPACOH Secretariat by email: 51%
 - Other: 9% (annual, annual general meeting, exchange visits)
 5. Do you have any other suggestions for how SEAPACOH can improve coordination and reporting mechanisms between members?

82% made a comment

 - A permanent/ full-time secretariat would improve communications- 8
 - Annual meetings- 5
 - More regular/ (bi-annual or quarterly) regional meetings- 5
 - Rotate meeting location- 4
 - Current communication methods are in order and should be maintained- 4

- **Interactive (increased) email list- 4**
- **Use the media if funds allow- 2**
- **Contact person(s) in each parliament to coordinate- 2**
- **Exchange visits- 2**
- **Have the parliamentary committee clerk as a contact person for monitoring progress**
- **Enhance work with individual MPs**
- **Increase participation in SEAPACOH to additional committees and forums and countries, and to more women- 4**
- **Arrange to have permanent member[ship] from committees of health from member countries so as to create continuity and sustain efforts**
- **Benchmarking and networking**
- **The steering committee meets to discuss reports and ensure commitment more frequently**
- **If it is possible to expand the working languages to French and Kiswahili . . .**
- **SEAPACOH should be more aggressive with MPs in ensuring activities are carried out and reported on—this will increase visibility- 1**
- **Restricted website/blog**