Launch of the French-Speaking Midwives Network (Réseau des Sages-femmes Francophones)

**Organiser**

Maternal, Newborn and Child health worker/ HRHCoP; French Speaking Midwives Network and The Conseil National de l’Ordre des Sages-Femmes de France

**Objective**

Under the Muskoka initiative, The French Speaking Midwives have been for a while, seeking an opportunity to get organized in a formal Network to strengthen their capacity by offering mutual support to members (individual and associative).

The side event will aim to contribute to:

- Sensitizing the national and international organizations to the necessity of supporting the Réseau des SF francophones allowing it to ensure the sustainability of the efforts, displayed till date by the GHWA and its partners while working on the reinforcement of the Human Resources for Mother and Infant healthcare; and,

- Establishing the main formal and autonomous structure of the Network allowing its members and partners/collaborators to:
  
  - engage through the Muskoka France Initiative presently and
  - most importantly to ensure sustainability of the collaboration through a mutual support of the members from North and South, on the long run.

**Outcome**

A Provisory Board of the Réseau des Sages-Femmes Francophones is elected:
- Directives for the statutes of the Network are discussed and voted;

- An Action Plan for the first year activities of the Board is established.