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**Purpose**

This presentation contributes to the module learning objectives by explaining the Multiple Streams and Windows of Opportunity policy change framework that can be used as a basis for thinking through how to effect policy change.

**Time Required**

45 min

**Activity Description**

PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes. This is a significant presentation that helps to ground the entire workshop curriculum. The Multiple Streams and Windows of Opportunity framework is explained. This includes a discussion of the three streams (problems, politics, and solutions) and of three key elements that can be used to move the three streams together to create a window of opportunity (policy learning, attention focusing, and policy community strengthening). Overall, this presentation does not ask for much audience interaction.

To get a strong grasp of the material in this presentation, you may wish to read two particular background articles. The framework is based on one that is put forth by Porter in the paper, *Knowledge Utilization and the Process of Policy Formulation* available at: [www.path.org/vaccineresources/files/Knowledge_utilization_policyFormation_USAID.pdf](http://www.path.org/vaccineresources/files/Knowledge_utilization_policyFormation_USAID.pdf) (focus on the section that begins with ‘Policy Process—Agendas and Multiple Streams’). In addition, many of the ideas and notes in this presentation are taken from the article, “Generating Political Will for Safe Motherhood in Indonesia,” by Jeremy Shiffman available at: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12600358](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12600358).

This session introduces significant concepts for the entire workshop, so it is highly recommended that you include it no matter what set of skills you seek to build for participants. During the session, encourage participants to ask questions to ensure they are learning these important concepts.

**Key Learning Concept(s)**

- Understanding the Multiple Streams and Windows of Opportunity policy change framework:
  - Defining the three streams that can help create a window of opportunity
Understanding the three elements that can help move the three streams together

Materials Needed
- Laptop and projector

Associated Exercises
- Generating Political Will small group discussion

Required Preparation