Context:

the interlinkages the interlinkages among the various declarations, plans of action or roadmaps

adopted by universal consensus over the past 15 years.

Commitments encompassed essentially in (ICPD), 1994; the Millennium Summit, 2000.

Commitments

- ICPD+5, ICPD+10
- (UNGASS) and world conferences on HIV/AIDS,
- The Maputo Plan of Action,
- the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development,
- the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit for Sustainable Development

Commitments......

- Millennium Declaration; the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- 2005 World Summit Outcome
- General Assembly resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit

Reference to the MDGs is essential:

- the World Summit stressed that universal access to reproductive health is critical to achieving the MDGs.
- In October 2007, the target of universal access to reproductive health was added to MDG 5, for improving maternal health.
- represents a renewed opportunity for a greater commitment
- a renewed global political recognition of reproductive rights as a human right for all people

Family Planning

- understood within the broader framework of reproductive health and rights.
- unintended pregnancies/induced abortions can be prevented by FP services.
- This was reaffirmed repeatedly since ICPD,
- RH care in the context of primary health care

Paris Declaration

- recognizes the key role effective aid can play to support national development priorities and to reach the MDGs.
- AID effectiveness: if we uphold principles of national ownership and leadership of programming,

 strengthened policymaking and capacity development. advocacy, knowledgesharing South-South cooperation constitute the essential factors determining if the ICPD goals and the MDGs are to be met.

commitments need to be translated

- many countries in the South have introduced legislation and develop policies to promote RH and FP in particular.
- Evidence shows that countries where policies, budgets and programmes have reflected the ICPD goals, there has been progress.

Commitment for RH: new dynamism

- But how far have we reached in the achievement of this commitment,
- Are we satisfied that the efforts we have put in will make possible the universal access to RH in 6 years time.

MMR or abortion rates to measure success

 Levels of maternal mortality, ill health and unwanted pregnancy remain unacceptably high across developing countries, particularly in Africa.

Wider context of achieving sustainable development.

 The linkage between population and development needs to be highlighted

Financial Resources

- financial resources for family planning has been decreasing at the expense of HIV/AIDS.
- Developed countries were called upon to complement the efforts of developing countries

- Donor assistance to Family Planning has decreased.
- Least developed countries cannot mobilize sufficient resources
- The resources mobilized will not be sufficient to meet current needs,
- HIV/AIDS activities continue to receive the largest proportion of population assistance
- The funding gap means 200 million women in the developing world are left without contraception

Questions

- efficient utilisation of the funds at our disposal,
- · satisfied of the resource utilisation rate
- gone along the lines of the Paris Declaration
- have we reinforced our accountability framework?,

 Have we introduced a results based approach in the management of our programmes?

- Today, 68 priority countries for the Countdown to 2015 bear the world's highest burdens of maternal mortality, and these account for 97 per cent of maternal and child deaths.
- 22 years ago, the Safe Motherhood Conference held in 1987
- 2015 is in 6 years time,