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**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL SOUTH-SOUTH WORKSHOP ON
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
ICPD PoA AND MDGs HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2008 AT THE
SHERATON HOTEL IN PRETORIA**

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report is for the national south-south workshop on Reproductive Health (RH), the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Plan of Action (PoA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) held on 29 August 2008. The workshop (See attached programme in **Appendix A**) was hosted by the National Department of Social Development of South Africa, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and the National Department of Health of South Africa.

2. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP, SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

The workshop was mainly aimed at informing the South African public about PPD and its activities. The theme of the workshop was around reproductive health. The Chief Guest for the workshop was Mr Zane Dangor, who gave the keynote address. In address, he highlighted the achievements that South Africa has made in addressing reproductive health challenges and also outlined challenges that included amongst others, teenage pregnancy and maternal mortality.

Another keynote address came from the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Representative, Dr Stella Anyangwe. Dr Anyangwe's presentation highlighted the commitment of WHO in supporting countries to improve sexual reproductive health through research, at national, regional and global levels, and to assist countries in the application of research findings for policy and priority setting. She also indicated that WHO has various programmes aimed at reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality. After Dr Anyangwe's speech, Mr George Nsiah, Country Representative for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) also gave a speech highlighting the achievements of the UNFPA working in partnership with the government of South Africa.

Mr Harry Joosery (Executive Director for PPD) also gave a speech thanking South Africa for becoming the 22nd member of PPD in November 2007. He also gave some explanation on the role of PPD and its structural composition. In this speech he also highlighted the challenges that PPD member states are facing, that include, amongst others, poverty, achievement of the MDGs, maternal mortality, contraceptive prevalence, abortion and HIV&AIDS. In this speech, Mr Jooseery also indicated that the following benefits are available for South Africa as a member of PPD:

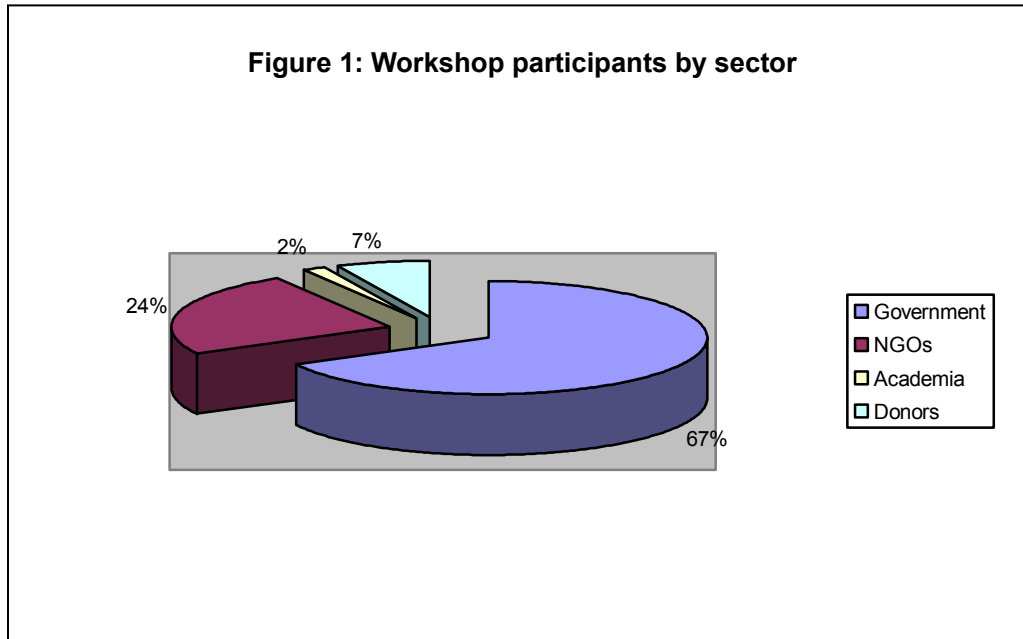
- Facilitation of the supply of RH products in South Africa;
- Fellowships for professionals and executives in RH, gender, programme management, capacity building, population and demography, including two one-year scholarships for a diploma on Demography at the Cairo Demography Centre starting in 2009;
- Support on the creation of a national support structure to promote south-south cooperation; and
- Opportunities for institutions in South Africa to partners with other leading institutions in Africa, Latin America and the Arab World to promote research and training in RH, population and development.

Papers focusing on reproductive health and HIV&AIDS were also presented by Dr Nathaniel Khaole from the National Department of Health and Mr Tewodros Melesse from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) based in Kenya.

3. PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP

The workshop was attended by people from the government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and academic institutions (See Figure 1 for a breakdown

of participants by sector and **Appendix B** for a list of participants). Figure 1 shows that the majority of participants in the workshop were from the government followed by NGOs and donors. The least participants came from the academic sector (universities/tertiary institutions).



4. CONCLUSION

The workshop was very successful and attended by people from different sectors in South Africa. All the presenters that were invited also came. The workshop agreed that the National Department of Social Development will organize workshops of this nature in future, and also facilitate the formation of national structure for the promotion of south-south co-operation. It was also agreed that the benefits of South Africa's membership to PPD must be shared throughout the country, including all the sectors. The National Department of Social Development will have to do more advocacy activities to familiarise South Africans on PPD and its benefits to the country. South Africa will also continue promoting south-south collaboration through dialogue, networking, advocacy, research, capacity building, and contributing to the improvement of PPD's capacity and the roll-out of its projects and programmes.

APPENDIX A: PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKSHOP

National South-South Workshop, South Africa

Access to Reproductive Health for the Achievement of the ICPD PoA and
MDGs: The South-South Initiative

29 August 2008

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Pretoria, South Africa

Time	Activities	Responsibility
09.00 – 09.30	Registration and tea	
	Opening Ceremony	
09.30 - 09.50	Welcome address: Mr. Jacques van Zuydam, Chief Director, Population and Development, Department of Social Development and Partner Country Coordinator (PCC) of PPD for South Africa	
09.50 –10.20	Address by the Special Guests: Country Representative, WHO South Africa - Dr Stella Anyangwe	
10.20 -10.50	Country Representative, UNFPA South Africa – Mr George Nsiah	
10.50 – 11:20	Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director Partners in Population and Development	
11.20 – 11.50	Address by the Chief Guest: Mr Zane Dangor, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Social Development	
11.50 – 12.00	Tea Break	

12.00 pm	Panel Presentations Theme: Access to Reproductive Health for the Achievement of ICPD and MDGs: The South-South Initiative	Chair: Mr. Jacques van Zuydam, Chief Director, Population and Development, Department of Social Development and Partner Country Coordinator (PCC) of PPD for South Africa
12.00-12.30	Paper-1: Meeting ICPD Goals and MDGs: Population and Family Planning Agenda in South Africa	Dr N Khaole (NDoH)
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-14.00	Paper-2: Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS	Mr. Tewodros Melesse (IPPF)
14.00-14.30	Paper-3: Promoting Capacity Building and Exchange of Experience among Developing Countries on Reproductive Health, Population and Development	Mr. Harry S. Jooseery (PPD)
14.30-15.00	Discussion	
15.00-15.30	Wrap up and Closing	Mr. Jacques van Zuydam, Chief Director, Population and Development, Department of Social Development and Partner Country Coordinator (PCC) of PPD for South Africa

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