



Partners in population and Development (PPD)
An Inter-governmental organization promoting South-South Cooperation

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PPD's statement at GFMD Dialogue on Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

South-South migration accounted for 37% of global migrant stock. With the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants on September 19th 2016, it was decided to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. PPD wants to reiterate importance of the South-South Cooperation on migration emerging as an ever-increasing issue and its wider impact on development assistance, trade and investment, infrastructure development and remittances.

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Partners in Population and Development (PPD) welcomes the efforts of GFMD and other stakeholders and is committed to the spirit of New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in pushing the agenda for adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. We congratulate Germany and Morocco as the co-chairs in 2017 and Morocco is a PPD member country.

Referring to the paragraph 7 of the Final Draft Resolution on Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration 'taking into account different realities, active participation of all relevant stakeholders, convening of national multistakeholder consultations and participation in global, regional and sub-regional platforms', PPD wants to bring to your attention its work as an inter-governmental organization on population and development issues especially affecting the countries from the global south.

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In particular, PPD wants to emphasize the framework of South to South Partnership, through greater support for capacity building, encouraging commodity & technology transfer, policy and advocacy/dialogue, knowledge sharing, developing partnerships and population diplomacy.

PPD brings its experience from past and the recent annual Inter-Ministerial Conference of PPD held in Dakar (Nov 2016) that dedicated a high-level panel session on social cohesion of migrant population and learned from country experiences on promoting migrant-sensitive health policies and programs.

Why is South-South Cooperation important?

1. Huge political convening power with 26 Ministers of population and development and health in respective countries on the board of PPD representing 60% of the world's population.
2. South-South cooperation is steadily deepening its impact on development assistance, trade and investment, infrastructure development and remittances. The most recent estimated annual value of \$20 Billion of South-South cooperation for development highlights this phenomenon.
3. South-South migration accounted for 37 per cent of global migrant stock, larger than South-North migration at 35 per cent. There is the upward trend in South-South trade, the foreign direct investment flows into the global South and international migrant remittances which continue to outpace official development assistance by a wide margin.
4. Member countries from the global south are at the centre of migration issues, and strengthening continued engagement in countries through national institutions is paramount.

Ambassadors' Briefing meeting in Geneva

An Ambassadors' Briefing on 13th Inter-Ministerial Conference PPD was held on February 2017 in Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. Around 30 ambassadors from PPD member countries were present in the meeting and tabled their remarks on PPD.



Remarks of Ambassador H.E. Mr. FU Cong:

H.E. Mr. FU Cong delivered his remarks and appreciated PPD's effort as the vibrant international alliance. He identified PPD as the sole inter-governmental organization of developing countries in the field of population and family planning, representing the interests and voices of nearly 60% of the world's population. He appreciated PPD's important role in South-South cooperation on population, and renders valuable support to China's work on population and family planning. He also stated that China shares many of the challenges and priorities of other PPD members, such as an aging society, migration, the health of women and children, and reproductive health. As the chair of PPD Executive Committee, China will fully discharge its responsibilities and strengthen communication, coordination and cooperation with all other PPD members and the international community as a whole, in order to promote the agenda and goals of the PPD as part of the efforts to realize the Sustainable Development Goals and the ICPD Programme of Action Beyond 2014. For detail briefing please visit <http://www.china-un.ch/eng/hom/t1439396.htm>

Remarks of Ambassador H. E. Mr Ajit Kumar

H.E. Mr. Ajit Kumar, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to UN office and other International Organizations briefed Member Countries on the 13th Inter-Ministerial Conference of Partners in Population and Development in Geneva on 15th of February, 2017. The remarks was outlined on innovative policies and programmes in Population and Development issues, including Sexual Reproductive health. In his remarks, he mentioned about the Dakar Call of action which was adopted by the 26 partner countries of the PPD. He praised PPD's efforts in strengthening population and health diplomacy in the era of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and assure that the delegation of India will closely work with the Missions based in Geneva towards implementation of the Dakar Plan of Action. He also mentioned that, this is the first briefing of PPD in Geneva for diplomatic mission and welcomed additional number of briefings in Palais de Nations and expected that the briefing would disseminated in a regular feature. For detail briefing please visit <http://www.pmindiaun.org/pages.php?id=1432>

International conference on services to the elderly, Hyderabad, India

A two days long *International Conference on Services to the Elderly – Current challenges & Emerging trends* was held in Hyderabad, India from 23-24 February 2017. Ms. Tahrima Khan, Program office of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) presented two papers on 'Elderly health care situation in Bangladesh' and 'An inter-governmental alliance of 26 south-south countries for ensuring active and healthy Ageing in developing countries'.



PPD's inter-ministerial conference 2017

The 2016 Annual Governance Events held in Dakar, Senegal from 26 to 30 November 2016 unanimously approved the proposal of the Government of Indonesia to hold the 2017 Annual Inter-Ministerial Conference on Population and Development, 22nd Annual Board Meeting, 29th Executive Committee Meeting and other governance events in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 26 to 30 November 2017. The events will be jointly organized by National Population and Family Planning Board (NPFPPB) of the Government of Indonesia and Partners in Population and Development (PPD). The theme of the conference will be announced soon.

PPD is moving towards sustainability:

PPD secretariat will be moving to own complex by the end of the March, 2017. The secretariat is busy with final level of finish work of the new destination. By the support of the member countries the first phase of the complex is currently under construction. The host country donated the land for this permanent address of PPD secretariat.

As the pictures appearances, the structural work of 6 storied building has been completed and the final finish work is expected to be accomplished by the end of March 2017. Currently, interior design, landscaping, electrical connection, water supply, approach road, lift, generator works, safety and security measures, firefighting etc. are under progress.

PPD's Collaboration with Universities, Research Institutes and donor communities

PPD collaborated with URC to submit a proposal for "implementation research" across PPD member countries in February 2017. Another proposal has been submitted to the Gate Foundation for the funding to implement project across PPD countries. In connection, PPD Executive Director attended a regional bodies meeting in Geneva to discuss with PPD's collaboration with the global research institutes, Universities and donor organizations.

PPD's South to South Scholarship Program

Capacity development is one of the priority areas of PPD. PPD has been involved in Capacity Building at individual, institute and system levels since 1998 to promote SSC in the field of RH, Population and Development. PPD's scholarship program provides an excellent opportunity for young professionals to acquire new skills, accommodate new challenges, and acquire strategy for translating global commitments into national needs. PPD initiated its scholarship program in 1998. Since its inception, PPD has managed more than 1500 scholarships in the field of RH, Population and Development across the member countries. In 2016, PPD offered 31 scholarships under the different schemes. For more information regarding PPD's South to South Scholarship Program please visit <http://www.partners-popdev.org/ppd-scholarship-program/>

About PPD: *Partners in Population and Development is an intergovernmental alliance comprising 26 developing countries. It provides a mechanism for promoting partnership and cooperation among member countries with a view to achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), its Programme of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals. It holds permanent observer status in the General Assembly. The current member countries of the alliance are Bangladesh, Benin, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe. PPD concerns for 59% of the world population. For more information, visit: www.partners-popdev.org*