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An Inter-Governmental Organization Promoting South-South Cooperation

# **6th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting**

**“From MDGs to SDGs: Development of EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021”**

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**Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala**

## **Objectives of the Meeting**

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# Background to EARHN

- Discussions to form EARHN emerged from several regional consultative and preparatory meetings surrounding the 1994 ICPD
- First meeting of EARHN was held in Kenya in November 1996 with founding members represented by:
  - National Council of Population and Development - Kenya;
  - Population Secretariat - Uganda;
  - President's Office Planning Commission – Tanzania
- The three countries agreed that inter and intra-country collaborations (south-south) was necessary to address RH, P&D challenges
- EARHN is a south – south initiative founded by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (has now expanded to include Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia and South Sudan)
  - original objective was to enable the three founding countries undertake a set of advocacy actions aimed at improving RH services, programmes and information within the member countries.



# Why EARHN

- The Eastern Africa countries share similar social, political, demographic and geographic environments and south-south cooperation has untapped potential for approaching new opportunities and sharing good practices in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
- Eastern Africa countries have varied and extensive experiences in SRHR on which to build a new, collaborative effort to initiate change in-country and regionally, in order to improve the health and rights of all people
- Networking and formation of strategic partnerships would:
  - broaden the resource base (financial and human) for addressing SRHR
  - help diversify the experiences
  - pool expertise for sexual and reproductive health, population and development issues
  - provide synergies by that are essential for effective SRHR in the region



# Business of EARHN

- The business of EARHN over the years has been to deliver an Eastern African region free from sexual and reproductive health burdens.
- Three Strategic Plans, with clear elaboration of strategic direction and objectives, have guided EARHN business:
  - Strategic Plan 2001 – 2005 (developed in April 2000);
  - EARHN Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 (developed in December 2007)
  - EARHN Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016 (developed in April 2011)
- EARHN business for the next 5 years will largely be informed by the product for this meeting -
  - EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021



# Objectives of the meeting

- to have a common understanding of the RH/FP situation and challenges in the Eastern Africa Region in the context of the SDGs;
- to review the EARHN 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan;
- To develop a successor EARHN Strategic Plan for the period 2017 – 2021;
- to develop recommendations for effective coordination of EARHN.



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