



**Partners in Population and Development**  
An Inter-governmental organization promoting South-South Partnership

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## 14<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference (IMC)



We are pleased to announce that Partners in Population and Development (PPD), the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have come together to organize the **14<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference on Population and Development – “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: A South-South Perspective and intervention needs”** from 28 to 29 November 2017 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

This International Inter Ministerial Summit is, as always, the coming together of ministers and senior officials in charge of population, health and development from 26 member countries of PPD, international academic experts, health practitioners, and global leaders from diverse sectors – corporate, civil society and media.

The IIMC serves as a global platform for peer reviewing, exchanging/sharing of knowledge and experience; developing and strengthening networks, strategic policy dialogues and bi-lateral dialogues; a series of side events with affirming commitments through all.

### ***Goal of the conference***

The goal of the 14<sup>th</sup> IMC is to promote and ensure SSC for continued commitment as well as country ownership in implementing the following six priority interventions:

1. Providing a high level global forum for dialogue, advocacy, peer review and bi-lateral commitments for advancing integration of population dynamics into the national development plan.
2. Advocating and generating support for strong national leadership and ownership for the improvement of adolescent’s access to sexual, reproductive health and family planning services with adequate supply of RH commodities in PPD member countries.

3. Mobilizing resources at all levels (domestic, regional and global) to ensure affordable and accessible maternal and child healthcare services.
4. Strengthening partnerships amongst Member Countries and other development agencies for promoting social cohesion of migrant populations by addressing their healthcare services.
5. Building partnerships amongst member countries and other development agencies for promoting healthy ageing.
6. Advancing support for creating greater understanding and addressing the relationship between poverty and health globally.

### ***Conference Outcome***

The immediate outcome of the 14<sup>th</sup> IIMC will be the “***Yogyakarta Declaration***” adopted by the 26 PPD Member Countries, UN agencies and key stakeholders with specific commitments and actionable recommendations towards implementation of “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: a south-south perspective and intervention needs”.

The proposed theme of the IIMC concurs with the special theme of the fifty-first session of the UN Commission on Population and Development (UNCPD) based on the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation.

### ***Sessions of the conference:***

**Session 1:** Integrating population dynamics into urban development plans. Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: Opportunities for South-to-South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

**Session 2:** Improving adolescent's access to sexual, reproductive health and family planning services in the urban settings: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: Opportunities for South to South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

**Session 3:** Improving maternal and child health in the urban context: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: Opportunities for South-to-South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

**Session 4:** Promoting social cohesion of migrant populations by addressing their reproductive health care services: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: Opportunities for South-to-South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

**Session 5:** Promoting healthy ageing in the urban settings: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration: Opportunities for South-to-South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

**Session 6:** Creating greater understanding and addressing the relationship between poverty and reproductive health in the urban setting: Opportunities for South-to-South Cooperation and Intervention needs (Policy and Program)

For Detail please log on to <http://www.partners-popdev.org/imc2017/index.html> or email: [imc2017@ppdsec.org](mailto:imc2017@ppdsec.org).

## Preparation meeting

A comprehensive preparatory was held in Jakarta on 26–30 October. This was between the High Officials of BKBN, the local Organizing Committee and Executive Director of PPD for the upcoming Annual Events of PPD and the Inter-Ministerial Conference that will held in Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jogjakarta, Indonesia on 26–30 November, 2017. During his visit in Indonesia for the Preparation meeting, the Executive Director met the Honorable Health Minister of Indonesia, H.E. Ms. Nila Moeloek, Indonesian Board Member and Chairperson of BKKBN, H.E. Dr. Surya Chandra Surapaty, Indonesian PCC and Principal Secretary of BKKBN Mr. Nofrijal M.Ec. and UNFPA Country Representative of Indonesia Ms. Annettee Robertson.



## Honourable Ambassador of China in Bangladesh Visited PPD Secretariat

Honourable Ambassador of People's Republic of China in Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Ma Mingqiang visited PPD Secretariat at Agargaon, Dhaka on 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017. Mr. Quazi AKM Mohiul Islam, PCC and the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh was also present during the Ambassador's visit to the PPD Secretariat. Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director of PPD briefed the Honourable Ambassador about the progress of finalizing the construction work of PPD Secretariat building and the ongoing activities of PPD. On this occasion, the Executive Director also thanked the Honourable Ambassador for the enormous contribution of the Government of China for establishing the PPD Secretariat building. Further be noted, China is the current Chair of the PPD Board.



## Translating principles into action: International Cooperation for global responses and national implementation: PPD's intervention in SOCIAL FORUM, Human Rights Council

Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) delivered a presentation on 'Translating principles into action: International cooperation for global responses and national implementation' SOCIAL FORUM, Human Rights Council, Palais des Nations, Geneva on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The theme of the 2017 session of the Social Forum was the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of the HIV epidemic and other communicable diseases and epidemics.



The Social Forum explored the role of human rights in this context with a view to identifying concrete action to be taken by the States and other stakeholders to ensure the promotion, protection and fulfilment of human rights.

For more information, visit

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Poverty/2017SF/4Oct2017JoeThomas.pdf>

## PPD in Bangladesh 2<sup>nd</sup> National Youth Conference on Family Planning

PPD participated in the two days long “Bangladesh 2nd National Youth Conference on Family Planning”, on 11–12 October 2017 at Bishwo Sahitto Kendro, Dhaka.

The conference was expected to build a sustainable platform for young active advocates to learn and share experiences on different key dialogues on young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 5. 150 young people were selected to join as the National Youth Delegates for this year's conference.

Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) delivered his speech as a panelist on “A youth momentum: Bangladesh taking Population dividend”.



## Journal for Population, Development and Reproductive Health (IJPDRH)

A recent project of PPD that is to be launched shortly is the International Journal for Population, Development and Reproductive Health (IJPDRH). Partners in Population and Development (PPD) invites articles that will go through editorial scrutiny for relevance of the content.

Each issue will contain original research articles, reports, case studies, and policy dialogues. In addition, the journal will also publish supplements of its own or those of other on request, if found appropriate.

IJPDRH is a peer-reviewed international online journal publishing findings from high quality research and learning from policy and programs of the global south. The focus areas are Population, Development and Health issues including Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV/AIDS, Poverty Alleviation and Women's Empowerment and other topics relevant to ICPD goals and SDGs.

Submissions should be made online at: [www.IJPDH.org](http://www.IJPDH.org)

In case of difficulties in submission, please contact: [ppdjournal@ppdsec.org](mailto:ppdjournal@ppdsec.org)



## South to South Scholarship Program

Capacity development is one of the priority areas of PPD. PPD has been involved in Capacity Building at the individual, institutional 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.

For more information regarding PPD's South to South Scholarship Program, visit: <http://www.partners-popdev.org/ppd-scholarship-program/>

## International Day of the Girl Child

PPD observed International day of the girl child in a befitting manner with the theme 'EmPOWER Girls: Before, During and After Emergencies'

Among the world's 1.1 billion girls, half of them are living in PPD member countries. In the current context, PPD reiterated its mandate to ensure Sexual Reproductive Health Rights for those adolescent and young girls. On the same day, at the Youth Conference on Family Planning in Dhaka, the Executive Director spoke on 'Youth Momentum across Developing Countries'.

## International Day of Older Persons 2017

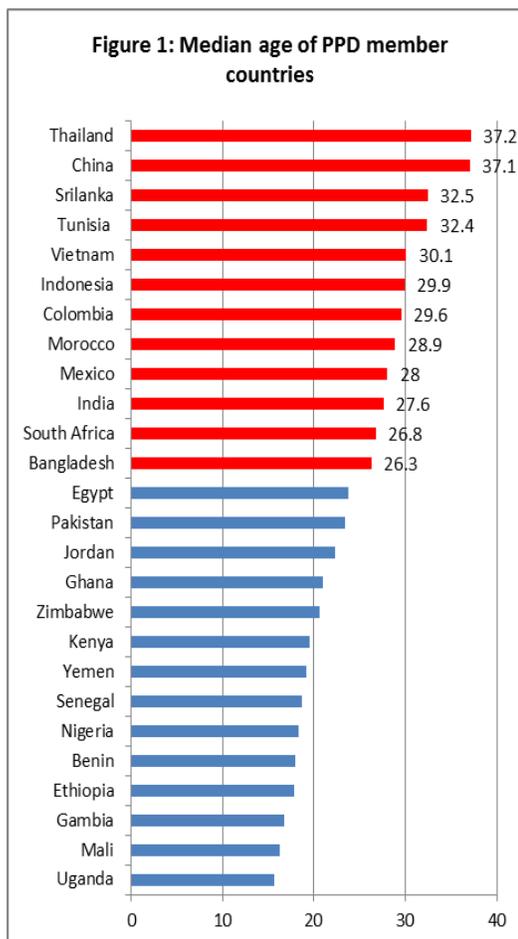
PPD observed the International Day of Older Persons 2017 with the theme 'Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society'.

Being realistic in its official statement, PPD unfolded the reality that it is high time for PPD member countries to prepare themselves to encounter the challenge of population ageing and to equip themselves accordingly. The median age of the member countries depict that 12 member states already reached the median age of 26 and above (Figure 1).

Member countries need to explore the existing facilities for ageing related plan and intervention. PPD, in its appeal, urged the member countries to enhance their investment on a priority basis and systematically address ageing and find how the policy could be reviewed.

PPD Global Commission on Ageing is expected to release a report titled '**Ageing: Learning from the Global South**' during the International Inter-Ministerial Conference of PPD that will be held in November in Jogjakarta.

For more information, visit: <http://www.partners-popdev.org/blog/international-day-of-older-persons-2017/>



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