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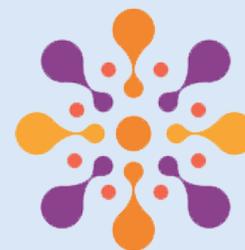
17th International Inter-Ministerial Conference

on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development: Nairobi Commitments and the 2030 Agenda: Taking stock and looking ahead in post COVID-19 crisis

Technical Session 2:

Youth Engagement through South-South Cooperation in Advocacy and Innovative Programming

Friday, 27 November 2020, 1:30 p.m. - 03:00 p.m. GMT



Background:

The engagement of youth in formal political mechanisms does contribute to better and more sustainable policies and contribute to restore trust among youth. The recent challenges humanity currently faces due to the COVID-19 outbreak require concerted global action and the meaningful engagement of young people to be addressed. Southern countries represent a huge number of the youth population. Without involving this huge bunch of youth sustainable development cannot be achieved.

PPD, NHC and UNFPA jointly organized this technical session on how Southern countries will be able to work together in engaging youth to advocate and innovate programs for attaining ICPD during the post-COVID-19 period. This session will be dedicated to discuss experiences in engaging youth in advocacy and innovation for attaining unfinished ICPD agenda and 2030 Agenda during post COVID-19. The session could include:

- ICPD advocacy by young people: achievements and challenges
- Innovations in ICPD programming by young people
- How are countries empowering young people: good practices and lessons learned
- Investing in youth capital and drawing on demographic diversity will achieve sustainable development
- Mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement
- Innovation, technology, creativity, data and voice will amplify results and scale up progress to meet the promise of Cairo.

Objective:

Reinvigorate and expand meaningful youth engagement and leadership to push forward the ICPD agenda on all fronts.

Agenda:

Welcoming remarks (by video) **Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake**, Secretary General's Youth Envoy

Panel Discussion - Moderated by **Mr. Gaoshan Junjian**, UNFPA China (3 minutes' statements and 2 minutes for each panelist introduction and highlights for a specific subject)

Panelist 1: The keynote remarks by **H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, MP**, Honourable Minister for Social Development, Government South Africa, and Secretary, PPD Board (tbc, 10 minutes)

Panelist 2: **Ms Michele Belfor**, Youth Activist, Suriname (7 minutes)

Panelist 3: **Mr. Aktaruzzaman Khan Kabir**, Director General, Directorate of Youth and Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Bangladesh (7 minutes)

Panelist 4: **Mr. Weng Xuanchen**, Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China (7 minutes)

Panelist 5: **Mr. Ramanou Djawad**, UNFPA Benin - Tech4Youth (7 minutes)

Q&A : 30 minutes