

18th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development

Sustained SSC programs for the achievement of ICPD and SDGs

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PPD in collaboration with UNFPA organizing annual International Inter-Ministerial Conferences on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development which serves as a global platform for its member countries and development stakeholders for peer review, exchange knowledge and experience, networking, policy dialogues, bi-lateral commitments and to contribute towards the achievement of the unfinished agenda of the ICPD and SDGs through South South and triangular cooperation.

The sessions will specifically discuss how to use SSTC in a post COVID context to sustain the achievements made by PPD member countries in sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, youth empowerment and population and development.

The organization of 18th International Inter-ministerial conference on population and development will provide a momentous occasion and the opportunity to strengthen South-South Cooperation through:

1. Strengthening exchange of country level success stories on RH and population in the context of COVID-19;
2. Realize increased government commitments and action for SSTC
3. Leverage additional funding and support from international agencies
4. Mobilize domestic financing for SSTC

Objectives

To provide a high-level global forum for dialogue, advocacy, peer review and renewed commitments for:

1. 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 during this global COVID-19 pandemic
2. Advocating for mobilization of resources at all levels (domestic, regional and global) to ensure affordable and accessible maternal and child healthcare services during COVID-19 crisis
3. Partnership building amongst member countries and other development agencies for global solidarity, multilateralism and South-South cooperation for the post COVID era.

Session One

Accelerating the achievement of the unfinished agenda of the ICPD and SDGs during and post COVID-19 era through South-South and Triangular Cooperation

COVID-19 pandemic has made challenges to achieve ICPD and SDGs by 2030. This session will bring experts, leaders and policymakers together to discuss innovative and action-driven solutions to address the critical challenges that countries are facing due to COVID-19 so as to continue along the track of success and achievement of ICPD and SDGs. The discussion includes,

- challenges faced due to COVID-19 in achieving ICPD and SDGs response to the COVID-19 crisis through SSTC to continue towards the achievement of the ICPD and 2030 agenda
- strengthen the capacity and knowledge management system in post-COVID-19 through partnerships

Session Two

Triangular cooperation post BAPA+40: A multi-stakeholder partnership for the achievement of ICPD and 2030 Agenda

This session builds on the discussion on the same topic at the recent meeting of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation. The panel composed of experts from the Global North and South will look into how to expand PPD's network of partners to include the Global North in working towards shared goals. Specifically, the panel will:

- Share knowledge and lessons learned on successful triangular cooperation in relevant thematic areas to demonstrate the importance of Triangular Cooperation in today's world in working towards the ICPD and SDG goals. How to expand PPD's network by including like-minded partners from the North
- Complementarity between the North and South through triangular cooperation

Plenary Session

Promoting South-South Cooperation for Attaining ICPD and the Agenda 2030

This session will reconfirm the commitment of the PPD member countries to the continued implementation of the ICPD and SDGs through South-South and Triangular cooperation. The session discussion will include:

- National level COVID-19 crisis and its implication to the investment in the achievement of the SDG 3 and ICPD
- Analysis of gaps and needs and domestic investments in the response to the COVID-19 crisis
- Integrating ICPD unfinished agenda into national development plans to achieve 2030 agenda
- High level political support and support from partnerships towards addressing COVID-19 challenges
- SSTC as an accelerator in global advocacy, knowledge exchange, technical cooperation and capacity development towards achieving ICPD and SDGs

Link to Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89216052468?pwd=QzRraEhhcVo0K3dzWXYxUUFTMjkxUT09>

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