



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## International Inter-Ministerial Conference on "South-South Cooperation in the Post ICPD and MDG" Beijing, China, 22 - 23 October, 2013

Partners in Population and Development (PPD), is a unique southern-led and southern-run Inter-Governmental Organization of 25 developing countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, that comprise over 57% of the world population. PPD was formed during the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994, to promote South-South Cooperation (SSC) for Reproductive Health, Population and Development.

The ICPD Program of Action (PoA) acknowledges SSC as a key strategy for achieving its goals and important instrument of development and technical cooperation among developing countries. The ICPD PoA goals and objectives remain valid beyond 2014 and the UN has extended the PoA implementation beyond 2014.

In this context, PPD in partnership with the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China is announcing the 2013 International Inter-Ministerial Conference with the theme "South-South Cooperation in the Post ICPD and MDGs" to be held in China from 22 - 23 October, 2013. The Goal of the International Inter-Ministerial conference is to galvanize commitments for SSC towards the ICPD PoA beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015 for Reproductive Health, Population and Development.

The scope of South to South Collaboration in the context of post ICPD/MDG, sustainable development goals will be explored in the following themes:

- 1. Family Planning for Sustainable Development
- 2. Integrating Population Dynamics into National Development Goals
- 3. Investing for Demographic Dividend
- 4. Sexual and Reproductive Health for All

The role of adolescents and young people and ageing population in the post ICPD/MDG development goals will be of special interest for the Global South. Similarly, a gender, equity and rights approach will run as cross cutting theme, when the above themes are explored.

The outcome of the Conference will be a declaration, adopted by 25 member countries and conference participants with commitments and a road map for SSC towards the ICPD POA beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015 for RH, Population and Development.

The high level Inter-Ministerial conference will be attended by ministers of health, finance, population and planning from the 25 PPD member countries. The conference will also be attended by other high ranking government officials, members of parliaments, development partners, the academia, researchers, civil society organizations including Indigenous and International agencies.

For more information about the conference, please send an email to: <u>partners@ppdsec.org</u>, visit: the PPD website: <u>www.partners-popdev.org</u>; or contact the PPD leadership at the following address:

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