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Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
An Inter-Governmental Organization
for Promoting South-South Cooperation

**International Inter-Ministerial Conference on
“South-South Cooperation in the Post ICPD and MDGs”**

**Jointly Organized by
National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China
And
Partners in Population and Development (PPD)**

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an Inter-Governmental Organization formed during the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994, for promoting South-South Cooperation (SSC) in the field of Reproductive Health, Population, and Development.

PPD is a unique Inter-Governmental partnership to promote South-South Cooperation towards the attainment of the global population and Reproductive Health agenda for sustainable development. PPD's current membership of 25 developing countries (Bangladesh, Benin, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen and Zimbabwe), are home to over 57% of the world's population.

PPD reflects the international acceptance of South-South Cooperation (SSC) as a vital means towards attainment of universal access to Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and sustainable development. It has built a well acknowledged and documented credible reputation for high level advocacy, policy dialogues, exchange of knowledge, best practices, technical cooperation, capacity building and operation research to assist both its member and non-member countries in implementing the ICPD PoA within the broader framework of the MDGs

PPD's annual Inter-Ministerial conferences are a peer review mechanism for the member countries on all aspect of population and development issues. These events are an opportunity to review the challenges, opportunities of the member countries and to identify the lessons to be learned from other member countries in a 'South-South Cooperation (SSC) frame work. The Inter-Ministerial Conferences are a mechanisms for policy makers from the 25 PPD alliance member countries to define and build consensus on priority standards of critical issues affecting population and development in their respective countries. These commitments guide the actions by governments and other stakeholders in improving the sexual and reproductive health of individuals and couples in the southern countries. They provide impetus for adopting and enhancing laws, policies and programmes that bring about sustainable development. This includes, addressing the challenges of population dynamics, attaining sustainable population growth through, voluntary family planning, ensuring universal access to sexual and

reproductive health services, gender and social equity and rights of every individual to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health. The member countries share expertise and resources in the spirit of SSC.

The 2013, 10th annual Inter-ministerial conference of PPD will be held at a critical stage of the global dialogue on the development goals of post ICPD and MDGs. The 'South-South Cooperation (SSC)' development partnership has emerged as an effective strategy in addressing population dynamics challenges including population stabilization, family planning, sexual and reproductive health and sustainable development. Technical cooperation, sharing of best practices, pooling of resources, shared advocacy and global diplomacy have emerged as some of the means for achieving the goals of SSC.

The scope of South-South Cooperation in the context of post ICPD/MDG, sustainable development goals will be explored in the following thematic areas.

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 the ageing population in the post ICPD/MDG development goals will be of special interest for the Global South. Gender, equity and rights approach will be explored as cross cutting themes.

The one and a half days conference will have five major sessions each with key note speaker and high level panel discussion.

Session I

Family Planning for Sustainable Development (*Family Planning as a key component of Universal Access to Reproductive Health for All: Progress, Lessons learned and Opportunities for South-South Cooperation*)

Session Objective & Background

The session objective is to share success stories from southern countries about the role of Family Planning in reducing total fertility rates, unmet need for family planning, and unwanted pregnancies. The ICPD PoA emphasizes 'Family Planning as key to helping couples and individuals meet their reproductive goals, preventing unwanted pregnancies as well as reducing the incidence of high risk pregnancies, maternal morbidity and mortality. The recent 2012 London Family Planning Summit was a seminal event in the vitalization of the global Family Planning agenda. The extra ordinary pledges made by various actors need to be put into

action to support the rights of an additional 120 million women and girls in the world's poorest countries to use contraceptive information, services and supplies, without coercion or discrimination, by 2020. In the context of the ICPD beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2014, this session will review the progress, lessons learned and opportunities for further strengthening South-South Cooperation.

Session II:

Integrating Population Dynamics into National Development Goals (*Developing a South- South Cooperation perspective in systematically integrating population dynamics into the Southern countries' national development strategies and policies*)

Session Objective and Background:

The objective of the session is to increase the understanding about the integration of South-South Cooperation into national level strategies and policies to address population dynamics for sustainable development. The session will highlight the achievements, challenges and the implications of integrating population dynamics into southern countries strategies and policies for ICPD beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015. The session will address the inter-relationship between population dynamics and sustainable development with a focus on population growth rates, birth & death rates, age structures, distribution of population and demographic dividends in the southern countries and the role of SSC.

The role of adolescents and young people, the ageing population, gender, equity and rights approach will be explored as cross cutting themes.

Special emphasis will be given to identifying areas and new ways for strengthening SSC on issues related to Population Dynamics in the post ICPD and MDGs.

Session III:

Investing for Demographic Dividend: Lessons Learned and Implications for South-South Cooperation.

Session objective and background:

The objective of the session is to increase the understanding of 'Demographic Dividend' as a window of opportunity for the development of a nation, which opens up when fertility rates decline. Demographic Dividend is a process of demographic change, which has potential economic implications, due to the changes in the age structure of the population following a decline in fertility.

The session will highlight the challenges and opportunities of population transition in the PPD member countries, most of which are experiencing a similar transition and 'youth bulge' providing them an opportunity for 'demographic dividend'. When these young people enter the workforce, they create the potential for economic growth. But to ensure the demographic dividend, countries need enabling policies and programs and to invest in health and education of the adolescent and young people.

Session IV:

Sexual and Reproductive Health for All (*Population and Development implications: South-South Cooperation priorities for ICPD beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015*)

Session Objective & Background

The objective of the session is to highlight the overall priorities for South-South Cooperation in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Population and Development for the post ICPD and MDGs.

The ICPD Program of Action (PoA) acknowledges South-South Cooperation (SSC) as a key strategy for achieving its goals and an important instrument of development and technical cooperation among developing countries, that should play a pivotal role in the implementation of the ICPD PoA beyond 2014 in the context of the Millennium Development Goals.

The wealth of experiences in southern countries is uniquely suited to assist scale-up efforts in other developing countries. South-South Cooperation can be a highly effective model in addressing cross border and culturally similar context challenges in resource poor countries. While South-South Cooperation cannot be seen as replacement for North to South collaboration, it is a strategic and key pillar for scaling up innovative, cost effective and quality population & reproductive health programs for sustainable development in developing countries within the context of the ICPD PoA MDGs.

Session V:

PPD Position Paper on South -South Cooperation Priorities for ICPD beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015

Session Objective & Background

This session objective is to build consensus and generate organizational, member country and development partners commitments on the priorities and road map for SSC for reproductive health, population and development in the post ICPD and MDG. The priorities and road map shall be informed by recommendations from a consultative process with PPD member countries, development partners and other stakeholders as well as review of global trends in population, development and population and lessons learned from SSC. The session will

provide a platform for expert discussions to finalize the PPD position paper and road for South-South Cooperation for ICPD beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015

Conference outcome

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 ICPD PoA beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015 for RH, Population and Development.

Conference participants

The high level Inter-Ministerial conference will be attended by ministers of health, finance and 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:** partners@ppdsec.org, **visit:** **the PPD website:** www.partners-popdev.org; or contact the PPD leadership at the following address:

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