



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

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## PPD's 14th International Inter-Ministerial Conference(IMC)

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is organizing 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”** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 28 to 29 November 2017.

Hosted annually by the PPD Secretariat jointly with one of its member countries, 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.

This forum creates an opportunity for promoting south-south cooperation (SSC) on sexual and reproductive health, population and development. It also reviews the unfinished agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Program of Action (POA) and the progress of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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.

To register please click the following link or email us at – [imc2017@ppdsec.org](mailto:imc2017@ppdsec.org). Click here for details: [www.partners-popdev.org/imc2017/](http://www.partners-popdev.org/imc2017/)

### **Preparatory Meeting of IMC 2017:**

PPD Secretariat is passing busy time for the preparation of PPD Inter-Ministerial Meetings along with other governance meeting that will be held in November 2017 in Indonesia. In a preparatory visit Executive Director has passed busy schedule in Yogyakarta from 10-15 July 2017.



The visiting team had meeting with the Organizing Committee constituted with the high-level officials from the National Population and Family Planning Board (NPFPPB) and extensively discussed the necessary preparatory arrangements against a check-list of activities. Both the team also segregated the roles and responsibilities between the hosting country Indonesia and PPD Secretariat.

### **Strengthening Community Clinic in Bangladesh with the Support of the Government of India: An example of South-South Cooperation**

The Indian High Commission, Government of India funded USD 1.1 million to PPD for strengthening community clinics in Bangladesh and to share the Bangladesh's Experience to other developing countries. The objective of the project is to utilize opportunity and knowledge for ending preventable deaths among women, children and adolescents and improve their health and well-being in PPD member countries. Bangladesh Government has initiated the Community Clinic Project under the Health and Population Sector Program (HPSP) in 1998 to ensure maternal and child health care services including family planning (FP) at the door-step of rural disadvantage population. It has been observed that the community clinic project is a successful model for addressing maternal and child healthcare of rural disadvantage population in Bangladesh. PPD will implement the project with the help of the Ministries of Health and the Ministry of Finance of Bangladesh; construction of community clinics, mobilize local community and strengthen the management of clinics for ensuring effective healthcare services will be the main focus of the project. The project experience will be documented and will be shared eventually with the other PPD member countries.

### **Expert Group Meeting to identify synergies between ICPD PoA and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia-Pacific Region**

The Expert Group Meeting to identify synergies between the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region was held from 5-6 July 2017 in Bangkok.

Executive Director Dr. Thomas talked about 'Modalities and Institutions: Pathways to Sustainability' in Session 7, Thursday 6 July, 2017. The objective of his presentation was to make recommendations on issues related to modalities for implementation, including the need for data, options



for supporting accountability; ensuring sufficient financing; partnerships for implementation.

The meeting brought together experts from academia, Governments and civil society to identify synergies and linkages between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the ICPD Programme of Action with a focus on issues pertinent to the Asia-Pacific region; assess the situation with regards to population and development in the Asia-Pacific region; and developed a road map to prepare for the 5-year review meeting of the outcomes of the 6th APPC in 2018.

<http://www.unescap.org/events/expert-group-meeting-identify-synergies-between-icpd-programme-action-and-2030-agenda>

### **Executive Director's meeting with PPD Vice Chair in New Delhi, India**

H.E. Mr. JP Nadda, PPD Vice Chair and Honorable Minister of Health of India indicated Government of India's willingness to host an international workshop on 'Strengthening the Competencies of the Pharmaceutical Regulatory Authorities: A South-South dialogues' in New Delhi. Executive Director met The Vice Chair to discuss the schedule, technical and logistic aspects of the Workshop to be held in New Delhi in 2018.

### **PPD celebrated World Population Day 2017 with the Government of Bangladesh**

The theme of the World Population Day 2017 was 'Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations', PPD observed the World Population Day 2017 with the Government of Bangladesh and other stake holders. Voluntary use of family planning is instrumental to the health and social well-being, to contribute to family health and well-being and to the country's development, family planning services are must.

### **Comment on World Population Day 2017: 'Advancing Family Planning and Reproductive Health: South-South Cooperation, a missing element?'**

Promoting Global South-South Cooperation is essential to advancing Family Planning goals. To ensure, that that all women, no matter where they live, should have access to lifesaving contraceptive by 2020, is a critical milestone to ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and rights by 2030, as laid out in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 3 and 5.

In order to advancing family planning and reproductive health goals by 2020, an inclusive partnership that is working with a diverse group of stakeholders is essential. South-South Partnership has to be central to this global movement.



To achieve SDG three and five, it is essential to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (SDG17), by enhancing North-South, South-South and triangular, regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation through improved coordination among existing donor mechanisms, and at the United Nations level. Such partnership is vital for enhancing access to generic and essential family planning commodities.

For the detail publication please visit [www.partners-popdev.org/blog/advancing-family-planning-and-reproductive-health-south-south-cooperation-a-missing-element/](http://www.partners-popdev.org/blog/advancing-family-planning-and-reproductive-health-south-south-cooperation-a-missing-element/)

### **International Workshop on Adaptation to Population Ageing at Hanoi, Vietnam.**

Government of Vietnam organized the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference on ageing entitled “International Workshop on Adaptation to Population Aging Issue” from 17 – 18 July 2017 at Hanoi Melia Hotel, Vietnam. The broader issues the International Workshop addressed were Population Aging and Economic Growth; Population Aging and Social Protection; Population Aging and Healthcare; Community Based Care for Older Persons and Policy recommendations.

Executive Director attended the workshop and made intervention on policy recommendations and advise on how to strengthen the ageing programs in the country and in the region. In the presentation, Executive Director highlighted the national policy directions for addressing the ageing issues Vietnam and countries in the region are facing.

During his visit in Hanoi, Executive Director also took the opportunity to meet with the Board Member of Vietnam and senior officials of the General Office for Population and Family Planning (GOPFP) including the PCC and discussed strategies for furthering the healthy and productive ageing programs in Vietnam and in the region as well as the mechanisms for replication of Vietnam’s successful experiences to other member states in the region.

### **UN-ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development opens with focus on Ways to End Poverty, Gender Inequality, and Structural Barriers**

The Economic and Social Council’s High-Level Political Forum tasked with reviewing progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development opened its second annual session on 10th July, 2017 with the focus on particular goals and targets, as well as its central theme of poverty eradication and the promotion of prosperity “in our changing world”. PPD Permanent Observer at the UN, New York, represented PPD in the forum. Detail report of the meeting is available in the following link <http://www.partners-popdev.org/un-ecosoc-high-level-political-forum-hlpf-on-sustainable-development-opens-with-focus-on-ways-to-end-poverty-gender-inequality-and-structural-barriers/>

### **8<sup>th</sup> Working Session of Open-ended Working Group on Ageing at UN HQ**

PPD supports the need to generate a set of international standards on the rights of older persons which would serve as a norm or guide for the member countries. Such standards would underline the need to remove all legal and social obstacles to the realization of the rights of older persons and promote mainstreaming the protection of the rights of older persons in their socio economic policy frameworks and programmes. One underlying principle guiding the work of PPD and the Ageing Commission is increased South-South Cooperation and partnership on ageing to better prepare the developing countries to share, promote and scale up the best practices.

Mr. M. Nurul Alam, Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) delivered a speech at the Eighth Working Session of Open-ended Working Group on Ageing – Agenda Item 5, United Nations Headquarters in 5 July 2017.

For the detail please follow the link <http://www.partners-popdev.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PPDStatement-OEWG-Ageing-5July2017-NAlam.pdf>

## **PPD's Intervention at the 10th GFMD Summit Meeting**

PPD made an intervention at the 10th GFMD Summit Meeting on Sub theme I- Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies in the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany on 28-30 June 2017.

PPD respects the situation of the developing countries from the global south with competing priorities and faced with emergencies in all areas of population and development issues most of the time. Every forum/meeting presents critical statistics in the area of their respective work. PPD respects the sovereignty and decision made by the countries/ governments and policy makers based on the situation of their countries urging the burden of exceptionalism of a particular issue to give way to multi lateralism and multi stakeholderism taking human being as an entity. Member countries from the global south are at the center of migration issues, and strengthening continued engagement in countries through national institutions is paramount. Ms. Vibhu Garg, Counselor, PPD Geneva represented PPD in the summit and delivered a speech.

For detail speech please follow the link

<http://www.partners-popdev.org/speech/intervention-of-ppd-at-the-10th-gfmd-summit-meeting-sub-theme-i-migration-and-development-through-national-strategies-enhancing-the-effectiveness-of-domestic-policies-federal-foreign-office-berl/>

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

Journal for Population, Development and Reproductive Health (IJPDRH), the recently launched International Journal of PPD invites submissions for possible publication. 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 on request from others.

IJPDRH is a peer-reviewed international online journal publishing findings from high quality research and learnings 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.IJPDRH.org](http://www.IJPDRH.org)

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

## **PPD's 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/>

## Newly adopted Policy guidelines across Member Countries

### **Tunisia: Tunisia passes landmark law to end all violence against women**

The Tunisian Parliament, on July 26th 2017, adopted a new law for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence. The new law, which is expected to enter into force next year, recognises "physical, moral and sexual" violence. It will provide for judicial and psychological assistance for victims of domestic violence and removes a controversial article that allows men to escape punishment for rape if they marry their victim.

Under the new law, punishment may extend to two years of imprisonment with a fine of 5,000 Tunisian dinars (roughly \$2,300) against perpetrators of sexual harassment crimes. According to a 2010 survey from the National Family Office, Women face high rates of domestic violence in Tunisia, with at least 47 percent of women experiencing domestic violence in their lives. More than 30 percent of parliament members in Tunisia are women. The country is seen as a pioneer of women's rights in the Arab world.

### **India: Ministry of Health releases Operational Guidelines for Planning and Implementation of Family Participatory Care**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently released Operational Guidelines for Planning and Implementation of Family Participatory Care (FPC) for improving newborn health. The guidelines will serve as a guiding document for those intending to introduce FPC in their facility as an integral part of facility based newborn care.

Under FPC, the capacities of parents-attendants are built in newborn care through a structured training programme (audio -visual module and a training guide). The staff at newborn care unit will provide continuous supervision and support. Provisions for infrastructure and logistics strengthening required for implementing FPC are ensured in the annual state Program Implementation Plan (PIP). The guidelines will be shared with the States for implementation and it is expected that these guidelines when implemented by States would further improve the quality of care being provided in the SNCUs across the country. For detail please visit <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=169187>

### **India: Ministry of Women & Child Development launched Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (SHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace**

The Ministry of Women & Child Development, of the Government of India launched an online complaint management system titled Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (SHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace in New Delhi today. The complaint management system has been developed to ensure the effective implementation of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act (the SH Act), 2013.

Government of India is the largest employer in the country employing 30.87 lakh people to carry out its various functions. As per the Census of Central Government employees, 2011, women constitute 10.93% (3.37 lakhs) of the total regular Central Government employees.

For detail please visit <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=168892>

**About PPD:** *Partners in Population and Development is an intergovernmental alliance comprising 26 developing countries. It provides a mechanism for promoting partnership and cooperation among Member Countries with a view to achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), and its Program of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals. It holds permanent observer status in the General Assembly. The current Member Countries of the Alliance are Bangladesh, Benin, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe – comprising 59% of the world population.*

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