

# 19<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development

## South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the ICPD30: Accelerating the Move Forward

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## CALL FOR ACTION

We, the government representatives of member countries of Partners in Population and Development (PPD); the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and other participants convened here in Pattaya, Thailand on 14 November 2022, for the 19<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference on “South-South Cooperation and the ICPD30: Accelerating the Move Forward”, organized at the sidelines of the International Conference on Family Planning 2022, cognizant of the indispensable role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in accelerating the achievement of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agree to adopt this “Call for Action”.

### As delegates, we:

**Bring attention** to the fact that the world is approaching the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the ICPD PoA, the observance for which is known as ICPD30;

**Recognize** our inter-governmental responsibilities and collective capacities in moving forward our expressed commitments and collaborative actions that will deliver on the promise of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs;

**Reaffirm** our commitments to leverage, innovate and scale up the application of SSTC partnerships for more impactful and sustainable actions at global, regional, and country levels, and to harness the demographic dividend, using this modality;

**Recall** all the past commitments we have made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, the BAPA+40 Outcome Document, the SDGs, and all previous declarations we have made at several IIMC meetings on universal access to sexual and reproductive health, family planning, HIV/AIDS, adolescent and youth issues, gender, population and development;

**Express concern** that, as the world population reaches 8 billion this week, progress with the ICPD PoA and the SDGs has been variable and uneven and considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, political conflicts and wars, global supplies disruptions, inflationary and other financial crises, the emergence of strong conservative forces, and other issues that have polarized and distracted governments from keeping the centrality of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender and population issues in development;

**Build upon** past and on-going successful efforts to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health as part of universal health coverage (UHC) and by stepping up programmes that can expedite the unfinished agenda of the ICPD PoA in our countries as we continue to address emerging challenges with the SDGs amid the changing global development context;

**Acknowledge**, through this 19<sup>th</sup> forum, as we celebrate our 28 years of existence of PPD and its growing strength as an organization, the critical role of Ministers and development partners in resource mobilization at all levels, as well as in policy oversight towards the achievement of national, regional, and global development goals and targets;

**Believe**, that together, we can do more and better in contributing towards regional and global solidarity, and multilateralism through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in support of ICPD30 and the SDGs;

Given the post-pandemic scenario, climate change and other challenges affecting our countries, we, the delegates of this IIMC under the umbrella of the Inter-Governmental organization of PPD and UNFPA, declare our clarion call and resolute reaffirmation of the following commitments:

**FIRST**, escalate concerted efforts to translate the Nairobi Statement on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise into national actions that demonstrate the importance of effective and accelerated implementation and funding of the ICPD PoA as we strive for:

- i) zero unmet need for family planning information and services, and universal availability of quality, accessible, affordable, and safe modern contraceptives
- ii) zero preventable maternal deaths and maternal morbidities
- iii) zero sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, including zero child, early and forced marriage
- iv) continued emphasis on demographic diversity to drive economic growth to reap the benefits of demographic dividends in boosting sustainable development
- v) increased domestic financing by exploring new, participatory, and innovative financing instruments and structures to ensure full, effective, and accelerated implementation of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs;

**SECOND**, take full advantage of the strategic value and opportunities provided by SSTC, noting its direct social returns on investments and knock-on effects particularly for countries of the Global South, to enhance progress in the further implementation of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs including systematic knowledge and experience sharing and capacity-building;

**THIRD**, intensify efforts of member countries in tapping SSTC's potential for mobilizing both domestic resources as well as triangular support and to continuously advocate with the global donor community to increase international financing for strengthening SSTC as a programme accelerator for the achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs;

**FOURTH**, through our collective power and solidarity, strengthen our resolve now and into 2030 in finding solutions to the challenges we face - from inequality to conflict, that have pushed back on the promise of ICPD and the SDGs and resulted in the roll-back of progress on women's rights in many countries, and further coalesce to ensure that the voices of women and girls worldwide are listened to, as we can get closer to ICPD30;

**FIFTH**, continue joint efforts, collaborative engagement, and transparency with all relevant stakeholders, to forge strong, dynamic, and resilient multilateral partnerships that build consensus, and drive global, regional, and country-level conversations and actions that reduce polarization and ignite excitement around further commitments as we approach ICPD30;

**SIXTH**, ensure the effective political commitment of PPD member countries for national policy coherence and implementation, with accompanying budget allocation, for promoting SSTC as a programme accelerator for sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, population and development;

**SEVENTH**, acknowledge and thank UNFPA, as the lead UN agency for sexual and reproductive health and rights, for their vigorous and determined collaboration with partners to achieve the ICPD PoA and the SDGs;

**FINALLY**, we thank the host government, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Department of Health of the Ministry of Public Health, for warmly and graciously hosting this event in the beautiful city of Pattaya.

**Adopted on this day the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2022,  
at the Closing Session of the  
19<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference  
on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development  
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## **Annex: Specific Calls to Action**

As delegates of this 19<sup>th</sup> Inter-Ministerial Conference, we call upon member countries to pursue and intensify the following specific actions as outlined in PPD’s Strategic Plan (2020-2024):

### **Country Leadership in advocacy and policy development**

1. **Integrate** the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 commitments and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development into national development plans and take further concrete actions to fulfill these commitments by 2030, with specific emphasis on reducing maternal deaths, putting a stop to child marriage, preventing gender-based violence, eliminating barriers to achieving gender equality, and ensuring equitable access to sexual and reproductive health information, services, and commodities.
2. **Further engage**, in the broader context of health and population diplomacy, all member countries to increase their advocacy efforts to leverage SSTC, whenever appropriate, as a programme accelerator for the ICPD PoA and SDGs.

3. **Establish** innovative and sustainable financing for and through SSTC by ensuring it is given importance and support in national plans and budgets, combined with advocacy efforts for triangular cooperation and donor support.
4. **Ensure** focus within the policy space to support the formulation and implementation of equitable and people-centred policies and public service delivery that meet the needs and aspirations of citizens in our countries.

### Capacity development and technical cooperation

5. **Enhance** capacity in disaster preparedness and resiliency, considering the COVID-19 pandemic and other disasters, conflicts and challenges faced by member countries.
6. **Invest** in systematic sharing of member country experiences, best practices, innovative programme solutions, and identify champions, as meaningful vehicles for knowledge/technology transfer and bilateral/multilateral cooperation that contribute to addressing common challenges at national and regional levels, and to replicate and scale up initiatives that work.
7. **Establish and/or support** networks, think tanks and exchange programmes among policy practitioners, health professionals, and academia that serve as catalysts for the establishment of SSTC centres of excellence and to further facilitate the mapping of skill sets of national/regional experts to implement SSTC in member countries that can move forward the ICPD PoA and the SDGS.
8. **Facilitate** systemic modalities that generate data for decision-making and for tracking of SSTC progress in accelerating programme performance and policy implementation related to advancing the ICPD PoA and the SDGs, improved ways of determining what works and what does not, and to include the strengthened use of ICTs that enable more cost-efficient delivery of programmes for appropriate groups in member countries.
9. **Capitalize** on the demographic dividends in member countries by fully engaging young people in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, and to strengthen their capacities while tapping their potential for national development.

### Strengthening Partnerships and Collaboration

10. **Seize and reinforce** every strategic opportunity to go beyond the short-term and take a comprehensive and longer-term view of priority strategies, policies and programmes that ensure the accelerated achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs.
11. **Resolve** to energize regional integration and interregional linkages through State-led, ongoing information-sharing and policy dialogues that reduce polarization, encourage consensus building, and joint initiatives among member countries that build upon our common challenges and shared development objectives.
12. **Rededicate** ourselves to harness the synergies and resources available to us as member countries to unreservedly, collectively, and coherently realize and solidify our commitments to ICPD and the SDGs.