



## *CSW 66 Side Event Concept Note*

# **Building in accountability to deliver on the ICPD25 and Beijing+25 agendas for all women and girls**

## ***Taking stock of the ICPD@25 and the Generation Equality Forum***

**18 March 2022 / 8:30 - 10:00AM EST**

### **Background:**

Both the Nairobi Summit and the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) represent bold leadership in convening governments from around the world and spurred renewed commitments and energy towards the full implementation of International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action<sup>1</sup>, and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+25) building traction for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). We can't just afford to lose the momentum. It's time for implementation!

Following strong commitments made by governments, private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth organizations on both ICPD25 and Beijing+25, this CSW side-event will draw important connections between the Nairobi Summit and the Generation Equality Forum (GEF), galvanizing the ambition and energy of both forums to deliver on implementation. GEF Action Coalitions are global, innovative, multi-stakeholder partnerships that are mobilizing governments, civil society, international organizations, and the private sector to: catalyze collective action, spark global and local conversations among generations, drive increased public & private investment, deliver concrete, game-changing results for girls and women.

Furthermore, the Action Coalitions play a critical role in bringing together multiple stakeholders to drive action and accountability. The Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) vision for success by 2026 is that –

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<sup>1</sup> International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action adopted in 1994: [link](#)



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*All people, particularly girls, adolescents, women, transgender and gender non-binary people in all their diversity are empowered to exercise their SRHR and make autonomous decisions about their bodies free from coercion, violence, and discrimination. SRHR information, education and services are freely available, accessible, acceptable, and of high-quality.*

Although far too often there is a wide gap between commitments and implementation, especially for those related to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Despite progress over the past 27 years, the promises of the ICPD PoA and the Beijing Platform for Action<sup>2</sup> remain unfulfilled for millions of people across the world. Enormous progress has been made since the adoption of both agendas—a 38% decline in preventable maternal deaths worldwide<sup>3</sup>, in the past decade, 25 million child marriages have been prevented globally —however, gaps have arisen, progress has slowed, stalled or even been rolled back in some instances. The international community needs to revise and perfect its strategies on implementing these agendas. We now recognize the nuances in data collection as well as metrics on women's rights, such as indicators on decision-making power, that need to be brought to light in order to truly deliver on the full spectrum of rights for girls and women. For example, the proportion of the need for family planning satisfied by modern methods has stagnated globally at around 77%, which due to restrictive laws, inequalities among other factors, most probably leaves women who are young, unmarried, live-in rural areas or in poor households, or have low levels of education without access to these services<sup>4</sup>. Only 55 percent of women worldwide make their own decisions about SRHR. The issues raised in Cairo at the ICPD in 1994 and in Beijing at the 4th World Conference on Women in 1995 have only become more urgent as communities grow and women and girls are empowered to claim their rights.

Given the recent successes of the Nairobi Summit and the GEF coupled with a challenging road ahead, this session presents an opportune moment at CSW to consider how we can use the current political momentum to galvanize renewed political commitment for implementation and accountability of both of these critical agendas including finding ways to support important vehicles such as the GEF Action Coalition structures. More specifically, this side event will raise the following questions:

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<sup>2</sup> From the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, 1995: [link](#)

<sup>3</sup> [WHO: Fact sheet on maternal mortality](#), September 2019

<sup>4</sup> [WHO fact sheet on family planning and contraception](#) from Nov 2020



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- *What has happened since the Nairobi Summit and how can we ensure accountability on the global commitments made at the Summit? In which areas have we seen progress, and where have we stalled?*
- *How can we better connect the ICPD and Beijing, given both 25-year review processes, and accelerate implementation of both critical agendas?*
- *What can we learn from the “ground”? What does it look like to implement these agendas in a national context and how can we ensure accountability at the national, regional and global levels.*
- *What are the implications from the lack of implementation of SRHR commitments in view of crises such as COVID-19 Pandemic and Climate Change?*

### **Objectives:**

- Assess the implementation strategies and accountability mechanisms including tools which are essential in linking the Nairobi Summit to the GEF
- Offer insights in the Action Coalition model
- Revitalize political energy and emphasize already existing commitments for both agendas
- Demonstrate and share best practices on implementation and accountability on the SRHR agenda in various contexts
- To show how gender equality and SRHR are inextricably linked and interdependent and challenged by climate change

### **Co-sponsors of the event:**

The event will be co-sponsored by:

- Governments of Denmark, France, Mexico, Argentina (TBC), and Kenya (TBC)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- UN Women (TBC)

### **Panel speakers:**

- Opening statement from Representative of the High-Level Commission on ICPD@25, *H.R.H. Crown Princess Mary of Denmark* (TBC)
- Reflections from Nairobi Summit by *Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director UNFPA*
- Reflections from GEF, *Sima Bahous, Executive Director, UNWomen* (TBC)
- Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights – *Youth Moderator*



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- National Women's Institute of Mexico, *Dr. Nadine Gasman, President of Institute*
- Government representatives from *France, Argentina (TBC), Kenya (TBC)*
- Civil Society representation from IPPF member associations – *Uganda and Mexico*
- FP2030 – *Dr. Samukeliso Dube, Executive Director (TBC)*
- Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development, *Carme Gual Via, Director*
- Final thoughts on accountability from co-sponsors

### **Format and Run of Show (TBC)**

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