

## Fourth Stakeholder Consultation for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference

### Regional Cooperation, Accountability and Modalities for Implementation of Actions on Population and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

*Tuesday, 12 September 2023 (11:00-2:30 UTC+7) Online (Zoom)*

### **AGENDA** (12 September 2023)

Time	Details
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<i>Participants join virtual meeting</i>
11:00-11:45	<p><b>Welcome and opening session</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sai Racherla, ARROW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote speech: Wardarina, Deputy Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (7 minutes)</li> <li>• Eduardo Klein, Regional Director, Helpage (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik, Youth Advisor, Children and Youth Major Group to the United Nations Environment Programme (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Welcome Remarks: Dr. Aleksandar Sasha Bodiroza, Deputy Regional Director and current OIC, UNFPA APRO (10 minutes)</li> <li>• Group Photo</li> </ul> <p><i>Introduction to flow, working group topics and speakers. Participants will already be allocated to working groups by ESCAP</i></p>
11:45-12:45	<p><b>Working groups</b></p> <p><b>Sub theme 1- Enabling environment, transparency and meaningful participation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Alexandra Johns, Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</li> <li>• Resource person: Nhuun Yodmuang, Asia Pacific Transgender Network</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Riju Dhakal, ARROW</li> </ul>

This theme will explore the need for a vibrant civic space and the often widespread violation of civic spaces in the region, as well as at the national level. The subtheme will take stock of restrictive civic spaces in the region and recommend a way forward for enabling environments for civic space to thrive and meaningfully participate in the population and sustainable development agenda from a human rights lens. The working group will also explore an increase in the anti-gender rights movements in multilateral spaces paralleling rights language with discriminatory and regressive anti human right stances. The theme will also explore representation of diverse communities, and voices of communities as part of meaningful participation.

- What is our understanding of enabling environments for civic space to thrive and meaningfully participate in the population and sustainable development agenda from a human rights lens?
- What are the opportunities and positive paths in the region to advance civic space at regional and national level?
- What are the challenges for creating an enabling environment and transparent and meaningful participation (including the anti-rights and gender, and opposition to human rights)?
- How can we advance the priority actions of the APPM?
- How can marginalized communities be involved meaningfully in accessing their rights? What are the specific barriers in the region?
- Knowing the environmental epidemic has critically impacted people's life in the past especially women and SRHR - What could be specific mitigating strategies for unforeseen pandemics and incidents in the region as countries are moving forward ?
- Recommendations for the way forward

**Subtheme 2: Regional, subregional and national partnerships and cooperation**

- Moderator: Vanita Mukherjee, DAWN
- Resource person: Rey Asis, Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
- Rapporteur: Bilal Ahmed, SPEAK Trust

This theme will explore the need for regional cooperation, South-South, North-South and Triangular collaboration for sustainable development including universal access to COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine technologies, to ARVs, generic medicines, as well as the implementation of TRIPS flexibilities in line with universal access principles. The theme will also discuss multi and bilateral frameworks for protecting the rights of migrants/refugees and asylum seekers through regional cooperation.

- What do we understand by regional, sub-regional and national partnerships and cooperation and what are the key sub-regional mechanisms that exists which have influence on the ICPD agenda?
- What are some of the good examples of regional multi and bilateral frameworks in the region with a focus on protecting the rights of migrants/refugees and asylum seekers through regional cooperation; trade agreements etc. around health (ex: COVID-19 vaccines, HIV/ TB/ Cancer drugs)?

- What are the opportunities in the region to advance partnerships and cooperation at regional and national level?
- What are the challenges in the region?
- How can we learn from others to advance the priority actions of the APMD?
- Recommendations for the way forward

**Subtheme 3: Demographic transition through life cycle approach and intergenerational dialogue/collaboration - aging, longevity and youth trends**

- Moderator: Paul Ong, Tsao Foundation
- Resource person: Sangeet Kayastha YPEER Asia Pacific Center
- Rapporteur: Lady Lisondra, IPPF ESEAOR

Countries in the Asia-Pacific region are undergoing rapid ageing with an increase in proportion of older persons, an increase in pace of ageing, and an increase in the absolute number of older persons. There are now 630 million people aged 60 years or over, representing 60 per cent of the world's older persons. By 2050, their number is projected to increase to 1.3 billion.

At the same time, over 60 per cent of the world's youth live in Asia and the Pacific. This translates into more than 750 million young women and men aged 15 to 24 years. These demographic trends call for attention to older as well as younger persons. Moreover, it is important to harness the intergenerational partnerships for meaningful and inclusive development.

- What are the key demographic trends in the region?
- How can we advance intergenerational collaboration including to eradicate poverty and unemployment and promote entrepreneurship? What can be done to support women and other marginalized groups and increase womens' labour force participation rate?
- How can member States ensure that migrant workers' human rights, including the right to health and the right to work, are better protected and promoted?
- What are the opportunities in the region to advance intergenerational collaboration?
- What are the challenges to intergenerational collaboration?
- How can we advance the priority actions of the APMD?
- Recommendations for the way forward

**Subtheme 4: Ensuring accountability for commitments and policy coherence**

- Moderator: Harjot Khosa, IPPF SA
- Resource person: Sachini Perera. RESURJ
- Rapporteur: Caecilia Roth, FP NSW

This theme will explore our understanding of accountability vis-à-vis policy commitments. Accountability for whom, to whom and what accountability means in practice. The linkages across other relevant processes such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Beijing Platform for Action, Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP) and the international human

	<p>rights framework will be discussed, for policy coherence and implementation of commitments to further sustainable and just development in the region. This theme will also discuss effective integration of population, sustainable development and SRHR issues into national policy frameworks and its planning, implementation, monitoring and review. The theme will also discuss partnerships, and financing for the ICPD PoA and the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. The session will also look at ways to strengthen data generation, disaggregation and analysis in support of implementing the priority action of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration and the ICPD PoA in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is our understanding of accountability vis-à-vis policy commitments? Accountability for whom, to whom and what does accountability mean in practice?</li> <li>• What are the opportunities in the region to advance accountability, partnerships and data collection?</li> <li>• What are the challenges to ensuring accountability, partnerships and data collection?</li> <li>• How can we advance the priority actions of the APMD from the lens of accountability partnerships and policy coherence?</li> <li>• What are key findings Nairobi Summit ICPD+25, and how do they apply to countries in Asia and the Pacific? (in terms of investment and progress on indicators)</li> <li>• Recommendations for the way forward</li> </ul>
12:45-1:00	<b>Break</b>
1:00-1:30	<p><b>Highlights, challenges and recommendations from the working groups</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sai Racherla, ARROW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 1 Riju Dhakal, ARROW</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 2 Bilal Ahmed, SPEAK Trust</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 3 Lady Lisondra, IPPF ESEAOR</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 4 Caecilia Roth, FP NSW</li> <li>• Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</li> </ul>
1:30-1:50	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> APPC</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
1:50-2:00	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section (5 minutes)</li> <li>• 7 APPC Steering Committee Member</li> </ul>