

## Contraceptive Policy Atlas for Asia and the Pacific Region 2023

### Side Event Concept Note

#### A. Background

In Asia Pacific, 140 million<sup>1</sup> women have an unmet need for modern contraception, leading to more than 13 million<sup>2,3</sup> unplanned pregnancies, with serious potential consequences for primarily women's health and well-being through for example unsafe abortions. Ensuring access to contraception that are rights-based is among the key priority actions in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development of the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian and Pacific Population Conference.

Many gains have been achieved after a decade; however, we have also seen great challenges in meeting the SDG targets. Access to contraception must, therefore, be a priority for governments. To better advocate for improved policies on contraception, policymakers, civil society, and other allies across the world would benefit from impactful tools that are evidence-based and easy to communicate.

Under the name of the [Global Parliamentary Alliance \(GPA\)](#) and with the support of UNFPA, the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF) in collaboration with the International Planned Parenthood Federation – East and South East Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF-ESEAOR) created the first intraregional comparative tool assessing countries on their policies on contraception. The Contraception Policy Atlas Asia Pacific Region 2023 aims to investigate, track and rate how countries across the region ensure the right to reproductive autonomy by guaranteeing access to contraception. Through its 3 headings and 16 criteria, the Atlas scores 43 countries' policy frameworks on family planning, and policies to ensure equitable access to and funding for contraception. Country information for the 43 countries was collected at the beginning of 2023 and validated by IPPF-ESEAOR.

#### B. Proposal

A side event will be organized on **November 16, 2023**, at the **UN Convention Center Meeting Room H in Bangkok, Thailand**. This will bring together partners and stakeholders to share the highlights from the study on the different contraception laws and implementation status with the aim of exploring new commitments and leveraging collaboration to achieve SDG-related targets on contraception.

#### C. Target Participants

Civil society organizations (CSOs), youth leaders and youth networks, development partners, private institutions and government representatives.

#### D. Activity Outcomes and Objectives

The activity seeks to strengthen partnerships – government, private sector, and civil society for greater accountability and impact on ensuring access to contraception by discussing current policies, gaps, and opportunities to strengthen data and evidence on contraceptive programs and access.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://asiapacific.unfpa.org/en/node/15200>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/unintended-pregnancy-and-abortion-asia>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.rhsupplies.org/uploads/tx\\_rhscpublications/UNFPA\\_Investment\\_Case\\_SIDS\\_Pacific\\_and\\_Caribbean.pdf](https://www.rhsupplies.org/uploads/tx_rhscpublications/UNFPA_Investment_Case_SIDS_Pacific_and_Caribbean.pdf) (page 8)

## E. Proposed Agenda

Time	Details
1200 – 1230h	Registration
1230 – 1240h (10 mins)	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>  Tomoko Fukuda, Regional Director IPPF ESEAOR  Sumita Banerjee, Managing Director FP2030 Asia Pacific Hub
1240 – 1315h (35 mins)  5 min presentation per speaker	Panel Discussion  1. Highlights from the CPA of Asia and the Pacific - Neill Datta, Executive Director, EPF  2. Reflections from the government leaders: contraceptive policies and meeting human rights commitments from ICPD to the SDGs a. Ms. Nagina Akhtar, Director of the Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination, Pakistan b. H.E. Mr. Bin Troachhey, Minister of Planning, Royal Government of Cambodia c. H.E. Rexon Annex Ramofafia, Minister of National Planning and Development Coordination, Solomon Islands  3. Voices from youth on galvanizing partnership with stakeholders to fulfilling the right to access to a wide range of contraceptives a. Dadchaneeya “Yam” Ruttanasiri, Chairperson YSNAP b. Daniel Wahyu Priyambodo, FP2030 Youth Focal Point - Indonesia
1320 – 1335h (15 mins)	Open Forum  Moderator: Tomoko Fukuda, Regional Director IPPF ESEAOR
1335 – 1345h (10 mins)	Closing and Synthesis

Side event organizer: International Planned Parenthood Federation East and Southeast Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR)

Co-organizers: FP 2030 Asia Pacific Hub and European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)

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