Rights-based Approaches as the Foundation to Achieving Just and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

17 November, 10:00-11:15 in Meeting Room H

The International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA) was truly remarkable in its shift away from numbers and towards a rights-based approach as the foundation to achieving just and sustainable development.

This session will focus on the fulfillment of the ICPD PoA in Asia Pacific as the key to enabling and empowering women and marginalized groups in the face of a shifting demographic context and emerging challenges. It will harness the power of implementing rights-based policies and narratives to achieve sexual and reproductive health and rights, ensure access to information, education and services, and eliminate harmful practices like female genital mutilation.

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