

ICPD30 Global consultation Localizing the International Conference on Population and Development

1. Background

Today, it is widely recognized that fulfilling the rights of women and girls is central to development. The origins of this realization lead back to Cairo in 1994. There, at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), diverse views that placed individual dignity and human rights at the very heart of development. Considering recent demographic shifts and the pressing need for integrated development strategies that include access to SRHR, there is a growing recognition of the importance of local governments in addressing complex issues surrounding the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Effective local governance and equitable local public service provision are crucial in tailoring responses to the unique needs of communities, ensuring sustainable development, and promoting inclusive policies that respect and fulfill the vision of the ICPD Programme of Action.

2. Proposal

A global consultation on the localization of the ICPD with local governments and ICPD champions aims to bring together local government officials, policymakers, and key stakeholders to discuss and formulate actionable strategies that enhance governance capabilities in effectively addressing the intersections of population dynamics, development challenges, and sexual and reproductive rights.

3. Objectives

- a.** To enhance understanding among local government officials of the critical linkages between population issues, sustainable development, and SRHR.
- b.** To identify challenges and opportunities within local contexts and local public policies and service provision that affect SRHR and development.
- c.** To foster collaborative approaches and share best practices in policy formulation and implementation.
- d.** To propose a political commitment that aligns the ICPD with the priorities of UCLG and local governments.

4. Participants

For a meeting focused on the localization of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), a wide range of stakeholders should be included to ensure a comprehensive and multifaceted approach to the issues. The participants - approximately 60 - should represent various sectors that can influence or be influenced by population and development policies, especially concerning sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Local Government Officials: Mayors, governors, councilors, and representatives from relevant local government departments such as health, education, social services, and planning. These officials are crucial for advancing the localization of the ICPD programme of action.

Member States: Officials from the national government, particularly from some Permanent Missions based in New York. Their involvement can contribute for a constructive discussion to align with national policies, programmes and optimization of resources.

Academics and Researchers: Experts in population studies, economics, public health, and social sciences from UNFPA, but also special guests who can provide data-driven insights and evidence-based recommendations.

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs): Selected global CSOs based in NY that work closely with community-based organizations and can provide a grassroots perspective on local needs and challenges.

Multilateral partners: In addition to UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) as the main co-host alongside UCLG, other relevant UN partners may be invited: UNS, Habitat, WHO, UNDP.

Private Sector Representatives: UNFPA partners with work related to the ICPD agenda, particularly from industries impacted by or contributing to health and development can offer space for innovation, and partnerships.

Youth Representatives: Young people are often the most affected by policies around sexual and reproductive health and rights, so their inclusion ensures that their specific needs and perspectives are considered.

5. Expected outcomes

- a. Identification of specific local challenges and gaps in addressing ICPD issues, especially SRHR at the local level.
- b. Reinforcing the commitment of local and regional governments to accelerate progress, exchange knowledge and support each other in implementing effective policies.
- c. Launching of a political declaration for improving ICPD related action at the local level.

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Agenda

12 July 2024

Speaker	Segment	Min	Time
Moderator: UCLG (TBC)	Arrival and Registration	30'	10:30 - 11:00
UCLG Emilia Saiz, Secretary General	Opening Remarks: Localising the ICPD	10'	11:00 - 11:17
UNFPA TBC		7'	
ICPD30 Secretariat Elizeu Chaves, Executive Coordinator	Objectives of the Meeting	3'	11:17-11:20
Moderator: UCLG (TBC)	Local and Regional Governments' priorities, challenges and commitments to localize the ICPD Programme of Action	60'	11:20 - 12:20
	Inclusive political participation and the Feminist Municipal Movement		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of the Region of Nouakchott (Mauritania), UCLG Co-President, and Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Co-chair of the Advisory Group of the UN Secretary-General on Local and Regional Governments 	4'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Francine Farrugia, Councillor, Siggiewi (Malta), member of the CEMR / PLATFORMA Young Elected Officials Committee 	4'	
	Ending violence against women		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ana Lucia Reis, Mayor of Cobija (Bolivia), President of the Association of Municipalities of Bolivia, UCLG Co-President 	4'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Clare Hart, Vice-president of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole (France) 	4'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Leila Sharafi, Chief, Gender and Human Rights Branch, UNFPA 	4'	
	Poverty reduction		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Helena Jose Correia Langa, Member of the Municipal Assembly of Mandlakazi (Mozambique) 	4'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Viviana Obando, Director of the Pacific Administrative and Planning Region (Colombia) 	4'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Charles Katende, Chief, Strategic Planning Branch, UNFPA 	4'	

	<p>Public health: provision of sexual & reproductive health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor of Mount Vernon (US) Mr. Will Zeck, Chief, Sexual and Reproductive Health Branch, UNFPA <p>Q&A, Discussion</p>	4' 4'	
	Lunch	60'	12:20 - 13:20
Moderator UNFPA (TBC)	<p>Local and Regional Governments' priorities, challenges and commitments to localize the ICPD Programme of Action</p> <p>Local Action for Human Mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wilson Sanya, Mayor of Koboko (Uganda) Ms. Véronique Bertholle, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, European Affairs (France) Ms. Priscilla Idele, Chief, Population and Development Branch, UNFPA <p>Climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. André Viola, Departmental Councillor, Aude (France) Ms. Gail Macgregor, Councillor, Annandale North Ward (UK), and COSLA's Environment and Economy Spokesperson <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. María José García-Pelayo, Mayor of Jerez de la Frontera (Spain), President of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) Ms. Heida Bjorg Helgadottir, President of the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities (Iceland) <p>Technology and inclusive digitalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fatiha El Moudni, Mayor of Rabat (Morocco) Ms. Elisenda Alamany Gutiérrez, Vice-President for International Relations and Digital Metropolis, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (Spain) Ms. Nigina Muntean, Chief, Innovation, UNFPA 	50' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4' 4'	13:30 - 14:20
	Open Discussion	45'	14:20 - 15:05
	Break	30'	15:05- 15:35
UCLG Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of the Region of Nouakchott (Mauritania), UCLG Co-President, and/or UCLG Secretary General Emilia Saiz, UNFPA	<p>Key takeaways: Beyond 2024</p> <p>Group Photo and Closing</p>	25'	15:35- 16:00

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