

Webinar Series

The Role of Parliamentarians in Realizing the ICPD@25 Commitments

Webinar 1

Background

The Africa Parliamentarians Forum on Population and Development (AFPA) and UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) plan to convene a series of webinars under the theme “The Role of Parliamentarians on tracking progress towards the ICPD@25 Commitments in East and Southern Africa”. This is planned in partnership with the Asian and Pacific Parliamentarians Forum on Population and Development (APDA). The webinar series is a recommendation of the African and Asian Parliamentarians’ meeting to Follow-Up on ICPD25 Commitments held in June 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Accordingly, the first webinar will review the commitments made at the ICPD@25 Summit in Nairobi, 2019. In the Webinar, the parliamentarians will also report and discuss progress on the commitments made on ending child marriage in the region, child marriage is one of the indicators highlighted to be negatively impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will share and discuss progress for 8 ESA countries¹. The first Webinar will be held on the 20 September 2022 from 11:00 to 1:00 SAST. While dates for subsequent webinars will be communicated later.

In the post-COVID-19 pandemic era, recovery efforts must be centered on the principle of leaving no one behind and building a more equal, just, inclusive and sustainable societies. To this end, the leadership by parliamentarians is vital in ensuring the commitments made by countries on the occasion of ICPD@25 are implemented and monitored as these will fast track the achievement of SDGs, Agenda 2063 and national development plans. In addition to the overall ICPD@25 commitments, the webinar will emphasize certain indicators and review in-depth the progress made thus far and draw recommendations to scale up results.

Despite progress in recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting child marriage prevention programmes while increasing poverty and inequality, which are known drivers of child marriage. The webinars will bring together parliamentarians, government officials, civil society representatives and United Nations representatives, to discuss the current state of child marriage in the reporting countries and draw tangible actions accordingly.

Objectives

The overall goal of the webinars is to strengthen the engagement of country level parliamentarians to revamp the progress towards the implementation of ICPD@25 Commitments within the framework of the Universal Health Coverage and the attainment of the health related Sustainable Development Goals. The webinar will facilitate sharing of experiences among parliamentarians and other stakeholders and draw recommendations with the aim of maintaining momentum towards realizing the ICPD@25 commitments and specific selected indicators and overall SDGs.

Target Audience

- Members of parliament (MPs) from member states invited by the Africa Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA)

¹ Malawi, Eswatini, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan and Zimbabwe.



- UNFPA Country Offices (Representations/Assistant representatives, Gender and Youth Focal points)
- Implementing partners on ICPD@25 commitments from Malawi, Eswatini, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan and Zimbabwe

Webinar set-up

- **Speakers:** See agenda
- **Format for the webinar:** Presentations followed by discussions, questions and answers
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Platform:** Zoom
- **Proposed Date:** 20 September 11.00 to 1:00 (South Africa Standard Time)
- **Translation:** French and Portuguese translations will be available

20 September 2022

11:00 -13:00 SAST

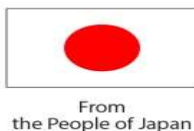
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11:00-11:20 (SAST)	Opening Session (Moderator) Ms. Lydia Zigomo, Regional Director, UNFPA ESARO Dr. Kiyoko Ikegami, Executive Director/Secretary General, APDA Hon. Dr. Abdu-Rashid Hassan Pelpuo, President of the Africa Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA)
11:20-11:45	Overview of the ICPD@25 commitments from the 8 reporting countries; Mr. Fredrick Okwayo; Population and Development Adviser, UNFPA ESARO Country level reflection from Rwanda UNFPA: Ms. Mercy Mungai, Deputy Representative, Rwanda CO
11:45- 12:20	Country progress reports including best practices, challenges on the ICPD@25 (Moderator: (TBC)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Fredrick Outa, from Kenya, FPA Vice-President [8 mins] • Hon. Sylvia Mthethwa, MP Eswatini [8 mins] • Hon. Goodlucky Kwaramba, MP Zimbabwe [8 mins] • Hon. Pemmy Castelina Pamela Majodina, MP Republic of South Africa [8 mins] • Hon. Dr. Thea Ntara, MP Tanzania [8 mins] Discussion



12:20-12:45	Progress towards ending child marriage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Princess Kasune, MP Zambia, Chair of ZAPPD [8 mins]• Hon. Muwuma Milton, MP Uganda [8 mins]• Hon. Matthew Ngwale, MP Malawi [8 mins] Discussions
12:45- 13:00	Way forward; Mr. Fredrick Okwayo; Population and Development Adviser, UNFPA ESARO