Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development

Invest in Health, Rights and the Future

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September 2 – 4, 2009

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Please circulate widely

In recognition of the 15 yr. anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development aims to strengthen NGOs working in partnership to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights for sustainable development in an uncertain and interdependent world. The Government of Germany and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are the co-hosts of this forum. A website with more information on the Forum will be set up at http://www.globalngoforum.org/ by 8 May.

Global Partners in Action is led by NGOs and is for NGOs, with considerable emphasis placed on ensuring significant participation from the Global South and of young people. Global Partners in Action will be a highly interactive working meeting, where participants will be able to contribute to approximately 30 breakout sessions, as participants, facilitators, resource persons or rapporteurs. In addition, orientation sessions and regional meetings are being planned for the first day. Participants will furthermore have the opportunity to network and share their work and experiences in a marketplace and at a global café. Plenaries featuring high level speakers will also inspire Global Partners in Action. Finally, all participants will be welcome to assist in the drafting process for the Call to Action throughout the duration of the Forum and outcomes from discussions in various sessions will feed into the Call to Action and an NGO Action Plan.

There will be 400 participants at Global Partners in Action. Out of these, 225 will come from the Global South and will, as far as possible, be fully funded to attend. There are 100 spots for Northern NGOs; these will not generally be funded to attend. However, there will be no registration fee. The forum steering group aims to ensure diverse representation from as many countries, regions and NGO’s working in different fields of health and development as possible. Youth participation is also a priority and a commitment has been made to have at least 25% of participants under the age of 30. In recognition of the vital role that Regional Networks play in implementing and monitoring the ICPD Programme of Action, a commitment has been made to have at least 30 Regional Networks participate at the Forum.

Global Partners in Action is inviting applications from individuals representing NGO’s around the world that:

- Are committed to the principles of the ICPD Programme of Action;
- Focus on activities that address key aspects of the ICPD Programme of Action (for example: sexual and reproductive health and rights, women’s rights, HIV and AIDS, youth participation, gender equity, etc.);
- Work at either a local, national, regional or international level;
• Are interested and able to share best practices, lessons learned and areas for capacity building;
• Can commit to collaborative follow-up to *Global Partners in Action*, guided by the NGO Action Plan and Call to Action that will be produced during the Forum. Can commit to collaborative follow-up to *Global Partners in Action*, guided by the NGO Action Plan and Call to Action that will be produced during the Forum.

Eligible candidates are invited to complete the application form below. The interest expressed about potential breakout session topics (question 12) will feed into the Forum’s programme, so applicants are encouraged to carefully select topics that are most relevant to their NGO’s work.

The deadline for applications is **Monday May 25, 2009**. Applicants are highly recommended to submit their application using the online application form on the *Global Partners in Action* website, [http://www.globalngoforum.org](http://www.globalngoforum.org), or as a second option, by email to: application@globalngoforum.org. If neither of these is an option, applications can also be received by fax at 1 (212) 297 4906.

Applications will be reviewed by an NGO-led Selection Committee, which has set up several measures to ensure a transparent and objective process. For example, an external consultant will remove all personal and organizational information from initial applications to make them anonymous. They will also be assigned a code that identifies their region, country and age group. The anonymous applications which fill all of the selection criteria will then be analyzed for content and relevance to the ICPD agenda and the objectives of the forum. Full details about the selection process will be available on the *Global Partners in Action* website.
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PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all questions of this application form and submit it along with a 1-page reference letter from the management or leadership of your organization (see details below). The deadline for applications is Monday May 25, 2009.

Applications can be submitted (i) online through the Global Partners in Action website, http://www.globalngoforum.org, (ii) by email or application@globalngoforum.org by fax to 1 (212) 297 4906.

Personal Information

1. First name:
   Middle name:
   Last name:

2. Age (indicate only if under 30 yrs):

3. Contact information
   Email:
   Telephone with country code:
   Mailing address:

4. Global Partners in Action will have translation services during select sessions in English, French and Spanish. Please indicate your proficiency in the following languages by checking the appropriate box:

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Organizational Information

5. Name of Organization:

6. Organization’s contact information
   Mailing address:
   Email:
   Telephone with country code:
   Fax with country code:
   Website:

7. Geographic Scope of organization – Please select one of the following:
   □ Local
8. Is your organization part of a regional or international Network?
   ☐ Yes (answer a to c) ☐ No go to question 9)

   a. If yes, what is the name of the network?

   b. In 150 words or less, please describe the mission of this network and its reach (i.e. how many members and countries are represented in the network?)

   c. Please indicate which organization you will represent at the Forum (you can only choose one).
   
   ☐ Local or national organization
   ☐ Regional Network
   ☐ International Network

9. In 250 words or less, please briefly describe the mission of your organization and two or three key strategies used to achieve it

10. In 400 words or less, please describe three main achievements that your organization has accomplished in relation to the ICPD Programme of Action

**Forum Participation**

11. Why do you wish to participate in *Global Partners in Action*?

12. Do you wish to facilitate or speak in a breakout session?
   
   ☐ Yes (answer a to c) ☐ No (go to question 13)

   a. If yes, please indicate up to two to three topics that are in line with the Forum’s five programme tracks:

   *The Forum tracks will concentrate on different aspects of the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) agenda and issues of current concern, with overlap and synergy between the tracks wherever possible. Each track seeks to emphasize the needs and experiences of youth and young people, robust and innovative communication and advocacy strategies and forward-looking solutions to advance global SRHR.*
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<td><strong>Track 1: Best Practices in Implementing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</strong></td>
<td>Will focus on lessons learned and best practices at the national and local levels in SRHR, as well as the role of NGOs and broader civil society in furthering SRHR. Panels and breakout sessions may include, but are not limited to, topics on SRH services and supplies; unmet need for family planning; maternal health, mortality and morbidity; safe abortion; and SRHR policy advocacy.</td>
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<td><strong>Track 2: Links Between SRHR and Other Global Health Issues and Partnerships</strong></td>
<td>Emphasizes the linkages between SRHR and initiatives to reform or strengthen health systems and their impact and linkages between SRHR and other global health priorities and initiatives including international and multilateral health partnerships, women’s health, child health, primary health care, and HIV/AIDS and other infectious or non-communicable diseases. Keynotes, panels and sessions will consider best practices learned from previous integrated strategies, the current landscape, and opportunities for integration through 2015 and beyond.</td>
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<td><strong>Track 3: Gender, Human Rights, and SRHR</strong></td>
<td>Encompasses the links between SRHR, gender and the broader human rights agenda. Topics will include discussions of gender-based violence and SRHR; women’s empowerment; men’s involvement and role in SRHR; SRHR and sexual diversity; gendered health systems; religions and sexuality; and effective strategies to counter the opposition towards reproductive rights and sexual rights. Keynotes, panels and sessions will consider best practices learned from past integrated approaches, the current landscape, and integration through 2015 and beyond.</td>
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<td><strong>Track 4: SRHR and Development Strategies</strong></td>
<td>Will focus on the integration of SRHR in development policies, strategies and frameworks. Topics will include, but are not limited to, integration of SRHR in the MDGs and poverty reduction strategies; using the ICPD PoA to fill gaps and achieve MDG targets 5A on maternal...</td>
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mortality and 5B on universal access to reproductive health; new national and international development donors and financing mechanisms; new aid architecture and strengthening communication, advocacy and accountability mechanisms at the community, national, regional, and global levels.

**Track 5:**
**Linkages between SRHR, Population, Climate Change and Other Contextual Issues**

Included will be keynotes, panels, and breakout sessions that consider linkages between SRHR and contextual and other issues that are impacting on the development agenda, including, but not limited to, the economic crisis, climate change (mitigation and adaptation), environment, natural disasters, migration, age-structure changes, conflict, and failed states and security. Discussions and workshops will include analysis of the current landscape and forward-looking solutions.

b. If you wish to present in a breakout session, please indicate if you would prefer to hold a skills-building workshop or a panel session:

☐ Skills-building Workshop ☐ Panel Session

c. In 300 words or less, please provide details of your previous experience facilitating, speaking or publishing on your proposed topics

13. *Global Partners in Action* is a working meeting. Therefore, participants are expected to come prepared to the Forum with information about the progress and challenges of implementing the ICPD Programme of Action in their respective countries and/or regions from NGO, academic and/or UN sources. If selected to participate in the Forum, how will you ensure to collect such data prior to the Forum? Please limit your answer to 150 words or less.

14. *Global Partners in Action* will produce two outcome documents in collaboration with all participants and civil society partners: (i) a Call to Action to be presented to decision-makers and (ii) an NGO Action Plan as a roadmap of how NGO’s and

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1 **Skills-building workshops:** Sessions that aim to build participants’ capacity in a tangible skill or activity  
**Panel sessions:** refer to sessions involving panel presentations or roundtable discussions on a particular issue or set of interrelated issues
networks can work together towards achieving the successful implementation of the ICPD programme of action and advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights beyond 2015.

a. Please list two key elements that your organization feels should be prioritized in the NGO Action Plan

b. How can your organization commit to contribute to the implementation of the NGO Action plan and the dissemination of the Call to Action after the Forum?

15. *Global Partners in Action* will aim to fund participants from most countries from the Global South in the attached list. However, funding is not available for all 400 participants. If you were selected, would your NGO be able to cover the costs associate with your participation in the Forum?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Reference Letter**

All applicants must submit a 1-page reference letter from the management or leadership of the organization you plan to represent. The letter must demonstrate that your organization supports your application and possible participation at the Forum. The letter should be written on your organization’s letterhead and must be submitted at the same time as your application.

**Submission Instructions**

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Selected applicants will be notified by the end of June to ensure adequate time to acquire necessary travel documents, such as visas, to attend the Forum.

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2 Executive Directors of NGO’s are requested to submit a letter from their Board of Directors