

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

Invest in Health, Rights and the Future

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GOAL STATEMENT FOR THE FORUM:

To strengthen NGOs working in partnership in order to secure political and financial investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights – for sustainable development in an uncertain interdependent world

MEETING OBJECTIVES (what is achievable in a 2½ day event):

1. **Exchange information, identify opportunities and challenges and share lessons learned/ best practices.** In particular, take stock of:
 - a. Stakeholders and forums that are critical to the integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in broader health, development and rights agendas and to ensuring adequate financial investment for SRHR programs and services;
 - b. Progress in integrating SRHR into national, regional and global development strategies and structures;
 - c. Global and national recognition of the comprehensive and cohesive approach to SRHR through the life-cycle;
 - d. External factors such as economic crisis, food crisis, climate change, health sector reforms, and new aid structures; and
 - e. Challenges to SRHR from those actively opposed to the agenda.
2. **Advance a common messaging and strategic platform** to promote cohesion in communication and advocacy around SRHR in an interdependent world.
3. **Draft and adopt a forward-looking NGO action plan**, with the support and endorsement of the NGO community. This action plan will:
 - a. Specify and build on the different roles and contributions of NGOs in furthering SRHR—holding governments accountable, advocacy, monitoring, mobilising voices from the community, and providing services and care.
 - b. Define ways to strengthen capacities of NGOs to play these roles.
 - c. Focus on progress that can be achieved from 2009-2015 in ensuring strong political and financial support for SRHR to improve development and secure sustainability.
 - d. Advocate for concrete national, regional, global accountability mechanisms and structures.
 - e. Ensure leadership by women, youth and Southern NGOs.

4. **Agree to and distribute a Call to Action** as a contribution to appropriate events and channels including the International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (**IPCI-ICPD**), to the UN General Assembly, and to the media.