3rd annual Conference on “Implementing the ICPD Agenda”
Six Years After Cairo: How Far Have We Come?

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Day 1: 15th May 2000

9:00 Opening Ceremony
  Registration

Chair
  Welcome & Introduction of Chairman & Invited Guests

Welcoming Remarks
  Rt. Hon. Justice D. F. Annan, Speaker of Parliament
  Mrs. Shazia Rafi, Secretary General of PGA

Inaugural Address
  His Excellency Mr. Lansana Kouyate, Secretary General, ECOWAS
  "Peace and Democracy in Africa: Launching an Era of Anglophone-Francophone Co-operation"

Keynote Addresses
  Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA
  "The ICPD Program of Action and the Role of Parliamentarians in its Implementation"

  Dep. Ibrahim Fall, Program Convenor, PGA
  "Expansion of the West African Pilot Program"

Chairman
  Closing Remarks

10:00 Group Photograph & Refreshments

10:30 Session I: Panel Discussion
  The Specific Role of Parliamentary Committees in Addressing Population-Related Needs:
  Working at the Local Level and Building Partnerships

  Hon. Alhaji A. Salifu, (MP Ghana) Overview: "Current Activities Taking Place in Ghana"

  Dep. Momar Lo (MP Senegal) Overview: "Current Activities Taking Place in Senegal"

  Dr. Richard Turkson (Executive Director, National Population Council Secretariat, Ghana) “Reflections on the methodology of building partnerships between MPs and NGOs”

  To Be Announced (MP Uganda) "An Example of Co-operation: The Case of Uganda -FGM Project with Members of Parliament"

Panelists: Mr Alex Banful (Managing Director, Ghana Social Marketing Foundation)
  Dr. Benedicta M. Ababio, (Local Resident Advisor, The Policy Project)
  Mrs Mariana Tackie (Chair, The Coalition on Gender)

12:30 Lunch Break: Buffet

14:30 Session II: Legal Review of Laws Relating to Population
  • The current status of the legal review in Ghana and Senegal; The importance of legal review; key weaknesses of current legislation (laws); developing a methodology; status of Abidjan draft law.

  Prof. Fred Sai, (Senior Advisor PGA Pilot Project) “First and Last: Parliamentarians as Legislators in the Field of Population.”

  Prof. Akua Kuenyehia, (University of Ghana Faculty of Law) “Legal Review in Ghana: Laws affecting Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual Health and Rights and Family Planning.”

  Dep. Oumou Diof/Prof. Madior Diallo “Mechanisms for drafting and implementing laws on Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual Health and Rights and Family Planning..”

Discussion

19:00 Dinner (Banquet Hall, State House)
Day 2:  16th May 2000

9:00  Session III: Panel Discussion
Mobilizing Resources

- To successfully compete for scarce resources parliamentary activities must prove their relevance and effectiveness to the improvement of population conditions.

- What prevents parliament from contributing more effectively to population concerns; under what circumstances have parliaments most successfully contributed to the issue; what are most promising opportunities for enabling parliament to contribute to population issues; what are the prospects for partnership with donors and local stakeholders.

Panelists:  Donor Representatives
          MPs from West Africa
          Government officials (e.g. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health)
          NGO representatives

11:00  Coffee/Tea Break

11:15  Session IV: Coalition building

- Survey of MPs knowledge and attitudes on population issues;

- The role of NGOs and researchers/academics to assist parliamentarians to increase knowledge about population issues: Ghanaian and Senegalese reports;

- Working at the local level-its influence on knowledge; PIP -mini educational session on a topic related to the field trip scheduled for day 3 of this meeting.

Speakers: To Be Announced

Discussion

13:00  Lunch Break

14:30  Session V: Panel Session
Sustainability of the Project-Financial and Programmatic: Results of the Evaluation of the Pilot Project

- Report from the evaluators of the West African Pilot Program on Population and sustainable Development

- Effect on expansion efforts

Panelists:  Evaluators
          PGA staff
          To Be Announced

16:30  Session VI: Where to Go from Here

- Adoption of the Action Plan on Population in Ghana & Senegal

- Expansion of the program in West Africa

Discussion
Rapporteur's Report
Closing

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