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**3<sup>rd</sup> annual Conference on “Implementing the ICPD Agenda”**  
**Six Years After Cairo: How Far Have We Come?**  
*Accra, 15-17 May, 2000.*

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**Day 1:****15<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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:****16<sup>th</sup> 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

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11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

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**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

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13:00 Lunch Break

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**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

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**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

<b>DAY 3: 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Field Visit(s)</b>
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