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

PGA Secretariat

Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General
Ms. Christina Zampas, Programme Officer
Ms. Dorothy Wisniowski, Programme Officer

PGA Country Office-Ghana

Dr. Cand. Staffan I. Lindberg

PGA Country Office-Senegal

Mr. Per Bjalkander

Day 1: 15th May 2000

9:00	Opening Ceremony	
	Registration	
	Chair	<i>Welcome & Introduction of Chairman & Invited Guests</i>
	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 <i>"Peace and Democracy in Africa: Launching an Era of Anglophone-Francophone Co-operation"</i>
	Keynote Addresses	Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA <i>"The ICPD Program of Action and the Role of Parliamentarians in its Implementation"</i> Dep. Ibrahim Fall, Program Convenor, PGA <i>"Expansion of the West African Pilot Program"</i>
	Chairman	<i>Closing Remarks</i>
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: <i>"Current Activities Taking Place in Ghana"</i>
	Dep. Momar Lo (MP Senegal)	Overview: <i>"Current Activities Taking Place in Senegal"</i>
	Dr. Richard Turkson (Executive Director, National Population Council Secretariat, Ghana)	<i>"Reflections on the methodology of building partnerships between MPs and NGOs"</i>
	To Be Announced (MP Uganda)	<i>"An Example of Co-operation: The Case of Uganda –FGM Project with Members of Parliament"</i>
	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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<i>"First and Last: Parliamentarians as Legislators in the Field of Population."</i>
	Prof. Akua Kuenyehia, (University of Ghana Faculty of Law)	<i>"Legal Review in Ghana: Laws affecting Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual Health and Rights and Family Planning."</i>
	Dep. Oumou Diof/Prof. Madior Diallo	<i>"Mechanisms for drafting and implementing laws on Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual Health and Rights and Family Planning.."</i>
	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

DAY 3: 17th May	Field Visit(s)
-----------------------------------	-----------------------