

**13th International Dialogue
on Population and
Sustainable Development**



Health Gender Rights

Moving beyond 2015

Programme
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1. Background

More than seven billion people share the planet today. We are facing a number of global threats: such as climate change, poverty and growing inequalities among and within countries. Despite growing awareness, the political and financial commitment to tackle these threats is inadequate at the national and international levels. In 2000 the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) committed every country around the world to take action to reach certain targets by 2015. The world agreed: we all want to live in a world without poverty, where people can achieve their potential, and where health and education are guaranteed.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) remain central to achieving this vision. However since the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 and the Millennium Development Goals Declaration in 2000, goals and targets related to SRHR have not been reached.

In September 2015, Member States of the United Nations have adopted the 2030 Agenda, which includes Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to replace the MDGs. These goals, which all countries will aim to reach, will serve as the main framework for development cooperation until 2030. They will guide efforts for the universal realisation of SRHR, and as a result all stakeholders in SRHR should capitalise on this moment to strategise for what the future holds.

In fact, maternal health is currently far off track and access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) remains a distant dream for many of the world's poor, marginalised and vulnerable women, men and young people. Today, 225 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using an effective contraceptive method. Recently published studies highlight: if they had access to contraception and all pregnant women received care at the standards recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), unintended pregnancies would drop from current 74 million to 22 million per year and maternal deaths from 290,000 to 96,000¹.

Investments in SRH are critical for saving lives and reducing ill-health among women and their children—and for fulfilling their internationally recognised right to health. The immediate health benefits alone are well worth the cost, and the payoffs are even greater when taking into account the broader, long-term benefits for women, their partners and families, and societies. Gender equality and the empowerment of girls and women will not be possible without the realisation of SRHR. For women and girls to lead healthy lives, and to participate in social, economic and political life, they need universal access to quality services, information and education, and conditions that allow them to realise their sexual and reproductive rights. This includes addressing early and forced marriage, and creating opportunities for economic empowerment.

Adding It Up: the Costs and Benefits of Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health 2014 <https://www.gutmacher.org/pubs/AddingItUp2014.pdf>

2. Objective

The objective of the 13th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development is to identify the key issues emerging from the newly adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, looking forward, what this holds for advancing SRHR as a key dimension of international development.

There will be a two-part discussion, dedicating the first half-day to taking stock of processes that have led to this point. The second day will be dedicated to strategising around how to best use the 2030 Agenda, including:

- Monitoring and accountability mechanisms for advancing SRHR, including the future role of the UN Commissions on the Status of Women (CSW) and on Population and Development (CPD) in this regard.
- Mechanisms to secure funding for SRHR.
- Measuring things that matter – identifying key indicators of progress, existing knowledge gaps, and increasing collection of robust data to better understand links between improved SRHR and gender empowerment and equality.

3. Relevance

The 13th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development provides a uniquely timely and relevant opportunity for stakeholders working on SRHR to take stock of the results of the UN summit on post-2015, assess whether critical issues mentioned in the Berlin Call to Action are adequately reflected in the 2030 Agenda and identify immediate and longer-term implications for positioning SRHR as a development priority.

4. Expected Outcomes

The 13th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development will make a strategic contribution to global strategising on how to best advance SRHR through the 2030 Agenda. This will be made possible by capitalising on the opportune timing, strengthening alliances and exchanging strategies between likeminded policymakers, experts, and activists, drawing on current developments in global SRHR policy.

Expected outcomes include:

- Greater understanding of the upcoming obstacles and challenges for the advancement of SRHR under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Thorough exploration of how to ensure that issues around SRHR are adequately represented on the forthcoming international agenda;
- Enhanced exchange, networking and collaboration between all relevant stakeholders from governments, international organisations, implementing agencies, civil society organisations, youth networks and the private sector;
- Exchange on strategies leading to improved and/or joint recommendations and activities of the participants both on the national, regional and international level in order to achieve a successful implementation of SRHR related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.

Programme

DAY 1 - OCTOBER 28, 2015

Taking Stock of the Post-2015 Summit – Achievements and Implications for SRHR

Venue: Tagungswerk Jerusalemkirche, Lindenstraße 85, 10969 Berlin 

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- 11.30 a.m. **Registration**
- 12.00 a.m. **Lunch**
- 1.00 p.m. **Opening Session**
- Welcome**
Marc Engelhardt
Director for Development and Sector Policy, KfW Entwicklungsbank, Germany
- Klaus Brill**
Vice President Corporate Commercial Relations, Bayer HealthCare, Berlin
- 1.30 p.m. **Opening Speech**
Hans-Peter Baur
Head of Directorate Peace, Democracy, Human Rights, Social Development,
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- 1.45 p.m. **Introduction to the Conference Agenda by Facilitators**
- 2.05 p.m. **Keynote Session including Q&A**
Kate Gilmore
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New York
- 2.30 p.m. **Working Group Session:**
Taking Stock of the Post-2015 Summit – Achievements and
Implications for SRHR
- 4.00 p.m. **Gallery Walk**
“Open Walking Group”
- 5.00 p.m. **Wrap-up of Working Group Session and Gallery Walk**
- 5.15 p.m. **End of Day 1**
Transfer to venue of public panel discussion

PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION

Achieving the SDG on Health: The Potential of Health System Strengthening

Venue: KfW, Raum Schinkel, Charlottenstr. 33a, 10117 Berlin 

6.00 p.m.

Welcome

Marc Engelhardt

Director for Development and Sector Policy, KfW Entwicklungsbank, Germany

Keynote

Tewodros Melesse

Director-General, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), UK

6.30 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Moderated by **Melinda Crane**, Journalist, Berlin

John Byarugaba

Executive Director, Support for Integrated Health Care Initiative, Uganda

Zane Dangor

Special Advisor to the Minister, Department of Social Development,
South Africa

Beth Schlachter

Director, Family Planning 2020, USA

Reinhard Tittel-Gronefeld

Head of Division Health and Population Policy, Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

7.50 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Renate Baehr

Executive Director, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), Germany

8.00 p.m.

Reception

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 29, 2015

The Way Forward: What are Adequate Strategies for Advancing SRHR as a Key Priority for Sustainable Development?

Venue: Tagungswerk Jerusalemkirche, Lindenstraße 85, 10969 Berlin 

9.00 a.m. **Introduction to Agenda of DAY 2**

9.15 a.m. **Moderated Panel Discussion**

Sandeep Prasad

Executive Director, Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights, Ottawa

Maria Bordallo

Development & Advocacy Officer,
International Planned Parenthood Federation, New York

Thea Christiansen

Team Leader and Chief Advisor, Department for Development Policy
and Global Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Denmark

10.15 a.m. **Open Space:**

The Way Forward: How to Best Make Use of the 2030 Agenda for
Advancing SRHR?

Introduction by Facilitators

11.15 a.m. **First Round of Open Space**

12.30 p.m. Lunch

1.30 p.m. **Second Round of Open Space**

2.45 p.m. Coffee Break

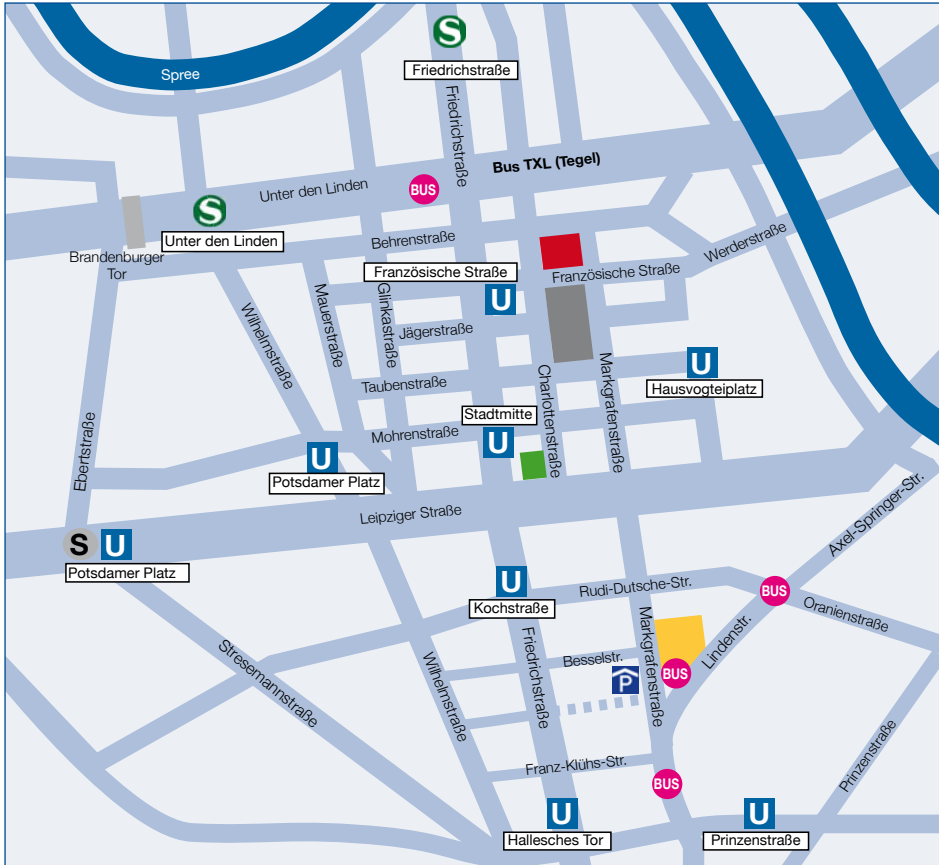
3.00 p.m. **Wrap-up of Open Space
Reflection on Conference**

3.45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Carsten Schmitz-Hoffmann

Director of Division Economic and Social Development,
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH,
Bonn

How to get to the venues



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 Charlottenstr. 33a
 10117 Berlin

**Tagungswerk
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 Lindenstraße 86
 10969 Berlin

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 Am Gendarmenmarkt
 Charlottenstraße 66
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The International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development underlines the interdisciplinary importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and population dynamics as key factors in achieving international development goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference series is designed to facilitate the networking of national and international players and encourage the exchange of information and experience.

The International Dialogue is an annual, two-day conference taking place in Berlin, jointly organised by DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and KfW Development Bank, in close cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals.



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