

# 9th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development



## Education Matters: Empowering Young People to Make Healthier Choices

KfW

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Germany

## Introduction

**In 2011 half of the world's population is under the age of 25. This includes the largest-ever generation of adolescents who are, or will be soon, of reproductive age, ready to become sexually active or to establish their own families. Significantly, millions of these young people are challenged by prospects of early marriage and childbearing, incomplete education, and the threat of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.**



Young people's right to lead a healthy life, including the right to be informed on how to protect themselves against unwanted pregnancies, and sexually transmitted infections including HIV is enfranchised in many human rights declarations. To realize these rights, young people need to be empowered by providing them with knowledge, skills, attitudes and values in order to make informed and self-determined choices. Girls need to learn to negotiate relationships and safer sexual practices and boys need to learn how to respect the girls' will and take care for themselves and their partners. Currently, specifically the emotional, social and also the health needs of young people are too often not fully met; the insufficient and often misleading information on reproductive health paired with youth unfriendly family planning services, for example, are key contributing factors in sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancies or unsafe abortions and in high maternal mortality rates.

The current international political environment now provides good opportunities for the promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) educational initiatives. The UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health as well as the G8 Muskoka Initiative have significantly brought up the issue



of maternal health. In addition, several donors have put Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) high on their agenda again, such as the German government with its new Initiative on „Rights-based Family Planning and Maternal Health“.

This year's International Dialogue will make use of the ongoing international discussions and direct the political attention to the important link between SRHR and education.

- ▶ It will discuss good practices, national standards and curricula, new developments and joint activities in the fields of general formal as well as informal sexuality education.
- ▶ It will gather evidence from selected countries and identify practical ways to use the findings of the Dialogue to catalyze wider political dialogue and action.

- ▶ It will come up with concrete recommendations for partner governments, donors, non-state-actors and experts how to more effectively use education initiatives to strengthen SRHR in general as well as specifically in the selected countries.

It will also take into account controversial issues such as sexuality education with young age groups and discuss new kinds of methodologies and innovative approaches in order to reach out to target groups. More generally, the conference will also cover issues such as vocational training, the link to youth friendly services and the training of health care providers, teachers and communicators. Finally, it will discuss how overall education can empower young people and make them realize their reproductive rights.

# Programme

## Day 1 (October 19)

KfW, Entrance Behrenstraße 31, 10117 Berlin

12:00 a.m. Registration and informal lunch

1:00 p.m.

### Welcome

**Norbert Kloppenburg**, Member of the Managing Board of KfW, Frankfurt, Germany

**Klaus Brill**, Vice President of Corporate Commercial Relations, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Berlin, Germany

1:10 p.m.

### Opening Session

#### Opening speech

**Dirk Niebel**, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

**Nida Mushtaq**, Youth Coalition, Pakistan

1:35 p.m.

### Keynote Speech

**Babatunde Osotimehin**, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New York

**Carol Bellamy**, Chair, Global Partnership for Education, Washington, USA

2:15 p.m.

### Setting the scene

**Franklin Apfel**, Managing Director, World Health Communication Associates (WHCA) Ltd., UK

**Joachim Schmitt**, Division Education, Health and Population, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

2:35 p.m.

### Working groups

## Working Group 1:

### Designing Youth-to-Youth education (formal/non-formal)

1. How does a programme have to be designed to meet the needs of young people (with regard to in-school/out-of school elements, income generating activities, age structure, vulnerable groups)?
2. Which external factors have to be taken into account in order to make peer education programmes a success (e.g. community engagement/outreach, political/social/cultural context)?
3. What does it take to provide for sustainable quality standards and how can programmes be standardized nationally? How can peer education programmes be integrated into national curricula?

Input giver: **Mona Herbert**, Advocacy Manager, DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung), Uganda

Rapporteur: **Marianne Haslegrave**, President, International Federation of University Women, Geneva

Moderator: **Ann Svensén**, Chair of EuroNGOs, Director of External Relations, Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU), Stockholm, Sweden

## Working Group 2:

### Measuring Impact

1. What are methodological barriers to measuring the success of sexuality education? How can impact be measured?
2. How can monitoring and evaluation systems among all stakeholders from ministries, donors and civil society be harmonized and standardized?

Input giver: **Siegrid Tautz**, Trainer and Consultant, evaplan Heidelberg GmbH and Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Germany

Input giver: **Mary Wairimu Iruga**, DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung), Kenya

Rapporteur: **Jason Bremner**, International Programs, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, USA

Moderator: **Sharon Camp**, President and CEO, Guttmacher Institute, New York, USA

## Working Group 3:

### Empowering Girls

1. Why is a special focus on adolescent girls so important in education programmes? How does supporting them affect their sexual and reproductive health?
2. What are the special needs of adolescent girls when it comes to education and why are their needs so often neglected?
3. How does investing in adolescent girls' education improve the sustainable development of communities? What's the return on investment?

Input giver: **Nicole Haberland**, Programme Associate, Population Council, New York, USA

Rapporteur: **Neil Datta**, Secretary, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), Brussels

Moderator: **Ruth Levine**, Director, Global Development and Population Program, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Menlo Park, USA

## Working Group 4:

### Engaging the digital youth

1. What is your opinion on these digital and mobile learning approaches in your SRHR working environment?
2. What role can digital approaches play in education and how can these be linked to SRHR?
3. Who are stakeholders for digital approaches in your working environment? In which way do they facilitate or hinder innovation?
4. How do you see the future of digital approaches for youth health? What is necessary to support them?

- Input giver: **Aigul Azimova**, Head of E-Learning Department, Kyrgyz State Medical Institute for Retraining and Continuous Education (KSMIRCE), Kyrgyzstan
- Input giver: **Arndt Bubener**, Director, Common sense eLearning & training consultants, Austria
- Moderator: **Ruth Schumacher**, Senior Project Manager, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn, Germany
- Rapporteur: **Katharina Greifeld**, Sexual Health Specialist and Medical Anthropologist, Germany

## Working Group 5:

### Setting national standards of sexuality education

1. What strategies can be used to strengthen collaboration between Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and National HIV and AIDS programmes?
2. How do we balance the rights of young people with the need to better engage parents and the community?
3. How can we integrate the wider outcomes and impact of comprehensive sexuality education (i.e. gender equality, civic participation, human rights, ending stigma and discrimination, empowerment, etc) into public policy frameworks?

- Input giver: **Mary Guinn Delaney**, Regional Advisor for HIV and AIDS for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Organization for Education, Culture and Science (UNESCO), Santiago
- Input giver: **Christine Winkelmann**, WHO Collaborating Centre for Sexual and Reproductive Health, German Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA), Germany
- Rapporteur: **Faiza Aziz**, Youth Activist, National Youth Network, Pakistan
- Moderator: **Katie Chau**, Project Officer Youth, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), London, UK

## Working Group 6:

### Targeting marginalized groups

1. How do we define „marginalized“ groups?
2. How do we define „access“?
3. Why do marginalized people not use sexual and reproductive health services, including HIV services?
4. What kind of barriers do they face?
5. What experiences exist that have proven to be an effective reach out to marginalized groups and that address their specific sexual and reproductive needs including HIV prevention?
6. How can these experiences be transferred to other settings?

Input giver: **Patrick Young**, Director, Theatre for a Change, Malawi

Rapporteur: **Sonja Weinreich**, Senior Health Adviser, Church Development Service (EED), Germany

Moderator: **Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli**, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva

## Working Group 7:

### Addressing religion and sexuality education

1. How can we create a safe and supportive environment that offers young people a place in their faith community to be able to talk openly about sexual issues?
2. How can we encourage and involve parents and religious leaders to talk about sexuality and personal responsibility?
3. How can we improve a better understanding in local faith communities for the SRH needs and rights of young people, especially those affected by HIV?

Input giver: **Jon O'Brien**, Director, Catholics for Choice, Washington, USA

Rapporteur: **Syed Kamal Shah**, Chief Executive Officer, RAHNMA Family Planning Association of Pakistan, Lahore, Pakistan

Moderator: **Doortje Braeken**, Senior Advisor for Youth, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), London, UK



## Working group 8:

### Ensuring of rights-based approaches

1. What are the key contributions (the 'value-added') of a rights-based approach to sexual and reproductive health and rights and the link to education?
2. To what extent have human rights been used to promote sexuality education, either by influencing policy or by taking law cases? When and under which conditions have these initiatives been successful? Please give specific examples!
3. In which way could national human rights institutions play a role in (a) the promotion of balanced, culturally sensitive, scientifically-based, comprehensive sexuality education and (b) holding governments accountable for their human rights obligations to put in place appropriate sexuality education? What if any are/were the barriers?

Input giver: **Paul Hunt**, Professor and a Member of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex, UK

Rapporteur: **Beenish Farhan Hashwani**, Project Coordinator HIV & AIDS / RH, Church World Service, Pakistan

Moderator: **Louise Finer**, International Advocacy Manager, Center for Reproductive Rights, USA

5:00 p.m.

## Market place – presenting outcomes of working groups

### 8 Working groups – 8 booths Rapporteurs, moderators and input givers present the recommendations of their working group

6:30 p.m.

End of day 1 (bus to place of dinner)

7:00 p.m.

**Informal networking dinner**  
Restaurant "Maritim pro Arte"

## Day 2 (October 20): Country Case Studies

KfW, Entrance, Charlottenstr. 33, 10117 Berlin

8:30 a.m.

### Critical reflection on day 1

Youth representatives of country working groups Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Pakistan – supported by **Alex Apfel**, World Health Communication Associates (WHCA) Ltd., UK

### Discussion

9:00 a.m.

### Working groups

9:30 a.m.

### Three working groups parallel – Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Pakistan

#### ► Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: **Joachim Schmitt**, Division Education, Health and Population, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

#### Guiding questions

1. How to improve access to SRHR-services? This question implies the following dimensions of social protection, geographical inequities in availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of SRHR-services (urban versus rural SRHR-services) and the necessity of established referral systems.
2. How to improve access to information in the formal and non-formal education sector? How to make use of other actors besides teachers, such as religious leaders, social workers, police officers, media in order to improve access to SRHR-education? How to integrate traditional values and belief systems into SRHR-education?
3. How to strengthen and harmonize cooperation between Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth, national HIV/AIDS programmes, NGOs and donors (in order to integrate comprehensive sexuality education in national curricula and HIV prevention programmes)?

9.00 a.m.

### Setting the Scene

Input representative government

**Larisa Sosnitzkaja**, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic

Input representative donor

**Marion Urban**, Head of East and Central Asia Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Input representative non-state actor

**Irena Ermolaeva**, Asteria, Kyrgyzstan

### Question & Answers

9:45 a.m.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round World Café,

3 tables with 10 participants each. One table for each guiding question.

10:45 a.m.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round World Café,

3 tables with 10 participants each. One table for each guiding question.

12:00 a.m.

#### Kyrgyzstan country group meets again in full size;

table hosts present recommendations of their table. Discuss and continue jointly work on recommendations. Summarize most important lessons learned and concrete actions to be taken in future.

### ► Malawi

Moderator: **Barbara Kloss-Quiroga**, Head of the Sector Initiative Population Dynamics, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn, Germany

#### Guiding Questions:

1. How to improve access to SRH-services and information for adolescents in order to reduce the high unmet need of modern methods of family planning?
2. To what extent have human rights been used to promote sexuality education, either by influencing policy or by taking law cases? When and under which conditions have these initiatives been successful?

3. What strategies can be used to strengthen and harmonize collaboration between Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, National HIV and AIDS programmes, NGOs and donors?

9:00 a.m.

## Setting the Scene

Input representative government

**Simeon Hau**, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education, Republic of Malawi

Inputs representative donor

**Emily Kamwendo**, Youth Focal Person United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Republic of Malawi

**Thomas Staiger**, Division Southern Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Input representative non-state actor

**Benedicto Kondowe**, Civil Society Coalition for Quality Basic Education, Republic of Malawi

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12:00 a.m.

### Malawi country group meets again in full size;

table hosts present recommendations of their table. Discuss and continue jointly work on recommendations. Summarize most important lessons learned and concrete actions to be taken in future.

## ► Pakistan

Moderator: **Catherina Hinz**, Senior project advisor of the Sector Initiative Population Dynamics, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn, Germany

### Guiding Questions:

1. Which consequences derive from the demographic challenge in Pakistan with regard to the formulation and implementation of future health and education policies by the Federal and Provincial Governments of Pakistan?
2. How to address comprehensive sexuality education (particularly gender-sensitive education) within a conservative Islamic society? (Which elements within sexuality discourse can be justified from religious point of view and could be treated as entry points? How to build a consensus in Pakistani society including religious authorities - towards comprehensive sexuality education?)
3. What is the impact of the legal and social status of women and girls on family planning? What steps need to be taken to ensure access of women and female adolescents to reproductive health-care and sexuality education?

9:00 a.m.

### Setting the Scene

Input representative government

**Sitara Ayaz**, Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan

Input representative donor

**Omer Aftab**, Executive Director, Women's Empowerment Group, Lahore

Input representative non-state actor

**Sarah Saleem**, Assistant Professor, Aga Khan University, Department of Community Health Sciences, Pakistan

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round World Café,

3 tables with 10 participants each. One table for each guiding question.

12:00 a.m.

#### Pakistan country group meets again in full size;

table hosts present recommendations of their table. Discuss and continue jointly work on recommendations. Summarize most important lessons learned and concrete actions to be taken in future.

1:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

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2:00 p.m.

**Wrap up and discussion of the outputs of the working groups –**  
all meet again in full size

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3:30 p.m.

**A critical reflection on the conference and recommendations**

**Franz von Roenne**, Head of the Health Section,  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
(GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn, Germany

**Final comments by youth representative**

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4:00 p.m.

**End of International Dialogue**

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6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Open Panel discussion**

## **A World of Seven Billion: Balance, Rights, Equity**

### Welcome Address

**Klaus Müller**, Director of East and West Africa, KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt, Germany

### Keynote Speech

**Renate Bähr**, Executive Director, DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung), Hanover, Germany

Panellists:

**Günther Taube** Head of Division, Health, Education and Social Protection, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn, Germany

**Klaus Brill**, Vice President of Corporate Commercial Relations, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Berlin, Germany

**Margot Käßmann**, Professor for Social Ethics and Ecumenism, Ruhr University Bochum, formerly Chair of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany

**Tewodros Melesse**, Director General, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), London, UK

**Ralf Südhoff**, Head of Berlin Office, UN World Food Programme (WFP) Berlin

Moderator: **Melinda Crane**, DW TV

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8:00 p.m. **Reception**

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 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The conference series is designed to facilitate the networking of national and international players and encourage the exchange of information and experience.

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