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ON THE ROAD TO NAIROBI

NEWSLETTER

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) took place in Cairo in 1994. 179 world leaders reached a consensus and adopted a Programme of Action, which enshrined individual reproductive rights as a basic human right. For the first time, the ICPD shifted the focus from demographic targets to human lives. Leaders promised universal access to reproductive health services and information, and vowed to reduce maternal deaths and end gender-based violence. The ICPD agenda also recognized women empowerment as a prerequisite for sustainable development and called upon governments to invest in young people, end poverty, and protect migrants and displaced people.

25 years later, the Arab states region has made progress in reaching those goals. Maternal deaths dropped by 43 per cent. There is better data on gender-based violence, which is a precondition to act against it effectively. Child marriage dropped by 9 per cent and more women than ever can find and use family planning services and take control of their futures.

Today, in the Arab states region, the ICPD agenda has never been more important, and the challenges standing in the way of fulfilling that agenda have never been more complex. Compared to 25 years ago, the region is much younger, more mobile and more unequal.

This year, world leaders, including leaders from the Arab region will come together again in the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 on 12-14 November to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ICPD and to renew their commitment to the ICPD commitment to human-centric, rights-based sustainable development.

ASRO

LAUNCHING SWOP 2019

UNFPA ASRO launched the State of the World Population report 2019 in an event held on the margin of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (AFSD) on 10 April in Beirut, Lebanon. The launch event commemorated the UNFPA's 50th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in the attendance of H.E. Richard Kouyoumjian, Lebanon's Minister of Social Affairs; Dr. Rola Dashti, the Executive Director of



COMMEMORATING THE ICPD25 IN QATAR

UNFPA ASRO, in collaboration with the Permanent Population Committee (PPC) in the State of Qatar, Qatar Social Work (QSW) and Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) and Qatar University, organized the First forum on Population and Sustainable Development in Qatar on April 14-15. During the Forum, ASRO Regional Director launched the SWOP 2019 report and marked the ICPD25 highlighting the unfinished business of the ICPD and the promise to be fulfilled toward people-centered development agenda.



BRINGING SRHR INTO THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DISCUSSIONS

On 4-6 April, UNFPA ASRO partnered with the University of Mohamed VI for Health Sciences in Casablanca, the Arab Public Health Association, WHO-EMRO, and the Imperial College of London in organizing the 2nd Regional Arab Public Health conference in Casablanca. UNFPA advocated for keeping the promises of the ICPD agenda and advance the unfinished business, through participating in three panel discussions focusing on universal health coverage, including advancing SRH&RR; prioritizing maternal health and SRH in humanitarian and fragile contexts; and investing in midwifery to reduce maternal mortality in the region.



CELEBRATING THE ICPD25 AND UNFPA50 IN DUBAI

UNFPA ASRO celebrated the UNFPA's 50th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and marked the launch of the SWOP 2019 report in a high level event on 2 May in Dubai. The event was attended by the Swedish Ambassador to Abu Dhabi, the UN Resident Coordinator and around 100 participants. The event provided a dynamic platform to discuss how to accelerate the unfinished business of the ICPD and to move towards realizing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs while achieving the three zeros.



THE YOUTH FORUM IN THE ARAB REGION 2019: #KNOWLEDGEISCHOICE



The second edition of the Youth Forum in the Arab region was convened by UNFPA ASRO and the Tunisian Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs in collaboration with ESCWA, UNDP, WFP, UNESCO, and GCTP, in Tunis, Tunisia from 20 to 22 August. The theme of this year's Forum was 'Knowledge at the Service of Youth in the Arab States' bringing together more than 250 participants from 20 Arab countries representing youth and adolescents, influencers, policy and decision makers, civil society, academia, United Nations agencies and other international partners, private sector and ministers.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE ICPD?

UNFPA Director for the Arab states, led a special session on the ICPD during the Youth Forum 2019 to trace the major changes in the Arab world and how the ICPD Programme of Action enshrined individual reproductive rights as a basic human right. The presentation followed a debate on '[What Has Changed since the ICPD?](#)' in the Arab region, where youth, and legal and development experts took part.



PAVING THE WAY TO NAIROBI: ASIAN AND ARAB PARLIAMENTARIANS DISCUSS THE ICPD COMMITMENTS

The Asian Parliamentarians for Population and Development (APDA) held a meeting hosted by the House of Councilors of Morocco and the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAPPD), and supported by the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), and UNFPA ASRO in cooperation with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in Rabat, Morocco on 18-20 September. 'Moving Forward the Unfinished Business of the ICPD' was the theme of the meeting, which aimed to update and contribute to the realignment of the Arab and Asian parliamentarians with UNFPA's strategic objectives of the ICPD25 and to promote synergetic partnership among parliamentarians, UNFPA, and other stakeholders, and to help formulate action plans for parliamentarians to respond to the unique regional contexts to accelerate the implementation of the ICPD agenda. Around 300 parliamentarians from 117 countries attended the meeting and came out with a declaration of commitments toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the ICPD Programme of Action.



REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2013 CAIRO DECLARATION

Five years after the 2013 Cairo Declaration was developed, and 25 years after the ICPD Programme of Action was adopted, a [five-year review](#) was carried out at the Regional Conference on Population and Development in the Arab states held in Beirut in 2018 as a collaborative effort between UNFPA ASRO, the League of Arab States (LAS), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). The review traced the progress the region has made in regards to the four core commitments of the Cairo Declaration: ensuring dignity and equality for marginalized and vulnerable groups and populations, providing universal access to reproductive and sexual health, taking a rights-based approach to international migration problems, and working towards environmental stability.



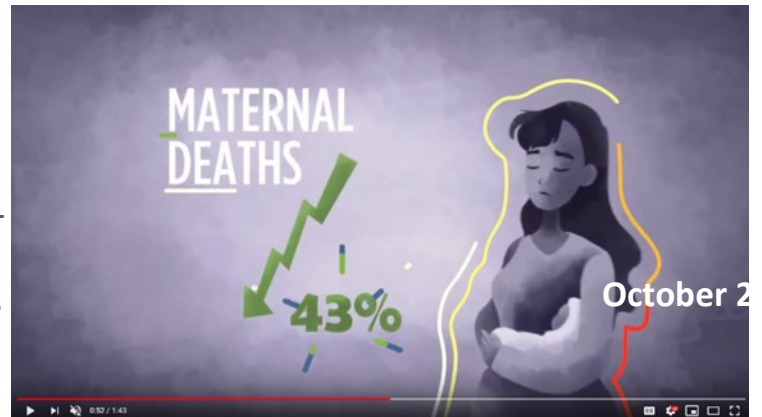


SHAPING PUBLIC OPINION

The Arab states regional office published two op-eds penned by the Regional Director to mark the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). The article [‘The promise to Palestine: An unfinished business’](#) was published on the humanitarian platform Reliefweb on 27 June, and the article [الوعد لفلسطين... مهمة تنتظر الإنجاز](#) appeared on Al Quds newspaper website on 12 July.

25 YEARS LATER: HOW THE #ICPD TRANSFORMED THE ARAB STATES?

UNFPA ASRO released an [animation video](#) to mark the 25th anniversary of the ICPD. 25 years ago, a global revolution started in Cairo when 179 world leaders met at the International Conference on Population and Development recognizing that individuals have a basic human right to make free and responsible reproductive choices. Despite progress in the Arab region, the quest to fulfill ICPD promises for everyone remains challenging



LAUNCHING GUIDELINES TO ESTIMATE THE ECONOMIC COST OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE ARAB REGION

The Arab states regional office, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), launched together the ‘Guidelines to estimate the

economic cost of domestic violence in the Arab region’ during the 63 session of the Commission on the Status of Women held at the UN Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March. The launch took place with the attendance of the permanent missions of some Arab countries such as Egypt and Iraq. The aim of the event was to advocate for the importance of economic estimates of violence against women as one of the tools to stop it; and to make a case of the monetized value of VAW and how states should alternatively spend these budget/fund on economic development.



ALGERIA



MOBILIZING MEDIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE ICPD

UNFPA and the Directorate of Population of the Ministry of Health organized a joint awareness day on the ICPD for media and journalists on 11 June. The event brought together journalists; civil society actors; representatives of the health, national education, and solidarity sectors, the Centre for Research in Applied Economics for Development (CREAD), and the National Office of Statistics sectors; and members of the national committee of population. The event included discussions on the progress made on the national level related to the promises of the ICPD, including access to reproductive health and family planning services and empowering women and girls as a precondition for development.



ELEVATING COMMITMENTS TO THE ICPD

UNFPA and the Ministry of Health organized a joint event to celebrate World Population Day on 11 July at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP). The theme of the event was '25 years after the ICPD: Accelerating the Promise'. A panel formed of representatives of the National Population Committee, the National Economic and Social Council, and different sectors and ministries, led a discussion on the progress made in population on the national level since 1994; and the need to accelerate the ICPD Programme of Action in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Among the recommendations that came out of the day were the need for an accurate and reliable population data collection system, a monitoring/evaluation system of the national population plan, and for the empowerment and integration of women in different sectors.



DJIBOUTI

DJIBOUTI STRONGLY COMMITS TO THE ICPD



UNFPA Djibouti organized a successful national conference on the ICPD25 in partnership with the Minister of Women. The Prime Minister of Djibouti; UN DSG, Ms. Amina Mohamed; the African Union Special Envoy; and the Executive Director of UNWOMEN attended the conference.

UNFPA mobilized international experts: specialist in reproductive health, Ms. Edna Ismail, and specialists in migration, Mr. François Farah and Mr. Michel Poulain. The conference brought together representatives of the government, civil society, academia, and UN agencies allowing intensive discussions around the ICPD Programme of Action and the concrete actions of Djibouti to accelerate the promise.

The outcome of the conference was very positive as it came out with a national declaration of commitments endorsed by the government of Djibouti. Ms. Amina participated in the reading and endorsement of the national declaration and affirmed that Djibouti is part of the history of African pioneers defending the rights of women and girls.

EGYPT



USING ART TO ADVOCATE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

UNFPA and the Abdel Wahab Abdel Mohsen Foundation for Culture, Arts and Development joined forces with artists across Egypt to advocate for reproductive health and rights, through installing five murals in five different governorates. The murals commemorate the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and feature the three transformative results to raise public awareness and generate a commitment to end unmet need for family planning, end preventable maternal deaths, and end harmful practices against women and girls. The initiative came as part of the UNFPA Art for Development project, which advocates for health and population issues through Art.



YOUTH MODEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Under the auspices of the Egyptian President, UNFPA and the Ministry of Youth launched the Youth Model of the International Conference on Population and Development on 16-17 October. The conference brought together over 200 young people from 53 countries from



around the world, giving them a chance to simulate the landmark ICPD that took place in Cairo in 1994. The conference aimed to collect the unique insights of young people to advance the ICPD agenda, give them the opportunity to voice their opinions, and highlight their role in working with their governments to ensure the full and accelerated implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action within the overall context of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.

GCC

ENGAGING YOUTH IN THE ICPD25

UNFPA organized a joint event with the Resident Coordinator Office in Bahrain titled 'Capital Governorate Volunteering Pass initiative' on 19 June. 25 young Bahraini women and men participated in the online event where they were introduced to the ICPD and how, 25 years ago, it shifted the focus from demographic targets to human lives. They were invited to join the conversation and share their thoughts about what should be prioritized in the Nairobi summit on ICPD25 scheduled in November 2019. They also received an awareness session on the Y-Peer network and the concept of volunteerism with the aim to encourage their engagement in the society and in the decision making process.



PROMOTING THE ICPD25 AGENDA

Four members of the Oman Y-PEER Network participated in the Khareef Salalah festival, 14-16 August, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Oman to mark International Youth Day and promote the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25. About 115 participants visited the Y-PEER pavilion where they played edutainment games that promote healthy life style, including preventing harmful practices; and attended awareness sessions on the importance of the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 in achieving the unfinished promises.



PREPARING FOR THE NAIROBI SUMMIT: PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFE STYLE FOR WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS

The Department of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) of the Ministry of Health in Oman, with the support of UNFPA sub-regional office for GCC countries, organized a national forum to review the NCDs-related programmes across the country on 9 April. Participants showed their commitment to the ICPD agenda related to ensuring the wellbeing of women and adolescent girls and called for developing health programmes that can enhance the quality of their lives.



IRAQ

ADVOCATING FOR THE 2020 POPULATION CENSUS TO ADVANCE THE ICPD AGENDA

UNFPA Director for the Arab states, Dr. Luay Shabaneh, visited Iraq, including the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, to mark the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, World Population Day and the UNFPA 50th anniversary, and to support UNFPA's advocacy efforts in Iraq to implement the 2020 Population Census. Dr. Luay met



with the Iraqi Prime Minister, Adil Abdel Mahdi, the President's Advisor, and the Second Deputy Speaker. Also, he met with the President of the Kurdistan Region, Nechirvan Barzani, the President's Chief of Staff, the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, and the Ministers of the Kurdistan Region.

THE WAY FORWARD TO FULFILL THE ICPD PROMISE

On 28 July, the Iraqi Statistical Association, in collaboration with UNFPA, hosted a seminar on the ICPD25 under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Academics, experts, and demographers discussed the progress made in Iraq during the past 25



years, and the ways forward to ensure the access of women, youth and adolescents to quality education and reproductive health services, including family planning, and to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls are eliminated.

PAVING THE WAY TO NAIROBI: NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE ICPD COMMITMENTS

20 government officials, parliamentarians, and members of civil society organizations attended a meeting on the ICPD commitments made at the country level in 1994. UNFPA organized the meeting under the auspices



of the First Deputy Speaker, Hassan Karim Al-Kaabi, at the Prime Minister's guest house on 11 September. UNFPA presented a summary on the ICPD PoA, and reiterated the importance of achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health, addressing gender-based violence and harmful practices, drawing demographic diversity to drive economic growth and achieve sustainable development, and upholding rights to sexual and reproductive care in humanitarian and fragile contexts.



SENSITIZING YOUTH TO THE ICPD AGENDA

29 young people from across Iraq took part in a one-day workshop on the ICPD Programme of Action and the ways forward for Iraq. The sessions highlighted the impact women and youth participation can have on achieving the promise made at the



ICPD, 25 years ago. The young people presented the challenges they face in their communities, including early marriage, education for women, gender-inequality and gender-based violence, and lack of acceptance for family planning services. They reviewed with their peers the ways to overcome these difficulties in their societies to advance the agenda of the ICPD.

JORDAN

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO SET THE ICPD NATIONAL COMMITMENTS

UNFPA along with the Higher Population Council (HPC) are working on setting the national commitments to the ICPD for the Government of Jordan. UNFPA and HPC conducted two main national consultation workshops; one for the southern region of Jordan and one for the northern and middle regions to ensure that the commitments' document takes into consideration all the national priorities. Representatives of the Ministries of Health, Education, Interior, and Youth; municipalities; and CSOs, particularly working in women and youth's empowerment, and elimination of gender-based violence, participated in the two workshops.



LEBANON



PUTTING THE ICPD ON THE TABLE OF DISCUSSION

In partnership with the Lebanon Family Planning Association for Development and Family Empowerment (LFPAD), UNFPA participated in a high level roundtable discussion to celebrate WPD, UNFPA@50, and the ICPD25 with the attendance of representatives of the government, NGOs and CSOs, parliamentarians, academics, and experts in population. The roundtable discussion included: opening remarks on how the realization of the full ICPD Programme of Action is an essential component to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; an address note by parliamentarian, Dr. Enaya Izzedine, stressing the need for more population policies and female political participation; and a presentation by parliamentarian, Ms. Roula Tabash, on the importance of gender equality and the status of women in Lebanon particularly from the legislative perspective.



MAKING CHANGE REAL: MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS PLEDGE TO PROTECT GIRLS FROM EARLY MARRIAGE

UNFPA and its local partners led advocacy efforts across Lebanon to promote gender equality and combat early marriage, which resulted in a growing number of municipalities pledging to support these efforts in their communities. Since 2017, 25 municipalities have been supporting women's empowerment, joined most recently by the area of Jabal al-Sheikh in the Bekaa. The head of the Union of Municipalities of Jabal El Sheikh, Sheikh Saleh Bou Mansour, kicked off the pledging ceremony on 16 September by signing the first pledge.



ADVANCING YOUTH ROLE AS AGENTS OF CHANGE

About 200 young men, women and adolescent girls from across Lebanon gathered at A National Y-Peers meeting organized by UNFPA and its partners on 12 September to voice their opinions, exchange their experiences, challenges and best practices, network, and brainstorm innovative ways to achieve the ICPD promise. Over 600 peer educators were trained over the last three years in more than 290 communities nationwide to become agents of change and promote the universal access to reproductive health and gender equality.





LIBYA

REENERGIZING THE ICPD AGENDA ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Ahead of the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, UNFPA Representative to Libya met with the Minister of Social Affairs and the Direct General of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), throughout the month of October, to continue the broad and inclusive consultation process with the Libyan authorities on how to address the unfinished business of the ICPD Programme of Action. During the consultation meetings, they discussed the national plans to build on the previous achievements and the commitments made by the Libyan authorities at the ICPD review meeting that took place in 2018 in Beirut. A national consultative meeting will take place end of October to continue rallying support to the ICPD agenda on the national level.



MOROCCO

HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS TO PROMOTE THE ICPD PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Mr. Dereje Wordofa, Deputy Executive Director, and Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director, visited Morocco on 26-28 March to promote the ICPD25, and to reiterate UNFPA's continuous support to the country's efforts to change the lives of women and girls. Mr. Wordofa and Dr. Shabaneh met with the Prime Minister; the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health; the Secretary General of the Ministry of Family, Solidarity, Equality and social Development; and with the Secretary General of the Rabita Mohammadia of Ulema (Mohammadia League of Scholars). During the meetings, they affirmed that despite the



remarkable achievements and progress made since 1994, a stronger support is still needed to recommit to the ICPD Agenda and to accelerate its promises. Also, they emphasized the particularity of the year 2019, which marks the 25th anniversary of the ICPD and the 50th anniversary of UNFPA and highlighted how UNFPA will work on advancing the objectives of the ICPD25 throughout the year.



PALESTINE

MARKING ICPD25 IN GAZA AND RAMALLAH

UNFPA marked ICPD25, UNFPA50 AND World Population Day in Gaza and Ramallah. In Gaza, 45 representatives of different ministries, NGOs and UN agencies attended the event that took place under the patronage of the Minister of Women's Affairs, Dr. Amaal Hamad. In Ramallah, the Minister of Health, Dr. Mai AlKaila, launched the event with a speech where she emphasized the Minister's commitment to ensure that women and girls across Palestine receive necessary medical care and have access to family planning, particularly the survivors of violence, who are now entitled for free medical care. A video on [ICPD25 in Palestine](#) was screened during the two events.



BUILDING MOMENTUM TOWARDS THE ICPD

On 25 April, the National Population Committee of the Prime Minister's office and UNFPA organized a public event with the participation of over 80 representatives of different Ministries, civil society organizations, UN agencies and donors to launch the SWOP 2019 report in Ramallah. The event included several presentations and a discussion that stressed the im-



portance of ensuring sexual and reproductive rights for all in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and highlighted the gaps and progress made by the State of Palestine in this regard.

On 23 June, the Ministry of Health, Palestine College of Nursing and UNFPA organized a public event in the Gaza Strip to launch the SWOP 2019 report and celebrate the International Day of Midwives. Ministries' key officials, representatives of the civil society and academia participated in the event where they highlighted the role of midwives in reducing maternal mortality, the progresses achieved in the health systems and the need to renew the commitment to rights and choices for all to realize the ICPD Programme of Action.



SOMALIA

RENEWING COMMITMENTS TO THE ICPD

The Government of Puntland State of Somalia committed to achieving the ICPD promises and to work on empowering each Somali woman and girl by ensuring the access to health, education, and employment. The commitments were made at an ICPD25 advocacy event held on 3 September in Garowe, in preparation for the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25.

“On behalf of the Puntland Government, I hereby sign the commitment towards eliminating maternal mortality, and ending female genital mutilation and gender-based violence by 2030.” said The Vice President of Puntland, Ahmed Elmi Osman.

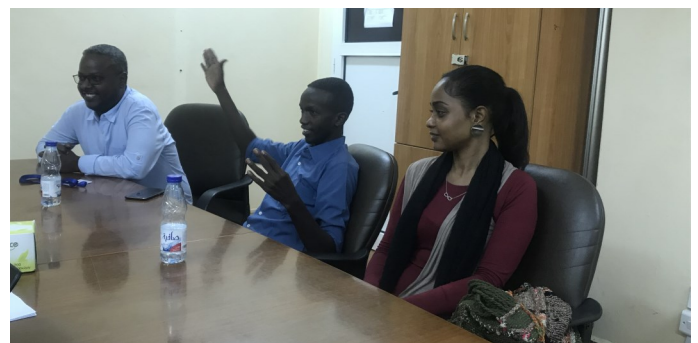


SUDAN

PAVING THE WAY TO THE NAIROBI SUMMIT

UNFPA supported the National Population Council (NPC) in facilitating consultation meetings with relevant stakeholders, including delegates attending the Nairobi Summit, to agree on the national commitments to the ICPD; and seized the opportunity of different fora (World Population Day 2019 celebration and the Migration Forum) to renew stakeholders' commitments to the national ICPD agenda. In addition, youth, including the young representatives who will take part in the Nairobi Summit, participated in consultation sessions to come up with a set of youth-related commitments.

UNFPA Sudan Representative met with the Prime Minister of Sudan, Dr. Abdallah Hamdok, to discuss issues related to UNFPA support to the transitional government and the people of Sudan, share with him the national commitments to the ICPD, and reiterate the importance of Sudan's participation in the Summit. As a result, the Prime Minister agreed to lead Sudan's delegation to Nairobi.





SYRIA

KEY PRIORITIES TO ACCELERATE THE PROMISE

The Syrian Commission for Family Affairs and Population (SCEFAP) and UNFPA held a workshop with the participation of 50 members of the Syrian Parliament to set the key priorities for accelerating the implementation of the ICPD agenda. The priorities were presented in an advocacy workshop for parliamentarians and national partners, including SCFAP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Among the key actions: Building the capacity of reproductive health service providers, enhancing women and youth organizations, activating laws combatting early marriage, raising youth awareness about the ICPD agenda.



MOBILIZING COMMITMENTS TO THE ICPD 25

The Regional Director for the Arab states, Dr. Luay Shabaneh, visited Syria met with different partners and stakeholders, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (MoFAE), the Planning and International Cooperation Commission (PICC), the Syrian Commission of Family Affairs and Population (SCFAP), the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MOSAL), the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), donors, UN Agencies and a group of youth during his visit to Syria between 14-20 June. Dr. Luay participated in a workshop on the ICPD 25 for the members of the National Parliamentarians Committees (NPC) and subcommittees, where participants identified key actions towards achieving the ICPD agenda.



INVOLVING ACADEMICS IN THE ICPD AGENDA

UNFPA organized a raising awareness workshop on the ICPD25 for the heads of public and private universities and colleges to foster links with academic institutions and leverage support to the ICPD Programme of Action



TUNISIA

PROMOTING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION TO ADVANCE THE ICPD AGENDA

UNFPA along with Partners in Population and Development and the Ministry of Health organized the 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development in Tunis in 3-4 September. The theme of the conference was ‘Consolidating the gains and reaffirming the commitments for the achievement of the ICPD Programme of Action and the SDGs 2030 Agenda’. 150 delegates participated in the conference and agreed that achieving the SDGs will not be possible unless there is an understanding of the urgency of addressing the current and coming pressing population and development issues; and that promoting south-south cooperation to advance the ICPD agenda is essential to move forward with the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.



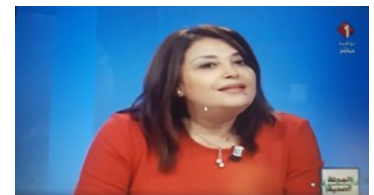
PREPARING FOR THE NAIROBI SUMMIT: CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATIONAL ICPD COMMITMENTS

UNFPA organized a meeting for governmental partners and members of CSOs to develop the national commitments’ document. The draft document was discussed in a large advocacy workshop with key decision makers from the Ministries of Health, Development and International Cooperation, Social Affairs, Youth and Sports, and Education, the National Institute of Statistics; as well as representatives of CSO, Youth and media. The final national commitment’s document will be submitted on the Nairobi Summit website.



RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE ICPD25

UNFPA Tunisia Assistant Representative participated in a [TV interview](#) on the ICPD and the importance of renewing national commitments to its Programme of Action to accelerate the promise. The interview was an opportunity to introduce the three transformative results, and highlight the importance of ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health.



YEMEN

MEDIA - STRONG ALLY FOR THE ICPD

UNFPA is running a series of training for media personnel from 15 governorates to create a large network of advocates who can contribute towards the advancement of the ICPD agenda in Yemen. In Aden, UNFPA and the Studies and Economic Media Centre organized three trainings in Aden, Taiz and Hadhramout. Each training targeted 25 journalists. Participants were introduced to the ICPD Programme of Action and trained on how to write articles that can help promote the ICPD agenda. Trained journalists produced a number of media reports on the ICPD.



YOUNG YEMENIS GEARING UP FOR THE NAIROBI SUMMIT

UNFPA conducted a youth consultation meeting on ICPD25 bringing together 33 young people from political, social and economic backgrounds to discuss their priorities and aspirations. A statement to be delivered at the Nairobi Summit was prepared by the young participants at the end of the consultation.



MY LITTLE BABY GIRL: SONG ON CHILD MARRIAGE

UNFPA produced a song '[my little baby girl](#)' that captures the emotions of thousands of girls caught in the midst of war and displacement in Yemen. The song reached one million viewers on the singer's official YouTube channel.



ACCELERATING THE PROMISE: NATIONAL COMPETITION ON THE ICPD25

UNFPA launched a national competition '[Accelerating the promise](#)', inviting all to contribute with a one-minute video that showcases the change that took place in Yemen in the reproductive health area since 1994. The winners will be awarded on the opening of the Nairobi summit on 12 November.

