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**The Parliamentarians Networks in
Addressing ICPD25 Commitments and
2030 Agenda in the Post-COVID World**

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Global problems, national & local solutions

- Population growth in some parts of the world, the ageing of population in other regions, the gender equality, the needs of young people, must be addressed by the means of commonly defined and agreed principles
- The common principles needs to benefit from local, specific input, or they will not work at all
- Though global, the roots of our problems are local, so the solutions to them should be implemented at national and local level
- No one-size-fits-all solution to the problems



Our commitments

- To improve the lives of people around the world, and in every country, by addressing the root causes of poverty, providing access to sexual and reproductive health services, and protecting and promoting the rights of women and girls.
- The ICPD Programme of Action is closely linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- End poverty, promote gender equality and ensure access to quality healthcare by 2030

The COVID-19 pandemic

- Had a devastating impact on the progress made towards achieving the ICPD Commitments and the 2030 Agenda
- The ICPD 25 Commitments and the 2030 Agenda = blueprint for global action to ensure that the human rights of all individuals are respected and protected.
- They are essential for overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic!
- **Need for stronger networks of parliamentarians** to ensure that these commitments are upheld and that progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is not hampered


The Parliamentarians Networks:

- Important platform for dialogue and collaboration
- Parliamentarians can raise awareness of population and development issues, advocate for greater investments and ensure that the commitments made are implemented
- Platform for the sharing of best practices and knowledge exchange
- Essential from a democratic point of view: contribute to the increasing democratic legitimacy of global governance
- **We can act and must act as a bridge between governments and other stakeholders to ensure that all voices are heard and that the commitments made are acted upon!**
- The role of parliamentarians has been even more vital since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic




Effective legislation in post-COVID world

- Continue to incorporate the ICPD commitments into our post-COVID world.
- Parliamentarians remain at the forefront of Agenda 2030
- Networks continue to have a strong presence in the struggle for a healthier, safer, and fairer future for all
- The promotion of **effective legislation**
- Laws are designed in a way that best serves the interests of our citizens and communities, to make sure that our citizens are protected
- Laws are implemented in a way that is respectful of human rights and the rule of law, and our own cultures



The importance of global partnerships to address the ICPD 25 and the 2030 Agenda

- Collaboration with other countries to ensure that our laws are effective and that they are implemented in a manner consistent with international commitments
- Improve global governance and risk management systems in the post-COVID era
- Systems are more robust, transparent and accountable
- Systems are equitable and based on the principles of human rights and environmental protection

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- Ensure that our societies and economies can support the growing of population, while still protecting our planet's natural resources
 - The importance of investments and implementing effective family planning, reproductive health, and gender equality programs
 - The need to empower women and girls around the world
 - The importance of reducing poverty and inequality
 - The importance of sustainable development, which is essential to meeting the basic needs of our growing population
 - Reducing dependence on fossil fuels and invest in clean and renewable energy sources

8 possible steps

1. Establish international fora and developing multi-stakeholder platforms to facilitate dialogue between stakeholders, and to coordinate and develop policy initiatives
2. Enhance the capacity of parliamentarians to develop, monitor, and evaluate policies, legislation and initiatives, and to ensure that they are aligned with global standards
3. Support global initiatives to improve risk management and global governance, such as increasing transparency, improving data collection and analysis, and strengthening digital infrastructure
4. Promote policies and legislation to protect the rights of vulnerable populations and to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the global economy




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5. Encourage the use of technology to facilitate access to essential services and support vulnerable populations
6. Enhance parliamentary oversight of public funds, international cooperation, and global health initiatives
7. Advocate for increased resources to support the implementation of the ICPD 25 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through international development assistance
8. Implement measures to ensure accountability for the use of public funds

Conclusions

- Exchanging good practices, as I said at the beginning of my remarks.
- One-size-fits-all solution is not possible
- Building on our common and shared experiences and then, based on our own individualities and cultures, offer our citizens an answer!
- **Our mission and the mission of our parliamentarians network: *E pluribus unum* (Out of many, one)**



**Thank you very much for your
attention!**

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