



# ICPD25 Commitments - Accelerating the Promise:

Reimagining Partnerships, Power, and Prophetic Voices for SRHR and Economic Justice

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 08:30 – 09:45 EDT

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## Context:

We are living in increasingly challenging and changing global, regional, and national environments. Human rights are being threatened by the rise of fundamentalisms (economic, political, and religious), and the shrinking space for civil society. Multilateralism as a critical platform for global collaboration is increasingly contested.

The Commission on Population and Development continues to be a space where the ICPD Programme of Action, and the progress made, is being challenged. Rights affirmed in the Programme of Action are often contested and often denied. From the global to the local level, one of the reasons it remains contested, and implementation is lacking, is framed based on religion and culture.

Religious actors, in their diversity from formal leadership to education and health systems, continue to hold power and presence, and reach spaces where the state and public might not, including as health service providers. Consequently, they are well placed to the whole ICPD Programme of Action, which requires a more nuanced understanding of religion in relation to sustainable development, including SRHR and Economic Justice.

In this Side Event, we will explore the potentials as well as pitfalls, but mostly how to work with the potential of faith, and feminist partnerships. Speakers will share about innovative partnerships, including between secular and faith actors, who are challenging current economic power structures and norms, and speaking out for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. From the macro to the community level, this dynamic event amplifies the changemakers who are defending human rights and advocating for gender-transformative action.

## Objectives:

- Share challenges and good practices in innovative partnerships, between civil society, including faith actors, and governments. Make connections between rights-based and faith strategies.
- Share learnings from gender advocates, who are defending human rights, and advocating for SRHR and economic justice.
- Identify strategic areas for collaboration, in the context of the UN Commission and in communities, to ensure there is not a roll back on language and subsequently rights.



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