

UNFPA Asia Pacific Region's participation at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2022

PATTAYA CITY, THAILAND, 11 NOVEMBER – Between 14 – 17 November 2022, UNFPA's Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) will be participating at the International Conference on Family Planning in Pattaya, Thailand. The conference will feature multiple presentations and events highlighting UNFPA's work and advocacy in the Asia Pacific region. Below is a list of activities involving staff from UNFPA Asia Pacific region.

13 NOVEMBER

Pre-conference: Demographic dividend

Sunday, 13 November at 08.30 AM – 04:30PM. | Orchid Ballroom A, Grand Hotel

This pre-conference aims to bring the world's experience in achieving demographic dividend offering tangible lessons and best practices and scientific findings relevant to countries going through demographic transition. Importantly, the pre-conference will also highlight significant contextual changes in the decades, including intersecting challenges and opportunities to promote resilience drawn from the COVID-19 pandemic, and discussions about the concept of a second demographic dividend.

UNFPA speakers: Dr. Julitta Onabanjo, Technical Division Director, UNFPA, Rachel Snow, Population and Development Branch Chief, UNFPA Technical Division, Wassana Im-em, Regional Technical Specialist on Population and Development, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office. UNFPA moderator: Argentina Matavel, UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Director.

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Galvanizing Momentum and Commitment for Sexual and Reproductive Health Self-Care Across the Humanitarian Development Nexus

Sunday, 13 November at 9.00 am – 5.00 p.m. | Pattaya 11, PEACH

The panel and consultations are organized by the International Rescue Committee and the Inter-agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), who will co-host an invite only ICFP pre-conference event on galvanizing momentum and commitment for SRH self-care in humanitarian and fragile settings. The objectives are to describe the current status of SRHR self-care, inclusive of FP, SAC, MNCH, HIV/STI, GBV, implementation and research in humanitarian and fragile settings; identify key gaps and opportunities for SRHR self-care, and develop an outline for a Call to Action and Roadmap to support donors, implementers, researchers and policy makers to

fill gaps, leverage opportunities and achieve commitments identified.

UNFPA speaker: Dr. Tomoko Kurokawa, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

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14 NOVEMBER

Not if, but when: Enhancing Individual and Health Systems Resilience for Better Family Planning/Reproductive Health Outcomes in Fragile Settings

Monday, 14 November at 9.00am – 12.00 p.m. | Heritage Pattaya Beach Resort

The panel is organized by FP2030 and Women's Refugee Commission, with the purpose to catalyze joint understanding and action to effectively enable services and systems in fragile settings to improve family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) outcomes. Objectives are to advance collective knowledge on the multi-dimensional relationship between FP/RH, fragility and resilience; to deepen understanding of the approaches, lessons and considerations in operationalizing FP/RH resilience strengthening, including preparedness, at individual, service delivery and system levels; and to initiate a joint multi-stakeholder action plan for the humanitarian development peace nexus to strengthen resilience and advance FP/RH goals.

UNFPA speaker: Dr. Tomoko Kurokawa, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

15 NOVEMBER

Engaging business to advance UHC and SRHR through workplace interventions: the research rationale and tools for a new approach

Tuesday, 15 November at 4.15 – 5.35 p.m. | Pattaya 19, PEACH

The panel is organized by UNFPA, Good Business Lab and the UN Foundation. The panel will discuss the role businesses can play in providing access to crucial sexual and reproductive health services in the workplace, to enhance the health and well-being of their workers and capitalize on the business returns on improved productivity. UNFPA APRO will present an innovative Return-on-Investment calculator for workplace interventions, and illustrate the scope of workplace programmes in the Philippines and at the global level, with its partner UN Foundation Universal Access Project.

UNFPA speaker: Federica Maurizio, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, on behalf of co-authors Grace Viola and Joseph Michael Singh, UNFPA Philippines

UNFPA moderator: Davide De Beni, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

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Special topics and emerging areas of SRHR

Tuesday, 15 November at 4.15 – 5.35 p.m. | Orchid Ballroom A, Royal Cliff Grand Hotel

This flash presentation will include a UNFPA-authored abstract on improving SRH of women and young people with disabilities.

UNFPA speaker: Hua Wen, UNFPA China (via recorded intervention) on behalf of UNFPA co-authors Kamma Blair, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office and Navchaa Suren, UNFPA China

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8 Billion: a World of Infinite Possibilities – Evening Reception

Tuesday, 15 November 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Grand Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel

Please join UNFPA for an evening of music, art and discussion as we commemorate the “Day of 8 Billion” and envision a world of infinite possibilities.

- [Register here](#) to attend in-person
- Watch the livestream on the UNFPA [Events YouTube channel](#) in English, Spanish and French with live-captioning and ISL interpretation.

16 NOVEMBER

The health and economic benefits of investing in family planning and maternal health

Wednesday, 16 November at 11.50 a.m.–1.10 p.m. | Orchid Ballroom B, Royal Cliff Grand Hotel

This panel will discuss the results and methodology used in estimating the benefit-cost ratio of investing in FP and maternal health care to end unmet need for FP and preventable maternal deaths globally and in selected priority countries. This will include research presented in the following UNFPA and co-authored abstracts: (i) The health and economic benefits of investing in FP and maternal health in 120 LMI countries; (ii) Investing in FP and maternal health in the Pacific small island developing states: Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu; (iii) Opportunities for development and enhancing human capital through family planning and maternal health investments in Lao PDR; (iv) Developing the investment cases for maternal health and FP: methodology and research implications.

UNFPA and partner speakers: Arthur Erken, UNFPA Policy and Strategy Division Director; Davide De Beni, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office; Nick Scott, Head of Modelling and Biostatistics, Burnet Institute

UNFPA Moderator: Dr. Annette Sachs Robertson, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Deputy Regional Director

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Demographic diversity and resilience

Wednesday, 16 November at 2.40–4 p.m. | Pattaya 11, PEACH

This invited panel will delve into changing demographics as a driver for sustainable growth, poverty reduction and human capital development. This panel will investigate how countries can promote development by making the right investments in health, family planning, youth empowerment, education and employment.

UNFPA speaker: Dr. Annette Sachs Robertson, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Deputy Regional Director

UNFPA moderator: Rachel Snow, Population and Development Branch Chief, UNFPA Technical Division

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The Impact of Climate Change on Women's and Girls' Health; Let's Talk Solutions

Wednesday, 16 November at 7.00-9.00 p.m. | Pattaya 15, PEACH

To meet the gravest threat to our planet today, we must activate our greatest untapped resource: the resourcefulness, know-how, and leadership of women and girls—by elevating women and girls as changemakers in their communities, and engaging them to lead resilient, local, and rights-based solutions to climate adaptation. During this event, Pathfinder will convene representatives of donor agencies, governments, the United Nations, and INGOs/NGOs for a video screening about Pathfinder's women-led climate resilience work to respond to the gendered effects of climate change on health in Bangladesh and Pakistan. The event will also feature a roundtable discussion on how stakeholders are engaging with the integration of family planning, climate, and gender.

UNFPA speaker: Dr. Tomoko Kurokawa, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

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14 – 17 NOVEMBER, ONGOING

UNFPA marketplace exhibit

14 – 17 November at 7.30 a.m.–4 p.m. | Booths 21–22, Exhibition Hall, PEACH

Join UNFPA at our booth to learn more about the global crisis of unintended pregnancy through a visual presentation of the findings of the State of World Population Report 2022. The booth will also feature stories of community champions for sexual and reproductive health and rights from the Asia and Pacific region, as well as a photo exhibition on our #ForEveryAge of Her Life campaign, which stresses the importance of investing in every stage of a girl and woman's life to create demographic resilience.

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