



Partners in Population and Development (PPD)  
An Inter-Governmental Organization  
Promoting South-South Cooperation

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## on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development: Nairobi Commitments and the 2030 Agenda: Taking stock and looking ahead in post COVID-19 crisis

### Ministerial Session: Promoting South-South Cooperation for Attaining Nairobi Commitments and the Agenda 2030

Tuesday, 8 December 2020 , 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. GMT



#### Background:

High-level political reconfirmation is essential for realizing Nairobi Commitments to end all maternal deaths, unmet need for family planning and gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls by 2030. Governments made commitments during the Nairobi Summit so we need to understand now how far countries have included their commitments into the national development plans along with specific budget lines. This ministerial session is jointly organised by PPD, National Health Commission of China (NHC) and UNFPA. This discussion is particularly important for leveraging South-South cooperation to achieve the Commitment within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The session discussion would include:

- Integrating Nairobi Summit commitments into national development plan to achieve the Three Zeros and the 2030 Agenda
- Impact of COVID-19 on health system, particularly on SRH services
- Analysis of needs around domestic investments in response to COVID-19 crisis
- Promote SSC for global advocacy, sharing knowledge, technical cooperation and capacity development towards achieving Three Zeros

The ministerial session will conclude with the adoption of a Call of Action by the ministers and the participants. The Call for Action will be drafted through consultation among PPD member countries and UNFPA.

#### Objective:

Advocate and ensure political support and investment to address the effects of COVID-19 and to achieve three zeros by 2030 through promoting South-South and triangular cooperation

#### Agenda:

Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa**  
Executive Director, PPD (3 minutes)

Opening Remarks: **H.E. Dr. Yu Xuejun**, Vice Minister, National Health Commission, Gov of China (PPD Chair-Country) (7 minutes)

Statement By: **H.E. Mr. Harsh Vardhan**, Vice-Chair, PPD Board and Honorable Minister, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gov of India (7 minutes)

Keynote Address: **H.E. Dr. Natalia Kanem**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNFPA Executive Director (tbc, 7 minutes)

Panel Discussion: Moderated by **H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu**, MP, Secretary, PPD Board and Honourable Minister for Social Development, Gov South Africa (6 minutes statements and 1 minute for each panelist introduction)

Panelist 1: **H.E. Dr. Isatou Touray**, Board Member of PPD, and Honorable Vice President, Gov of the Gambia (6 minutes)

Panelist 2: **H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque**, Board Member of PPD, and Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gov of Bangladesh (6 minutes)

Panelist 3: **H.E. Professor Benjamin I. B. Hounkpatin**, Board Member of PPD, and Honorable Minister of Health, Gov of Benin (6 minutes)

Panelist 4: **H.E. Hala Mustafa El Sayed Zayed**, Board Member of PPD and Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Population, Gov of Egypt (6 minutes)

Panelist 5: **H.E. Ms. Zainab S. Ahmed**, Honourable Minister for Budget and National Planning, Gov of Nigeria (6 minutes)

Panelist 6: **H.E. Mr. David Bahati**, Member, PPD Board, Honourable Minister of State for Finance (Planning), Gov of Uganda (6 minutes)

Panelist 7: **Dr. Habib Ghedira**, President, Director-General and Treasurer of PPD Board, National Board for Family and Population, Ministry of Health, Gov of Tunisia (6 minutes).

Panelist 8: **Dr. Mohamed A. Sheikh**, Honorable Member, PPD Board and Director General National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), Gov of Kenya (6 minutes).

#### Call of Action

Adoption of the Call for Action:

**Moderator: Adnene Ben Haj Aissa**

Presentation of the Call for the Action: **Dr. Hu Hongtao**, Senior Advisor to PPD

Closing Remarks: **H.E. Dr. C. Chiwenga**, Board Member of PPD, and Hon. Vice President, Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe (5 minutes)