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Progress in realising the Addis Ababa promise to the adolescents of Africa

Reflections on the implementation of the *Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa beyond 2014*

Through the *Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa beyond 2014*, Africa's leadership committed itself to continue its pursuit of the goals and objectives of the *ICPD Programme of Action*. Amongst others, we committed ourselves to pay particular attention to the needs of adolescents in the achievement of "universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, free from all forms of discrimination." This commitment was further elaborated to include the adoption and implementation of "relevant comprehensive sexuality education programmes", with the involvement of young people themselves, and the expansion of "access for all women and adolescent girls to timely, humane and compassionate treatment of unsafe abortion complications and, in accordance with national laws and policies, provide access to safe abortion services."

The continent's leadership committed itself to implement the promise of Addis Ababa by promoting "strengthened partnerships with local, national and international civil society organisations", and to "recognise the role of civil society organisations including NGOs and youth in the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of population and development policies and programmes including for achieving the goals of sexual and reproductive health and rights."

Distinguished African leadership figures from different sectors and countries will make short presentations on their involvement in and experience of delivering the "Addis Ababa promise" to Africa's young people, across a broad range of services that are required to improve the sexual and reproductive health of the continent's adolescents. A general discussion will follow on the lessons learnt thus far, and future priorities.

SPEAKERS

Professor Babatunde OSOTIMEHIN Executive Director, UNFPA

Ms Bathabile DLAMINI

Minister of Social Development of South Africa

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Minister of National Solidarity, Human Rights
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Other speakers

To be confirmed