

Indonesia's Inputs on the Future Role and Organization of the Commission on Population and Development

1. Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development to better assist the Member States

Indonesia recognizes that there is a wide array of challenges on the topic of population and development, such as putting an end to preventable maternal deaths, ending unmet need for family planning, and eliminating violence against women and harmful practices. Moreover, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated these challenges.

Such challenges need to be addressed by the Commission and all Member States by carrying deliberations in a productive manner, focusing on technical issues based on shared mutual interest, and putting aside diverged issues burdened by political nuance.

In this light, Indonesia underlines the importance of the follow-up and review of the ICPD Program of Action (PoA) in a comprehensive manner. In addition, there needs to be a firm link between the ICPD PoA and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within CPD.

2. Roles of the Commission in guiding the Member States and international community in responding to population and development issues and trends

In response to the current and growing trends on population and development, Indonesia believes that the Commission will maintain its relevance by upholding its core mandate. The implementation of ICPD-PoA on national, regional, and global levels should be consistently monitored, reviewed, and further improved by utilizing scientific findings based on research and studies.

Indonesia is also of the view that reliable data and statistics are instrumental as the foundation of evidence-based policymaking regarding population and development. The Commission could exercise its role to guide Member States in collecting and providing accountable data and statistics, in order to measure progress as well as to ensure sound policy-making process.

3. Evaluation of the Commission's methods of work

The primary mandate of the CPD is to monitor, review and assess the implementation of the ICPD PoA as well as coordinating the review and assessment of the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, including addressing gaps and challenges. Hence, Indonesia supports the active role of the Commission in assisting countries to meet the ICPD PoA and SDGs. For example, in creating a more equal relationship between developed and developing countries for the achievement of indicators on the carrying capacity of the environment for the population.

Therefore, annual themes should focus on how to achieve ICPD PoA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in light of the emerging issues and trends on demographic, development and population. However, CPD should focus on consensual issues rather than being held back by controversial issues, such as Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and gender identity, while keeping in mind for the respect of universal principles and state sovereignty.

On the issue of the outcome document, Indonesia is of the view that a consensual outcome is most desirable and should be the main goal. A consensual outcome is a reflection of our unity and spirit of collaboration of the Commission as well as the member states to cope with the world's emerging challenges.

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