

# Advocacy opportunities in post-2015 development agenda

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# Two different processes

- Rio+20 (led by Member States)
- Post-2015 development agenda (led by UN Secretary-General)

# Rio +20

- Grew out of UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)
- Set up:
  - Open Working Group (OWG)
  - Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (ICESDF)
  - High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

# Post-2015 development agenda

- SG set up a number of panels including HLP and SDSN
- Consultations on-line, national and at inter-regional levels
- World We Want and MyWorld websites

# UN GA Special Event September 2013

Agreed:

- OWG work on SDGs & report to GA
- ICESDF report to GA
- PGA 6 consultations and a High-Level Stocktaking Event
- HLPF would begin its work

# UN GA Special Event Sept 2013 (cont)

- UN SG to prepare a synthesis report before end of 2014 (WiP)
- Final work on SDGs and post-2015 development agenda to begin in early 2015 for adoption at Summit (WiP)

# OWG report

17 proposed goals and 169 targets including:

- 3.7 by 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services, including for **family planning**, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes

## OWG (cont)

- 5.6 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences



## OWG (cont)

- No reference to comprehensive sexuality education
- Few references to young people
- Human rights could be stronger
- Population dynamics not very visible

# Next steps

- UNGA decided OWG report to be “main basis” for negotiations going forward
- Synthesis report to come (Nov?)
- 2 co-facilitators to be appointed (late Sept)
- Work begins on final stages in Jan

# In addition

PGA to hold 3 high-level thematic debates on:

- Means of implementation
- Gender equality and women's empowerment
- Strengthening cooperation between UN and regional organz

# Common African Position

- Agreed in June 2014 in Addis Ababa
- Importance of the post-2015 process
- Process driven by Member States
- Importance of youth development & women's empowerment
- Governance at international level should be more responsive

# CAP (cont)

- Improving the health status through:
  - Reducing communicable, non-communicable & emerging diseases
  - Ending epidemics of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
  - Reducing malnutrition
  - Improving hygiene and sanitation

# CAP (cont)

- Universal and equitable access to healthcare including “universal access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (eg family planning)”
- Age appropriate and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education for all

# CAP (cont)

- Population dynamics (urbanization, migration & support for the elderly)
- Innovative plans that respond to population dynamics
- Importance of translating Africa's youth bulge into a demographic dividend by putting in place necessary policies and strategies.

# How should MPs respond...

- Keep “watching brief” on SDGs & post-2015 development agenda
- Engage with process in Parliament, committees & constituencies
- Make concerns known in decisions on country’s positions in AR, SADEC or G77 and China



# How should MPs respond (cont)

- Ensure CAP is being adhered to both at home and by the Permanent Representatives in New York
- Promote the highest level representation at the Summit next September, including Parliamentarians on delegation as well as civil society

# Longer term...

- Integrate SDGs into your policy-making eg on family planning / FP2020, population dynamics, sexual and reproductive health and rights (Learn lessons of SRHR and MDGs)
- Work for SRHR through relevant Parliamentary Committees eg Health, Education and Women's Empowerment

## Longer term (cont)

- Use accountability mechanisms and indicators as they are developed for monitoring
- Make sure UN Statistical Division and Commission are aware what can be monitored in country
- Publicize the SDGs and your commitment to their implementation

# Thank you



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