

SEAPACOH

Southern and Eastern African Parliamentary
Alliance of Committees of Health



Partners in Population and Development
Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO)

**Regional Meeting of the
Southern and Eastern African Parliamentary
Alliance of Committees of Health**

**“Repositioning Family Planning and
Reproductive Health in Africa: Lessons
Learnt, Challenges and Opportunities”**

**Imperial Royale Hotel
Kampala, Uganda**

27-29 September 2011

Logistical Information for Delegates

Welcome!

The 2011 Regional Meeting of the Southern and Eastern African Parliamentary Alliance of Committees of Health is being held at Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. Please refer to the programme for full details on the schedule of sessions.

Meeting location

Sunflower Hall
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Registration

Delegates will be required to register personally at the venue of the meeting, where they can pick up their badges and conference materials at 8:00 am on Tuesday, 27 September 2011.

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Meeting Programme

Time	Session	Responsible
Monday, September 26, 2011: Arrivals		
Day One: Tuesday, September 27, 2011		
0800-0900	Registration	PPD ARO
0900-1015	Session One: Opening Ceremony	Session Chair: Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya Member of Parliament, Uganda
	Opening Remarks	Dr. Jotham Musinguzi Regional Director, PPD ARO Ms. Janet Jackson UNFPA Representative, Uganda Dr. Harry Jooseery Executive Director, PPD Hon. Blessing Chebundo Chair, SEAPACOH Dr. Janet Byaruhanga African Union Commission Mr. Jerry P. Lanier U.S. Ambassador, Uganda
	Official Opening	Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga Speaker, Parliament of Uganda
	Group Photograph	
1015-1045	Tea/Coffee Break	
1045-1315	Session Two: Reproductive Health, Population and Development: Global and Regional Challenges	Session Chair: Hon. Margaret Simwaza Siita Member of Parliament, Tanzania
1045-1115	The Contribution of Family Planning to the Achievement of the ICPD and MDGs	Dr. Jean Christophe Fotso African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC)
1115-1145	Maputo Plan of Action and CARMMA: Reflections on the Performance of African Countries on FP/RH	Dr. Janet Byaruhanga African Union Commission
1145-1215	Drivers of Progress Towards Universal Access to Family Planning in Eastern and Southern Africa	Dr. Eliya Zulu, Executive Director, African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP)
1215-1245	Gender and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights as a Key Factor to FP/RH Programming	Prof. Grace Bantebya Makerere University
1245-1315	Discussion, Session Wrap-up and Key Points for Country Action Planning	Session Chair
1315-1415	Lunch	
1415-1600	Session Three: Repositioning Family Planning and Reproductive Health in the Region: Challenges and Opportunities for Policies, Programmes and Commodities	Session Chair: Hon. David Parirenyatwa Member of Parliament, Zimbabwe

1415-1445	GAP Tool Analysis for Ethiopia	Ms. Priya Emmart Senior Policy Advisor, Futures Group
1445-1515	Film Presentation: <i>Empty Handed: Responding to the Demand for Contraceptives</i>	
1515-1545	Discussion, Session Wrap-up and Key Points for Country Action Planning	Session Chair
1545-1600	Tea/Coffee Break	
SEAPACOH Governance Business (Closed Session)		
1600-1800	SEAPACOH Business Meeting	
1830	Dinner and Cultural Entertainment (Host: PPD ARO)	
Day Two: Wednesday, September 28, 2011		
0830-0900	Registration	PPD ARO
0900-1300	Session Four: Effective Programming, Innovations, Best Practices and Financing for Repositioning FP/RH	Session Chair: Hon. Ethuro Ekwe Member of Parliament, Kenya
0900-0930	National FP Policy & Advocacy: Best Practices and Lessons Learnt from Parliament of Uganda	Hon. Mathias Kasamba Member of Parliament, Uganda
0930-1000	Ethiopia's Health Extension Programme (HEP): Expanding Access to Family Planning	Sr. Sossena Belayneh Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
1000-1030	Malawi's Rising FP Programme: Lessons from Integrating FP and Maternal and Child Health	Dr. Chisale Mhango Consultant, Malawi
1030-1100	Civil Society Experiences of Working with Parliaments: The Case of Zimbabwe	Mr. Itai Rusike Executive Director, Community Working Group on Health (CWGH)
1100-1130	Tea/Coffee Break	
1130-1200	Human Resources for Health Systems Strengthening: Policy and Programme Implications to FP/RH	Dr. Vincent Oketcho Country Director, IntraHealth Uganda
1200-1230	Financing for Family Planning: Options and Challenges	Dr. Paulin Basinga Professor, School of Public Health, National University of Rwanda
1230-1300	Discussion, Session Wrap-up and Key Points for Country Action Planning	Session Chair
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1700	Session Five: Country Achievements and Challenges in Repositioning FP/RH, Including the Implementation of the SEAPACOH Strategic Plan	Session Chair: Hon. Lydia Wanyoto East Africa Legislative Assembly
1400-1430	Review of the Implementation of the SEAPACOH Strategic Plan: Achievements, Challenges and the Way Forward	Hon. Blessing Chebundo Chairperson, SEAPACOH
1430-1700	Country Progress, Achievements and Challenges Regarding the Implementation of the September 2010 Munyonyo Parliamentary Meeting Resolutions and Reporting on Parliamentary Work to Advance FP/RH (<i>countries who have not attended previous SEAPACOH meetings will present on parliamentary work to advance FP/RH</i>) <i>N.B.: Not more than 10 minutes for each presentation</i> Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament of Kenya • Parliament of Swaziland • Parliament of Botswana • Parliament of Zimbabwe • Parliament of Burundi • Parliament of Ethiopia • Parliament of Ghana • Parliament of Lesotho • Parliament of Malawi • Parliament of Mozambique • Parliament of Mali • Parliament of Namibia

1700-1730	Tea/Coffee Break	
1800	Cocktail	
Day Three: Thursday, September 29, 2011		
0830-0900	Registration	PPD ARO
0900-1100	Session Six: Country Achievements and Challenges in Repositioning FP/RH	Session Chair: Hon. Member of Parliament, Mali
0900-1100	Country Progress, Achievements and Challenges (continued) <i>N.B.: Not more than 10 minutes for each presentation</i> Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament of Uganda • Parliament of Nigeria • Parliament of Rwanda • Parliament of South Africa • Parliament of Tanzania • Parliament of Zimbabwe
1100-1130	Tea/Coffee Break	
1130-1200	Session Seven: Resolutions	Session Chair: Hon. Ethuro Ekwe Member of Parliament , Kenya
1130-1200	Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Kampala 2011 Resolutions and Recommendations	Hon. Munji Habeenzu Executive Member, SEAPACOH
1200-1300	Session Eight: Closing Ceremony	Session Chair : Hon. Margaret Ziiwa East Africa Legislative Assembly
1200-1300	Closing Remarks Official Closing Vote of Thanks	<p>Dr. Jotham Musinguzi Regional Director, PPD ARO</p> <p>Dr. Harry Jooseery Executive Director, PPD</p> <p>Dr. Blessing Chibundo Chair, SEAPACOH</p> <p>Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development (Planning) and PPD Board Member</p> <p>Hon. Member of Parliament, Ghana</p>
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400	Ancillary Meetings and Free Time	
Day Four, Friday, September 30, 2011: Departures		



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2010 Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Committees on Health in Eastern and Southern Africa: “Repositioning Family Planning and Reproductive Health in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region: Challenges and Opportunities”

Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda, 28-29 September 2010

Resolutions (29 September 2010)

The Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Committees on Health in Eastern and Southern Africa, held in Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda, 28-29 September 2010, gathered members of Parliamentary Committees responsible for health from 11 countries and regional bodies in Eastern and Southern Africa, with civil society and regional partners to promote information exchange, facilitate policy dialogue and identify key areas of follow up action to advance health equity and sexual and reproductive health in the region. The meeting was held as a follow up to review progress on actions proposed at the September 2008 and September 2009 Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Committees on Health in Eastern and Southern Africa.

The third high level Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Committees on Health in Eastern and Southern Africa was on the theme of “Repositioning Family Planning and Reproductive Health in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region: Challenges and Opportunities” and was held at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort, Kampala, Uganda, from 28-29 September 2010. It was hosted by Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung, the German Foundation for World Population (DSW). Participants were drawn from Parliaments of Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the East African Legislative Assembly.

Now therefore, we members of the Southern and East African Parliamentary Alliance of Committees of Health (SEAPACOH), note the issue of the untapped potential of how family planning can help countries achieve the MDGs;

Recognizing the poor progress on MDGs, as was discussed at both the July 2010 African Union Summit in Kampala, Uganda, as well as the September 2010 UN Summit in New York, USA, where it was agreed that more effort needs to be made to achieve the MDGs by 2015;

Noting that the country performance on MDGs 4 and 5 is poor and uneven, especially in the Sub-Saharan Africa region;

Aware that resources allocated for better reproductive health in Sub-Saharan countries are not adequate to achieve the goals of the Maputo Plan of Action;

Cognizant of the role of Parliamentarians in representation, legislation, appropriation and oversight for better utilization of public resources;

Appreciating the progress on the resolutions made in 2008 and 2009 by the **Southern and East African Parliamentary Alliance of Committees On Health (SEAPACOH)**, we, the members of SEAPACOH, hereby resolve to the following:

Commit ourselves to the realization of the MDGs, the Maputo Plan of Action and the Accra Agenda for Aid Effectiveness

Offer Leadership

- To ensure good governance in all matters of health;
- Continue providing stewardship on policy, legislation and budgetary oversight, including for reproductive health and family planning; and
- Ensure that family planning and population issues are integrated into national development strategies, including the poverty reduction strategies and action plans

Advocacy

- Promote family planning as essential to the achievement of all MDGs, especially MDG4 and MDG5, in partnership with civil society organizations and the media;
- Regularly issue public statements supportive of family planning to mobilize both political and popular support;
- Promote the Maputo Plan of Action through the momentum created by CARMMA and other national initiatives; and
- Promote gender equity

Financing

- Advocate for increased government resources to health to realize the Abuja target of 15%;
- Ensure accountability in public expenditures;
- Ensure a clear and separate budget line for family planning in national and district health budgets and ensure family planning is included in basket funding, where applicable;
- Establish an enabling environment for effective public-private partnerships for health; and
- Continue support for strengthening health systems

Strategies and Programmes

- Enhance partnerships with civil society organizations; and
- Learn from the best practices in countries in the region through South-South cooperation

Strengthening SEAPACOH

- Network within the region with health professionals and development partners, including civil society organizations for health;
- Improve regular and ongoing communications and sharing of information through technology (e.g. email, website, blog, forum);
- Undertake resource mobilization activities to support the implementation of the SEAPACOH Strategic Plan and ensure sustainability of the Alliance;
- Endeavour to improve on reporting of health data; and
- Carry out monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of these resolutions

Supported by:

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Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is a Southern-led, Southern-run inter-governmental organization of 25 developing countries, encompassing more than half the population of the entire globe. PPD was founded in 1995, to promote South-South cooperation in reproductive health and population and development. **The Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO)** is based in Kampala, Uganda. The vision of the PPD ARO is “an African continent that meets its Reproductive Health needs, promotes the Population and Development agenda and thereby addresses poverty, through South-South Cooperation.” Its mission is “to provide a platform for the promotion of and resource mobilization for Reproductive Health, Population and Development in Africa through three elements: 1) Policy dialogue 2) Networking and building strategic partnerships in the region and 3) Sharing of experiences and good practices. More information is available online at: www.ppdafrika.org; Email: aro@ppdafrika.org

The Southern and East African Parliamentary Alliance of Committees of Health (SEAPACOH) is a network of Parliamentary Committees on Health in Southern and Eastern Africa. The objective of the network is to build a more consistent collaboration of the Parliamentary Committees on Health towards achieving individual and regional goals of health equity and effective responses to HIV and AIDS. The network aims to strengthen the role of parliaments in the areas of oversight of budgets, review of legislation, policy and providing leadership for achieving goals of equity in health and effective responses to HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other diseases important to the region.



Participants to the 2008 Meeting



Participants to the 2009 Meeting



Participants to the 2010 Meeting

