International Conference
Action to achieve commitments in UNGA Resolution 67/146 *Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilations*

Rome, Italy | 22-25 October 2013, Auditorium Parco della Musica

**Day 1 - Tuesday, 22 October 2013: High-Level Ministerial Session**

**Opening Session**

Chairpersons for the day: Italy, UN Representative

**Monday 21 October**

3:00-6:00 Registration

**Tuesday 22 October**

8:00 – 9:00 Registration- Music by TAM TAM MOROLA

9:00 – 9:10 Opening remarks by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mrs Emma Bonino

9:10 – 9:30 Opening statement by UNFPA Executive Director Dr Babatunde Osotimehin

9:30 – 9:40 Short movie

9:40 – 10:30 **African Perspectives**  
**Moderator: UNICEF**  
Opening remarks by First Lady of Burkina Faso, Goodwill Ambassador of Inter-African Committee on Harmful Practices  
Opening remarks by the African Union  
Panel with the African Union, UNECA, IAC, CRC Vice-Chair/ACRWC Chair  
Discussion

10:30 – 11:15 **Global Perspectives and the Diaspora**  
**Moderator: UNFPA**  
Remarks by Norway  
Remarks by EU Commissioner (by video)  
Remarks by UK/DFID Minister (by video)  
Panel: Australia, Finland, AWEPA, Germany, Luxembourg, AIDOS, NPWJ, IAC  
Discussion

11:15 – 12:15 **Coffee Break and Group Photo (and closed Press Conference)**

12:15 – 13:00 **National Perspectives – Experience with legislation outlawing FGM**  
**Moderator: CEDAW**  
Opening remarks by Minister of Burkina Faso  
Highlights of progress from countries: Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia, Uganda, FIDA (NGO)  
Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**
14:00 – 15:00  National Perspectives – Policy, coordination and strengthening of services  
**Moderator: GIZ**  
Opening remarks by Minister of Mauritania  
Highlights of progress from countries: Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Senegal, Sudan  
Discussion

15:00 – 16:00  National Perspectives – Going to scale in abandonment by communities  
**Moderator: DFID**  
Opening remarks by Tostan  
Highlights of progress: Mwangaza Action (BF), PSI (Guinea), Reach (Uganda), APAD (Ethiopia), CORDAK (Mauritania), National Union of Eritrean Women (Eritrea)  
Discussion

16:00 – 17:00  UNFPA and UNICEF contribution through the Joint Programme  
**Moderator: Norway**  
Brief presentation of the joint evaluation findings  
Findings from Statistical Overview on FGM/C  
Discussion

17:00 – 17:15  Reading of the Moving Forward Statement for accelerating the elimination of FGM

17:15 – 17:30  Closing of high-level segment by Chairperson

Music Concert TAM TAM MOROLA
Technical Days
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* indicates no simultaneous translation provided

Day 2 - Wednesday 23rd October 2013
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8:30 – 10:30 Abridged version of DWG (Concurrent to initial sessions below)

Lessons from Phase 1 – Country Experience and Evidence

9:00 – 9:10 Introduction of technical sessions

9:10 – 11:00 Country experiences
Moderator: Islamic Development Bank
Country presentations drawing from final evaluation case studies and country monitoring to highlight progress on major and emerging themes
- Policy, Coordination and National Action plan: Ethiopia and Guinea Bissau (10 min)
- Use and enforcement of legislation: Burkina Faso and Eritrea (10 min)
- Going to scale through declarations of commitment to abandon FGM/C, national communication promoting the intact girl: Sudan, Somalia, Guinea (PSI) and Mauritania (20 min)
- Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health services to prevent FGM/C and address the consequences of the practice faced by girls and women: Djibouti and Egypt (10 min)
Discussion (60 min)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Country Experiences cont’d
Moderator: UNICEF Regional Adviser
Country evaluation case studies: Senegal, Sudan, Burkina Faso, Kenya (8 min /country)
Discussion (20 min)
Regional-Continental collaboration and institutional linkages: AUC-ACERWC-UNECA-IAC initiative, GIZ supra-regional programme, NPWJ, AIDOS, AWEPA, INTACT/Population Council (5 min each)
Discussion (23 min)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:30* Working groups on major and emerging themes
Moderation: UNFPA
- Policy, coordination and national action plan
  - Question 1: Share with the group one short example of policy, coordination or national planning that has most contributed to accelerating abandonment of FGM/C in your country in the past 5 years. Who were the key actors and how did they complement each other?
  - Question 2: In view of the number and variety of actors needed for the holistic approach what are your plans to strengthen coordination and ensure buy-in into a national plan of action? What additional partners might you need to bring in?
  - Question 3: For your country, write the result statement for this area. E.g. “by 2017, Country X will have achieved X in the area of X”

- Use and enforcement of legislation
  - Question 1: Share with the group one short example of the use or enforcement of legislation that has most contributed to accelerating abandonment of FGM/C in your country during the past 5 years. Who were the key actors and how did they complement each other?
  - Question 2: What are your plans to strengthen action in the legal realm so as to more effectively contribute to changing the social norms upholding FGM/C? What additional partners might you need to bring in?
  - Question 3: For your country, write the result statement for this area. E.g. “by 2017, Country X will have achieved X in the area of X”

- Going to scale through declarations of commitment to abandon FGM/C and national communication promoting the integral girl
  - Question 1: Share with the group one short example of going to scale that has most contributed to accelerating abandonment of FGM/C in your country during the past 5 years. Who were the key actors and how did they complement each other?
  - Question 2: In what ways do you expect to modify activities as you move from local declarations of commitment to abandonment at larger scale? What other partners might you need to bring in?
  - Question 3: For your country, write the result statement for this area. E.g. “by 2017, Country X will have achieved X in the area of X”

- Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health services to prevent FGM/C and to address the negative consequences of the practice faced by girls and women
  - Question 1: Share with the group one short example of strengthened SRH that has most contributed to preventing or decreasing medicalization and another example addressing the negative consequences of FGM/C faced by girls and women in your country during the past 5 years. Who were the key actors and how did they complement each other?
  - Question 2: In what ways can linkages be strengthened between the health sector and communities to better address the prevention of FGM/C and negative consequences of FGM/C (engagement of health providers in preventing FGM/C, management of complication, services better know and
accessible, reparations of external organs). What other partners might you need to bring in?

- Question 3: For your country, write the result statement for this area. E.g. “by 2017, Country X will have achieved X in the area of X”

16:30 – 17:00  Highlights and wrap-up by JP Coordination Team

Day 3- Thursday 24th October 2013
Conference Centre

Lessons from Phase 1 –Experience and Evidence from Multicountry/Global Perspective

9:00 – 9:15  Introduction of session

9:15 – 11:00  New evidence to inform Phase 2 programming
Moderator: UNECA
9:15 – 10:00  Joint UNFPA/UNICEF Evaluation findings and recommendations (Evaluation Offices)
10:00 – 10:30  Findings and programmatic implications from data-driven report on FGM/C (UNICEF)
10:30 - 11:00  Discussion on the application of the findings

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00*  Consolidating progress and further strengthening country activities
Working Groups
- Activity to identify 5 key strategies/components yielding the strongest results and elements that need to be modified in view of new evidence1 (1 Hour, 5 sub-regional groups)
- Report-back and discussion on consolidating validated strategies/components and sharpening programming in light of new evidence (5 min each group, 30 min)

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break

Phase 2 of the Joint Programme

1  This could be done by first asking each country group to identify, on a card, the five that in their country are yielding results and the 3 that need to be modified, then posting these, identifying patterns and discussing the content.
14:30 – 15:10  Phase 2 proposal
Presentation and discussion of Phase 2 programme document, theory of change and logical framework (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

15:10 – 16:50  Planning and monitoring for results
*Country and Regional-continental Language-based Working Groups by Phase 2 clusters, with new countries joining one of the other clusters*
- Review goals to be achieved by end 2017
- Review of theory of change, revised logframe and indicators

16:50 – 17:00  Walk around to look at the work of other groups

Day 4- Friday 25th October 2013:
*Conference Centre*

9:00 – 10:00  Overview of logframe
Presentation of highlights from group work (20 min)
Discussion (40 min)

10:00 – 11:00  Planning and monitoring for results (cont’d)
- Mix of strategies, synergy, complementarity and intensification of interventions

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00  Planning and monitoring for results (cont’d)
Continuation of group work

12:00 – 13:00  Planning and monitoring for results (cont’d)
- Baseline studies process
- Programme monitoring, annual reporting, databases
- Evaluability assessment by country

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30  Areas of additional research
Presentation (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

14:30 – 15:00  Advocacy and resource mobilization by country

15:00 – 15:30  Wrap-up and conclusion by JP Coordination Team

15:30 – 16:00  Closing remarks: Italian GOI and Agency Director TBD