

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**

Final

- 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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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"*

- Strengthening the regional dynamics of change
 - *Question 1: Share with the group one short example of the contribution of a regional project or institution that has most contributed to accelerating abandonment FGM/C during the past 5 years. Who were the key actors and how did they complement each other?*
 - *Question 2: What mechanisms need to be strengthened or created to ensure more meaningful collaboration across national borders and with regional institutions? What other partners might you need to bring in?*
 - *Question 3: Write the result statement for this area. E.g. "by 2017, 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 24nd October 2013
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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.

Final

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:

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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