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27-30 March 2023



“APFSD Youth Forum Call to Action 2023: Agenda Setting for Strengthening Partnerships to Accelerate the Recovery from the COVID-19 with Human Rights, Gender Equality and SRHR at the Forefront”

Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

March 30, 11:15am-12:30pm Bangkok time

Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9w5fgtdKeP>

Organizer(s)

Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
Stepping towards Enhancing Policy Structures (STEPS - India)

Co-organizer(s)

Government of Bangladesh (TBC)

Registration

To register for this side event, please click on the link below:

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Background

In line with the APFSD theme which focuses on accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19, the side event aims to bring together young people's ideas, views, solutions and recommendations from the APFSD Youth Call to Action 2023 (the APFSD Youth Forum 2023 will be held 18th-20th March 2023 and the Call to Action will be developed by 1500 young people from 37 countries in the region). The side event will specifically interrogate universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information and services, Universal Health Coverage for young people with an intersectional youth, human rights and justice lens. Systemic and structural issues affecting the realization of youth sustainable development, SRHR information and services will be further interrogated also from the lens of strengthened partnerships.

Key Questions and Outcomes

[Please provide 3-4 key questions that will be guiding this side event and its expected outcomes. Please do not exceed 200 words]

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. What is the current status of young people's universal access to SRHR information and services in the region taking into account the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?
2. What are some of the actions taken by governments, UN agencies, youth networks and young people to advance young people's universal access to SRHR information and services in the region?
3. What are some of the key challenges and recommendations?
4. What are some of the innovative ideas for scale up and replication to advance the implementation of Agenda 2030?
5. What can young people do to contribute to effective policy implementation and how can SRHR be prioritised?
 - How can we ensure meaningful youth participation?

Bringing together a **diverse panel,*** this side event will specifically interrogate universal access to SRHR information and services, Universal Health Coverage for young people with an intersectional youth, human rights and justice lens. Systemic and structural issues affecting the realization of youth sustainable development , SRHR information and services will be further interrogated also from the lens of strengthened partnerships.

Programme



Speakers		
ARROW, STEPS, youth speaker, & GoB (TBC)	Introduction by moderators (ARROW & STEPS) Welcome remarks by organisers, youth speaker and Government of Bangladesh (TBC)	10 minutes 11:15-11:25am
Young person (TBC)	APFSD 2023 Youth Call to Action Presentation	10 min 11:25 – 11:35am
Speaker from STEPS (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of lived experiences by young people on how SRH service delivery has been impacted post COVID. Charting out recommendations on how partnerships can be strengthened to improve SRH services under UHC. 	10 min 11:35 – 11:45am
Youth Speaker 1 (TBC) Youth Speaker 2 (TBC) Youth Speaker 3 (TBC) Youth Speaker 4 (TBC) Youth Speaker 5 (TBC)	Five Youth Speakers from the APFSD Youth Forum make 3 minutes interventions Discussion (breakout room discussion/ poll - TBD – Q&A) on how to advance Young People Sustainable development and SRHR in the region.	40 minutes 11:45am–12:25pm
Closing		
ARROW	Closing remarks	5 min 12:25 – 12:30pm

**As a multi-stakeholder event, the APFSD Secretariat strongly encourages inclusion of multiple groups of stakeholders as panelists and speakers. If you would like suggestions or connections to potential representatives from constituencies of the Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) or ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) please contact us at escap-apfsd@un.org.*

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