



**Side event to the 132nd IPU Assembly
Hanoi, Viet Nam**

**Improving the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents:
Consultation on the updated *Global Strategy***

Tuesday, 31 March 2015

12:30pm to 2:30pm

Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre

Light lunch will be served

The Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, launched in 2010 by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, has guided stakeholders from all sectors towards significant progress on women's and children's health. More than 300 partners and 400 commitments have been made in support of the *Global Strategy* from governments, civil society, the private sector, philanthropy, and international organizations, and an estimated US\$34 billion has been disbursed since the launch of the Global Strategy.

Stakeholders from governments, civil society, the private sector and the UN have agreed that now is the time to update the Strategy and to develop a five-year operational plan to reflect progress achieved to date, as well as new and emerging needs to align with the emerging post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, which will be endorsed in September 2015 at the time of UN General Assembly.

Although parliamentarians were not substantially involved in the development of the 2010 Global Strategy and the MDGs, in recent years and through IPU, national parliaments have become critical to driving efforts to improve women's and children's health at all levels and are playing a key role in the formation of the post-2015 SDGs. As a result of increased attention among parliaments to these issues, many countries are setting the pace for implementing stronger accountability mechanisms for reviewing progress and for protecting rights, including in partnership with civil society and development partners. Robust reviews of budget allocation and expenditure, combined with legislative review and effective advocacy, are essential requirements of protecting and promoting the health of women and children.

This special consultation session during the 132nd Assembly will link to the review of progress of the IPU's 2012 resolution for action on maternal and child health, "Health as a Basic Right" (Side event "Consultation on the updated Global Strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health – Tuesday, 31 March, Room 241). This session will outline how the Global Strategy will be updated to cover the 2015-2030 period in line with the new Sustainable Development Goals, and will encourage dialogue among parliamentarians to feed into the development of the updated Global Strategy.

Discussion points will include:

- Have global efforts on women's and children's health influenced the engagement of parliaments on the issue? If so, how? If not, how can this be improved?
- How are global frameworks helpful for national policymaking?
- What can we learn from national experiences – both successful and unsuccessful – in the implementation of such roadmaps?
- What experiences can be shared in the development of financing and accountability mechanisms for those processes?

Languages of the side event: English, French, Spanish



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Agenda

- Moderator: Ms. Naida Pasion, Board Member, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health/Regional Program Director, Asia, Save the Children
- Welcome: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General (5 min)
- Opening remarks: Ms. Libby Davies, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (5 min)

Introductory presentation (15 min)

Ms. Nana Kuo, Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General

- Moving from the MDGs to the SDGs: New opportunities for integration and action in women's, children's and adolescent health (from the 2010-2015 Global Strategy to the renewed Global Strategy 2016-2030)
- "Saving Lives, Protecting Futures: The UN Secretary-General's Progress Report on Every Woman Every Child" (2010-2015)

Ms. Farkhunda Naderi, Member of Parliament, Afghanistan, President of the IPU Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (10 minutes)

- Reporting back from the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on the updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in New Delhi, 26-27 February

Dr. Marleen Temmerman, Director, Reproductive Health and Research, WHO (10 min)

- Next steps in updating the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health
- Role of parliamentarians in accountability for women's, children's and adolescents' health

Ms. Kathleen Ferrier, Member, independent Expert Review Group (10 min)

- Global accountability for women's and children's health
- Summary of findings from 2014 iERG report, focusing on key needs in improving national accountability for women's, children's and adolescents' health

Moderated Discussion (60 min)

Next steps & wrap-up by moderator (5 min)

Next steps on consultation process for the Global Strategy, tools & how parliamentary feedback will be integrated