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CALL FOR PREFORMED PANEL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Submission Deadline: March 15th, 2022

The International Conference on Family Planning 2022 (ICFP2022) invites the submission of preformed panel abstracts on cutting-edge research, program, and advocacy results directed at enabling individuals throughout the world, especially in low-income areas, to achieve their contraceptive and reproductive intentions. Of particular interest are abstracts on research demonstrating how family planning is an integral part of universal health coverage (UHC) and how family planning impacts the health, wealth, and autonomy of people and nations overall. The ICFP also provides an opportunity to showcase high impact or best practices in family planning programs, policy, and service delivery. Abstracts using strong scientific/evaluation methods will be given priority in the review and acceptance process.

Panels provide a distinct opportunity to tell a larger story than individual abstracts. Panels are comprised of 3-4 related presentations and should be developed with input from multiple individuals, organizations, and projects. **Preformed panels should add value to and be distinctive from sessions otherwise formed from individually submitted abstracts.**

Track organizers and reviewers will assess preformed panels on the strength of their overall cohesion as well as the strength and interconnectedness of the individual presentations proposed for the panel. Therefore, panel submissions should include objectives for the overall panel presentation as well as study or program objectives for each individual presentation. If possible, panelists and moderators should be identified at the time of submission.

Preformed panel submissions will be assessed as a unit and accepted or not accepted as a whole. Therefore, it is the responsibility of those forming complete panels (and the proposed presentations therein) to ensure that each presentation is independently strong, and that panel objectives, conclusions, and implications are clearly stated.

Preformed panels submitted with presentations from one single organization will not be considered for the program – this type of submission is better suited to an auxiliary/side event, sponsored by that organization. Preformed panels related to a single, large-scale project may be reviewed if the presentations are from different organizations and there is a compelling reason why a dedicated panel is important. Preformed panels should only be submitted if the panel organizers are confident that each proposed presenter will be able to participate in the conference.

TRACKS

Preformed panel submitters are requested to submit their abstracts to one track and one sub-track where applicable. Below is a list of tracks for abstract submission and respective track organizers. Illustrative examples of topics are listed under each track.

1. Universal Health Coverage and Family Planning

James Kiarie	World Health Organization
Vinit Sharma	United Nations Population Fund
Nene Fofana	Africa Forward Foundation

Can include but is not limited to:

- Global initiatives and frameworks for family planning
- Formulation and implementation of national and sub-national laws and policies
- Costs associated with family planning service provision and budgeting
- Funding landscape for family planning
- Effective advocacy and accountability approaches for family planning
- Sexual and reproductive health market development/Resilient family planning markets
- Innovative financing strategies for family planning
- Self-care
- Social accountability
- Health insurance schemes
- Integration of family planning in overall healthcare
- Private sector family planning provision in UHC

2. Returns on Investment in Family Planning and the Demographic Dividend

Latif Dramani	Center for Research in Economy and Applied Finances of Thiès
Jay Gribble	Palladium
Bernard Onyango	African Institute for Development Policy

Can include but is not limited to:

- Impact of family planning on maternal and child health
- Impact of family planning on gender equality
- Family planning cost/benefit analyses
- Family planning, population, environment, and development
- Impact of family planning on security and resilience
- Using programs and policy/advocacy to achieve a demographic dividend

3. Demand Generation, Social Norms and Behavior Change

Claudia Vonrasek Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs
Arzum Ciloglu Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

Can include but is not limited to:

- Social and behavior change among health workers in both public and private sector
- Provider Behavior Change (PBC) - client-provider interaction; provider bias for method preference for youth or nulliparous clients
- Preferences and acceptability of contraceptive options
- Understanding reasons for non-use and discontinuation
- Role of myths and misconceptions regarding FP
- Addressing consumer information needs and barriers to uptake through private sector strategies
- Evidence of social and gender norms on FP uptake and sustained use
- Interpersonal communication and community engagement to build support for FP use
- Cultural and social determinants in of family planning

4. Fertility Intentions and Family Planning

Leopold Ouedraogo WHO Brazaville
Kazuyo Machiyama London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Michelle Hindin Evidence 4 Global Impact

Can include but is not limited to:

- Understanding and measuring fertility intentions
- Unwanted and mistimed pregnancy
- Unmet need for family planning
- Cultural and social determinants in fertility and family planning
- Transitions in desired fertility

5. Gender Equality, Empowerment and Reproductive Rights

Nathalie Sawadogo International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
Suzanne Bell Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Richine Masengo Si Jeunesse Savait (SJS)

Can include but is not limited to:

- Abortion
- Empowerment and reproductive health
- Contraceptive choice
- Gender-based violence and family planning
- Sexual health and pleasure

6. Improving Quality of Care

Blami Dao Jhpiego
Aparna Jain Population Council
Celia Karp Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Can include but is not limited to:

- Quality improvement in family planning
- Quality of care, discontinuation, and contraceptive dynamics
- Method Information Index (Plus) and client satisfaction
- Assessment of family planning service quality
- Human-centered design
- Improving quality in private sector family planning

7. Expanding Access to Family Planning

Ben Bellows Population Council
Alex Ezeh Drexel University
Kerry MacQuarrie DHS Program (Avenir Health)

Can include but is not limited to:

- Challenges and solutions to broaden method mix
- Task shifting and community-based delivery approaches
- Total market approach
- Public-private partnership to expand access
- Safety and effectiveness of various contraceptive methods
- Increasing access to contraceptive generics
- Strategies to expand financial access

8. Advances in Contraceptive Technology and Contraceptive Commodity Security

Kirsten Vogelsong Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Brian McKenna Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

Can include but is not limited to:

- Product innovations: contraceptive research and development
- Novel contraceptives for men: challenges and opportunities
- Introduction and scale-up of new contraceptive products, including in the private sector
- Multipurpose prevention technologies
- Commodity security and logistics, including private sector supply chains
- Digital fertility or contraceptive apps and FP

9. Integration of Family Planning into Health and Development Programs

Angela Akol IPAS Africa Alliance
Clive Motunga United States Agency for International Development
Mohamed Ly EngenderHealth

Can include but is not limited to:

- Integration of family planning with maternal and child health
- Integration of family planning with services for HIV/AIDS and STI's
- Integration of family planning with primary health care services
- Integration of family planning with population, health, and environment (PHE), climate change, and development
- Integration of family planning with reproductive tract cancer screening programs

10. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights among Adolescents and Youth

Sandra Mudhune International Planned Parenthood Federation
Naglaa Fathy National Population Council and Centre for Development Services
Gervais Beninguissé Institut de Formation et de Recherche Démographiques
Ilene Speizer University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Can include but is not limited to:

- Barriers to access contraceptive methods among adolescents and youth
- Innovations in youth-oriented service delivery approaches
- Contraceptive use among adolescents and youth
- Early marriage and family planning
- Youth leadership in family planning
- Comprehensive sexual education for adolescent boys and girls
- Private sector SRH / FP for adolescents and youth

11. Men and Family Planning

Visseho Adjiwanou Quebec University
Logan Nickels Male Contraceptive Initiative

Can include but is not limited to:

- Men as contraceptive method users
- Couple dynamics in family planning
- Male engagement in social norm changes
- Family planning programs with men and couples
- Redefining masculinity and the role of men in family planning

12. Family Planning and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings

Monica Adhiambo Onyango Boston University School of Public Health
Ndola Prata University of California, Berkley

Can include but is not limited to:

- Family planning programs for refugees and internally displaced population
- Natural disasters and family planning and reproductive health
- Family planning during disease outbreak and epidemic crises
- Post-abortion family planning in humanitarian settings
- Contraceptives and adolescents in humanitarian settings
- Role of private sector sexual and reproductive health and family planning in fragile states

13. Faith and Family Planning

Sandra Chipanta Johns Hopkins University
Luz Frances Chua Catholics for Reproductive Health, Philippines
Emma Rachmawati, Muhammadiyah, Indonesia

Can include but is not limited to:

- Role of religious leaders and faith-based organizations in family planning, including interfaith approaches
- Relationship between religion and social norms related to family planning
- Faith-based considerations in comprehensive sexuality education
- Religion and family planning in the context of conflict, post-conflict, and extremism
- Faith-based organizations and partnership for family planning-expanding to scale

14. Social and Economic Disparities in Family Planning Use and Services

Ann Biddlecom Guttmacher Institute
Mervyn Christian Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health
Crispin Mabika University of Kinshasa

Can include but is not limited to:

- FP inequities in urban areas
- Improving equity in use of FP services
- Addressing FP needs of marginalized and hard-to-reach populations
- Intersectional SRHR among LGBTQI+
- Addressing FP needs of persons with disabilities

15. Advances in monitoring and evaluation methods

Philip A. Anglewicz Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Alain Koffi Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Shireen Assaf ICF International

Can include but is not limited to:

- Advances in measurement of family planning indicators such as universal access, contraceptive use and discontinuation, demand for contraception/intention to use, contraceptive stock/stockout, quality of care
- Data use in monitoring and programmatic decision making
- Linking performance measures to outcomes (e.g., linking quality of care to contraceptive use/continuation)
- Data utilization for measuring results, advocacy impact, and accountability

16. Impact of COVID-19 on Family Planning and Reproductive Health

Jason Bremner FP2030
Aurelie Brunie FHI 360

Can include but is not limited to:

- Impact of COVID-19 on health systems, family planning services and resources
- Equity in FP under COVID-19 Impact of COVID-19 on fertility and fertility intentions
- Impact of COVID-19 on fertility, fertility intentions, and contraceptive use and use dynamics
- Impact of COVID-19 on economics and FP financing
- Advocacy responses to COVID-19
- Programmatic/operational responses, including new programming and best practices
- Impact of prevention measures (i.e. quarantine, social distancing, school closures) on FP and reproductive health
- Lessons from COVID-19 to strengthen emergency preparedness, response and resilience

SUBMISSION

Panel organizers should complete and submit ONE submission that includes both the overall panel information as well as details of each separate presentation. Each presentation should be described separately within the submission. **The word count of the entire panel submission is 2,000. This comprises 400 words for the overall panel information and 400 for each additional presentation up to four (4) presentations.** The overall panel information should include panel objectives, description, and research/program/policy implications. Each individual presentation within the panel should include clearly labeled title, background, methods, results, and conclusions. Word counts for sections are strictly enforced.

Preformed panels should be submitted in English or French by March 15, 2022 online at <https://icfp2021.dryfta.com/>.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Submissions to **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Submissions to each research, program implementation, and advocacy are evaluated by the following criteria. Abstracts that are judged to have low relevance to the overall conference (i.e. are not sufficiently related to the family planning field) will not be reviewed.

	Research abstract	Advocacy and Accountability abstract	Program/Best Practice abstract	Score 1 (low) – 5 (high)
Conference relevance	To what extent does the research align with the conference?	To what extent does the research align with the conference?	To what extent does the research align with the conference?	Low/Medium/High
Track relevance	To what extent does the research align with the track?	To what extent does the research align with the track?	Does the program align with the conference theme and the focus of the track?	1-5
Objective and Rationale	Is there a clear objective to the research? Do the authors explain why this research question is important?	Is the abstract associated with specific policy or funding results and/or impact? Does it focus on a particularly challenging or under-recognized advocacy issue?	Are the objective(s) and rationale for the program clearly articulated?	1-5
Methodology/Approach	Is the methodology clearly presented and correct for the research question? Are there flaws in the study population, research design that would affect the results?	Is the advocacy effort evidence based, evidence driven or evidence informed? Is it theory based?	Is the program/project informed by data/evidence and/or a clear theory of change?	1-5
Results/Key Findings	Are the results/anticipated results clearly presented? Do they relate to the specific objectives? Are the conclusions based on the data? If results are not presented, is it clear that the authors will be able to meet the objectives with the methodology proposed?	Are results quantified in relation to inputs and outputs and/or are immediate results correlated with quantified outcomes and impact (real or potential)?	Are the effects of the program quantified? Are the lessons learned from the implementation and success or failure of the program clearly described?	1-5

Implications/Sustainability	Do the authors identify relevant policy, program, or research implications?	Is the advocacy effort potentially sustainable (e.g. is cost-effective, easy to replicate)	Is there discussion of scale, impact, sustainability, efficiency; local ownership and commitment	1-5
Innovation	Is the research contributing something new to the field? Is it a new research question or a question that has not been asked in the population before?	Does this represents a first ever or unique collaboration? Does it use a new tool or approach?	Is the program/project contributing something new to the field? Is it a new program/project or one that has not been implemented previously in this context/setting/population?	1-5

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- 1. Preformed panels must include presenters from multiple organizations.** Preformed panels submitted with presentations from one single organization will not be considered for the program
- 2. Preformed panel submissions will be assessed as a unit and accepted or not accepted as a whole.** It is the responsibility of the panel organizer to ensure that all submitted abstracts are independently strong, and that each abstract can be reviewed based on the evaluation criteria above. Panels that provide limited information and only include suggested speakers or topics will not be competitive.

Track organizers will recommend acceptance of panels, and the scientific subcommittee will make the final determination. The panel organizer will be notified regarding panel decisions by June 1, 2022. Authors/presenters will be asked to confirm their participation by June 14, 2022.

Authors with accepted abstracts may appear as a presenting author up to two times on the conference program. This is inclusive of oral presentations (either in a pre-formed panel or through individual abstract submission), oral flash presentations, and serving as a moderator on a panel, but does not include poster presentations. There is no limit to the number of presentations an individual may be listed on; only the number of times they present. This is to provide opportunities to broaden the base of conference participation.

In particular cases, if a panel is not accepted but track organizers find one or two of the abstracts in the panel can make substantial contribution to the conference, they will contact the panel organizer to extend an invitation for individual presentations.

AUXILIARY/SIDE MEETINGS

Organizations wishing to devote a session solely to the results of a particular project by one organization are invited to hold a morning or evening side event rather than propose preformed panels. Information about meeting space and associated costs can be obtained from Anastasia Pierron at sideevents@theicfp.org.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL SUPPORT

Limited travel support is available. Only individuals whose abstracts are selected for oral presentation will be eligible to apply. Priority will be given to junior researchers under 35 years of age (by November 14, 2022) from developing countries. Travel support application invitations will be provided with abstract acceptance notification by June 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact: abstracts@theicfp.org