



# **10th Asia Pacific Alliance (APA) Conference and Meetings**



**Investing in Sexual and Reproductive  
Health and Rights for the MDGs:  
Priorities leading up to 2015 and beyond**

**4-8 October 2010  
The Gurney Resort Hotel & Residences  
Penang, Malaysia**

## About APA

The Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) brings together nongovernmental organisations, donors and other stakeholders with common goals to build a strong network to ensure everyone's right to health is fully achieved through the promotion and inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in development agendas.

APA is a membership-based alliance with members primarily in the five donor countries of Asia and the Pacific: Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand and Thailand.

## APA Objectives

- Increase and diversify funding for SRHR in the region
- Improve international assistance policies and priorities on SRHR
- Strengthen voices on SRHR from Asia and the Pacific and regionally-determined priorities in global arenas

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## Welcome Message

Dear partners

Welcome to the 10th Conference and Meetings of the Asia Pacific Alliance (APA) in Penang, Malaysia. We are proud to bring together a richly diverse group of representatives from NGOs, youth organizations, governments, donor and multilateral agencies active in Asia and the Pacific to discuss this year's theme *Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for the MDGs: Priorities leading up to 2015 and beyond*. Through plenary, workshops and discussions, we are looking forward to hear your valuable contributions to ensure everyone's right to health is fully achieved.

This year marks the year of the adoption of the United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). While international leaders have committed to end poverty, many countries in the Asia and the Pacific are lagging far behind in work to achieve the MDGs. To accelerate progress on the MDGs, providing access to family planning and sexual and reproductive health services is one of the most effective development interventions. The UN High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG Summit) this year provided an opportunity to address gaps and to scale up investments in reproductive health to achieve the MDGs in the remaining five years.

Evidence based advocacy for political commitment and action for sexual and reproductive health in the MDG framework remains crucial. On the first day of the Conference you are invited to showcase and share best-practice advocacy and programmatic interventions. We hope that it will provide you with new tools to advocate for sustained access to reproductive and sexual health in order to achieve the MDGs.

On the second day of the Conference, the program focuses on how to use this evidence and translate it to funding and resource mobilization. Through plenary and workshops, we will examine ways to enhance donor support and resources for sexual and reproductive health, particularly through better understanding of funding sources and the current aid environment.

The year 2010 also marks the beginning of the remaining five years to achieve the MDGs. We are encouraged to discuss further strategies for follow up and use this as valuable input for the APA Members' Meeting. With only five years left to achieve the MDGs, time is fast running out. We hope to increase concerted efforts to move forward beyond 2015.

This week will be another important step for APA to be a more effective alliance and to strengthen the collective impact of our members' initiatives and other partners in Asia and the Pacific. Together, let us ensure that progress towards sexual and reproductive health and rights are taken so that all people can enjoy a quality and healthy life.

We wish you a productive conference and we are looking forward to working with you the coming days.



Sumie Ishii  
APA Chairperson



Rose Koenders  
APA Executive Director

## OBJECTIVES

Through interactive discussions, workshops and plenaries, the Conference and Meetings will:

- Inform participants on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit on the Millennium Development Goals in September 2010 and discuss further strategies for follow up
- Showcase best-practice advocacy and programmatic interventions to achieve the MDGs, especially MDG 5b, universal access to reproductive health
- Examine ways to enhance donor support / resources for sexual and reproductive health, particularly through better understanding of funding sources and the current aid environment
- Increase advocacy potential of civil society representatives to promote meaningful participation in SRHR decision-making
- Develop key strategic recommendations for the APA plan 2011 and 2012

### Overall Schedule

*Monday, 4 October, 9am to 6pm*

*APA Steering Committee in Function Hall I, Level 2 (Steering Committee members only)*

*Monday, 4 October, 8pm*

*Informal orientation session for APA members at the hotel lobby*

*Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 and 6 October, 8.30am to 6pm*

*10th APA Conference in Function Hall I-II, Level 2 (Open to everyone)*

*Thursday, 7 October, 8.30am to 6pm*

*Members' Meeting in Function Hall I, Level 2 (Members only)*

*Friday, 8 October, 8.30 to 12.30pm*

*Members' Meeting on communication including Intranet training in Function Hall I, Level 2 (Members only)*



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

Function Hall I-II, Level 2, Gurney Resort Hotel and Residences

Money matters	
9.00	<p>Facilitator: Katherine McDonald</p> <p>Senator Pinit Kullavanijaya, Secretary General, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development <i>Parliamentarian's Statement of Commitment in Addis Ababa: ensuring adequate financing</i></p> <p>Carol Ruiz, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era Lecturer, Women and Gender Studies, University of Toronto <i>Making aid effectiveness work for SRHR</i></p> <p>Maria Bordallo, SRHR Consultant <i>Making SRHR count: Asia and the Pacific resource flows project</i></p> <p>Q and A</p>
10.30	Tea break
Workshops	
11.00	<p>Monitoring and Tracking of Donor Funding by Maria Bordallo</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Function Hall I-II, Level 2</p> <p>Creating demand for effective aid in recipient countries</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Function Hall III, Level 2</p>
12.30	Plenary: Presentation of outcomes
12.45	Lunch
Donor Dialogue	
13.30	<p>Facilitator: Ms Sono Aibe, Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives, Pathfinder International</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Lana Dakan, Program Officer, Population and Reproductive Health Program, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation</p> <p>Benedict David, Principal Health Advisor, Health and HIV Thematic Group Australian Agency for International Development (TBC)</p> <p>Keiko Osaki, MPH / Senior Advisor on Health, Japan International Cooperation Agency</p> <p>Dr. Kittipong Saejeng, Director Reproductive Health Division, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health</p> <p>Q and A</p>
15.00	Tea break
Beyond 2015	
15.30	<p>Facilitator: Dr. Wasim Zaman, International Council on Management of Population Programmes and APA steering committee member</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Anna Whelan, International Planned Parenthood Federation, East &amp; South East Asia and Oceania Region</p> <p>Nino Susanto, Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights</p> <p>Masaki Inaba, Africa Japan Forum</p> <p>Nobuko Horibe, UNFPA - Asia and the Pacific Regional Office</p>
17.00	Outcomes of Conference
17.30	Closing by Sumie Ishii

## MEMBERS' MEETING PROGRAMME (for Members only)

Thursday 7, OCTOBER 2010

Function Hall I, Level 2, Gurney Resort Hotel and Residences

8.30	Welcome
Secretariat report	
8.40	Presentation narrative and financial reports
9.10	APA modified Programme Framework Q and A
Advocacy and national action planning	
10.10	Sharing experiences of regional networks: EuroNGOs
10.30	Tea break
11.00	APA Planning 2011 – 2012: Key Focus Areas and Key Advocacy Opportunities Break out sessions APA National and Global Action Planning
12.45	Lunch
13.45	Presentation of break out sessions
Governance	
14.45	Registration and Constitution Steering Committee 2010-2011
15.45	Tea break
16.15	Q and A
16.45	Introduction of new members: Pathfinder International and MSI Australia Other Issues for Discussion
17.30	Closing
19.00	APA farewell dinner and visit to night market (gather at lobby at 19.00)

## MEMBERS' MEETING PROGRAMME (for Members only)

Friday, 8 OCTOBER 2010

Function Hall I, Level 2, Gurney Resort Hotel and Residences

8.30	Welcome
Communications	
9.00	Communication strategy and plan
10.30	Tea break
11.00	Intranet Training
12.15	Closing
12.30	Lunch

## The Speakers

### **1. Sumie Ishii (Ms), Executive Director, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP)**

Ms Ishii joined JOICFP in 1975 and has been involved in a number of field operation including as JICA team leader of RH project in Vietnam, implementing RH projects supported by UNFPA and IPPF in Vietnam, China and Bhutan. She leads JOICFP's advocacy activities - policy dialogues, campaigns and resource mobilization - in Japan since late 1990s and attended a number of UN international conferences as an advisor to Japanese official delegation.

### **2. Nobuko Horibe (Ms), Regional Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO)**

A national of Japan, Ms Horibe was appointed Director of UNFPA APRO in 2008. She also supervises Nepal and Fiji sub-regional offices and 23 Country Offices/19 Representatives in the region. Ms Horibe has 25 years of working experience in the UN system which started in 1984 as Programme Officer with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Barbados. She then moved to UNFPA in 1987 and worked in China (Deputy Representative) and Lao PDR (Representative) as well as headquarters of UNFPA, UNOPS and UNODC in New York and Vienna. Prior to taking up the position as Regional Director, she was the Deputy Director, Division for Oversight Services, UNFPA HQ in New York.

### **3. Shoko Ishikawa (Ms), Regional Programme Manager, UNIFEM (part of UN Women) East and Southeast Asia Regional Office**

Ms Ishikawa leads the support of governments and civil society partners in Southeast Asia in promoting and protecting the human rights of women by implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). She also coordinated the development and publication of UNIFEM publications particularly the publication "Making the MDGs Work for All". She has also worked with UNDP Liaison Office in Tokyo assisting with the promotion of MDGs in Japan, and at the UNIFEM Headquarters in New York as a Programme Specialist in charge of Human Rights, Violence and Governance programmes in the Asia-Pacific Section.

### **4. Sai Jyothirmai Racherla (Ms), Programme Officer for the ICPD+15 project, Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)**

Ms Racherla joined ARROW in 2004 and since then has been involved in the ICPD+10 and ICPD+15 regional monitoring and research projects. She has been involved in the project implementation and co-writing of the ARROW regional overview on fifteen years of ICPD implementation in 12 Asian countries. Sai holds a Masters Degree in Nutrition, and a Degree in Population Studies. She has been involved in various projects in India and Malaysia, and has worked with international, regional and national organizations like World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, IBFAN, Consumer International, and the Malaysian Breastfeeding Association based in Malaysia, among others.

### **5. Fitri Putjuk (Ms), Indonesia Country Representative of Center for Communication programs, The Johns Hopkins University**

Currently the team leader of Advance Family Planning programs in Indonesia, Ms Putjuk joined CCP since 1995 initially to provide Technical Assistance to local partners, government, NGOs, professional organizations and donors in communication focusing on Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health, Environment as well as Hygiene Improvement programs. Her areas of expertise are Strategic Communication and Behavior Change Communication Design and Implementation, Advocacy and Inter Personal Communication / Counseling. Ms Putjuk graduated from Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia with specialization in Communications.

### **6. Katherine McDonald (Ms), Executive Director, Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD)**

Ms McDonald was the first Executive Director of ACPD, which was formed in 1997. Before ACPD, Ms McDonald practiced law for ten years, and was the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Public Legal Education Society, and President of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. She also served as President of Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada, and was a former member of the regional and international governing bodies of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Ms McDonald was also the Rapporteur of the IPPF Governance Task Force during its landmark transition to incorporate youth participation within IPPF's central governance structure. She holds a law degree from Dalhousie University (1981) and a Masters of Laws from the University of Ottawa (2007). Katherine will retire from ACPD at the end of December 2010.

#### **7. Sean Mackesy-Buckley (Mr), Research and Project Analyst, Family Planning International (FPI), New Zealand**

As part of his work with FPI, Mr Mackesy-Buckley has been involved in the development of the Pacific's first Reproductive Risk Index for women and research on developing better links between HIV and broader sexual and reproductive health services. In the past Mr Mackesy-Buckley has worked as a researcher for the Institute of Policy Studies at Victoria University's School of Government, for Global Focus Aotearoa and for a local NGO in São Tomé e Príncipe. Mr Mackesy-Buckley has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science / International Relations (Honours) and a Masters in Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington. His next project will explore the cost-benefits of family planning in Pacific Island Countries.

#### **8. Mirja Leibnitz (Ms), Coordinator, European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs)**

As EuroNGOs Coordinator, Ms Leibnitz manages programs and projects implemented by EuroNGOs member organizations in Europe. EuroNGOs' projects focus on FP/RH issues around the World Bank, the coordination and formulation of European Civil Society towards the implementation and strategies beyond the ICPD PoA and the MDGs, sustained and increased funding and progressive policies of European donor countries, and awareness raising of SRHR issues at foreign embassies in developing countries. Ms Leibnitz holds a diploma (Magister Artium) in US-American Studies, Political Sciences and Latin America Studies from the Goethe University of Frankfurt/Germany. Her publications include the master thesis: The Disappearance of the Invisible World - the Salem Witchcraft trials, 2002, and several articles on human rights issues in Central America. A German national, Mirja has been an activist in the field of nonviolent human rights protection for many years. She has also worked for Peace Brigades International in Guatemala and Germany.

#### **9. Senator Pinit Kullavanijaya (Mr), Secretary General, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)**

Dr Pinit Kullavanijaya was educated in the United Kingdom from the age of 11 in 1954 until 1971. He graduated in medicine: MB.Ch B from Leeds (1965), Diploma in Tropical Medical and Hygiene from Liverpool (1966) and Member of the Royal College of Physicians, London, UK in 1970. He had his post graduate trainings at St. James's University Hospital in Leeds, the Central Middlesex Hospital, and the Royal Free Hospital. Dr. Pinit also served in various academic positions such as consultant and later Director for Gastroenterology at Chulalongkorn University Hospital from 1971-2003. After retiring in 2003, he was appointed by the Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the Vice President of the Thai Red Cross Society, to be Director of the Red Cross Youth Bureau until 2008 when he was selected a Senator (Academic) and later as Secretary General of AFPPD.

#### **10. Carolina Ruiz (Ms), Research Associate, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) Global SRHR Research**

Ms Ruiz coordinated the DAWN research project on Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the MDGs. She is also currently a lecturer at the Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto. Her research, published works and posts with various organizations have been on a wide array of issues including women and gender, HIV/AIDS, CEDAW, trafficking, feminist legal advocacy, to name a few. She has been a recipient of fellowships and grants such as the LLM Fellowship for International Reproductive and Sexual Health Programme, University of Toronto (2009) and Packard-Gates Fellow, International Family Planning Leadership Program, International Health Program, University of California (2001). Ms Ruiz holds a law degree from the University of the Philippines (1995), a Master of Laws from the University of Toronto (2008), and is presently an SJD Candidate of the Faculty of Law Doctoral Program, University of Toronto.

#### **11. Maria Bordallo (Ms), SRHR Consultant**

Ms Bordallo currently works as Global Campaign Officer at the International Civil Society Support in The Netherlands. She combines this position with consultancy work on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Before her current position, she has worked as EU Project Officer for the German Foundation for World Population in Brussels, working on Malaria and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights issues. Maria has been involved in advocacy work for health, in particular related to the new aid environment and the Global Fund since 2005. She has carried out advocacy trainings for local CSOs in Asia and Africa and advocated at the EU level. She also worked in Kenya and Brazil in 2004 and 2007 on AIDS and gender.

**12. Lana Dakan (Ms), Program Officer, David and Lucile Packard Foundation**

Ms Dakan joined the Foundation in 2006 and oversees grant making in the program's global and USA portfolios. Previously, Ms Dakan worked at the Foundation for 3 years, first as a Research Associate for the Foundation's Visiting Scholar and then as a Research Associate for the Population Program, where she conducted research and analysis to inform the Program's grant making. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms Dakan worked in Indonesia for 6 years on family planning programs with USAID and Pathfinder International. She has extensive international experience and has a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan.

**13. Kittipong Saejeng (Mr), Director, Bureau of Reproductive Health, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health**

Dr. Saejeng received his Masters in Public Health from the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium. He has served in various offices and positions such as: Director for the Reproductive Health Division, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health; Senior Expert in Preventive Medicine and Deputy Provincial Chief Medical Officer, Narathiwat Province, Thailand. Currently he is also the Field Epidemiology Consultant for Public Health Personnel and also a guest lecturer on the topic of Epidemiology in the Program for Middle-Line Public Health Administrator Development.

**14. Nino Susanto (Mr), Member, Youth Coalition**

Mr Susanto is an active member of Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights. A co-chair of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Task Force, a member of HIV Task Force, once a Board of Director of the YC, he is engaging himself into issues related to advocacy for SRHR including the MDGs. A long time queer youth activist, Nino resides in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and works with the LGBT community in Yogyakarta. He has a passion for art and media as a tool to empower young people to celebrate diversity.

**15. Masaki Inaba (Mr), Program Director for Global Health, Africa Japan Forum (AJF)**

Mr Inaba hails from Japan and has a long career of leading civil society movements, on both domestic and international issues. He also has been serving as Executive Director of Ugoku/Ugokasu (Global Call to Action against Poverty Japan). He started his work on global health and HIV/AIDS from 2002 when he moved to Africa Japan Forum (AJF), a Tokyo-based NGO. He served as one of the members of the Developed Country NGO Delegation of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria from 2004 to 2009, representing Japanese civil society working on HIV/AIDS. Before AJF, he was the Vice-Chair of the Executive Board and Advocacy Director of Japan Association for the Lesbian and Gay Movement (OCCUR) from 1994. He graduated Faculty of Literature, the University of Tokyo in 1995.

**16. Anna Whelan (Ms), Regional Director, International Planned Parenthood Federation, East & South East Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR)**

Dr Whelan has a PhD in Public Health from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney, Australia and has been teaching and researching at the University of New South Wales, School of Public Health and Community Medicine for nearly 15 years. During this time she has taught courses on public health, health management and leadership, reproductive health, gender and migrant health. She is the author of numerous books, chapters and articles, mainly in academic journals. Dr Whelan has worked extensively across the region, as adviser to various governments and as a consultant, including with WHO, UNFPA, the World Bank and AusAID.

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## Logistical information

### Conference and Members' Meeting

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#### Speakers

Speakers with powerpoint presentations are requested to send their presentations to Mae-anne Lanza at [maeanne@asiapacificalliance.org](mailto:maeanne@asiapacificalliance.org) before Wednesday, 29 September. For questions and concerns, please coordinate with Mae-anne.

#### Display area

APA encourages displaying materials of your organization's work. A display area will be set up outside the conference room on Tuesday morning.

#### Accommodation

Breakfast is included for those staying at The Gurney.

#### Internet

If making use of APA group booking at the hotel, you can use internet in the room of your hotel free of charge.

#### Reception

You are invited to APA's reception and dinner on Tuesday, 5 October. It will start around 6pm and will finish around 9pm.

#### Goodbye dinner and night market (Members only)

APA arranged a goodbye dinner on the beach on Thursday, 7 October. A bus will pick you up at the hotel at 7.00pm. If you wish, the bus will also be able to take you to the night market after dinner, before taking you back to the hotel.

#### Per diems

Per diems (according to APA policy) for funded participants will be arranged in Malaysia Ringgits (MYR) and handed over to you when you register on the first day of the Conference.

#### Currency

Currency in Malaysia is Malaysia Ringgits (MYR). 1 USD is around 3.184 MYR (on July 28 2010). ATMs and banks to exchange currencies can be found at the airport in Penang and at different areas in the city.

#### Climate and Clothing

In general, temperatures range between 29°C - 35°C during the day and 26°C - 29°C during the night. You can expect sunshine throughout most of the days, but with rainfalls in the evenings during periods of monsoon winds. The wettest periods are from April to May and from October to November.

It is wise to bring a sweater just in case the air condition in the conference room will be working too well!

#### Warning

Watch out for pickpockets in Penang. There have been incidences of snatching bags by people on scooters so please be careful.

#### Contact information

If you have any question about the logistical information, contact Suwanna Promchan. Questions related to the programme content, please contact Rose Koenders. In case of emergency, please call Suwanna on the following mobile number: (+6) 013-3866594 if calling from overseas, or 013-3866594 if calling from Malaysia.