



A Canadian guide to the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025 - Official and Unofficial side events to check out during the conference!

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November 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Reproductive Health Site Visits Across Bogotá Organized by ICFP Country Co-hosts

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Youth Summit - Day 1: Voices, Evidence, Action: An Intergenerational Movement for All

This dynamic two-day event will spotlight evidence-based AYSRHR programs, celebrate the use of arts for advocacy, and ignite inter-generational conversations on emerging priorities. Topics include mental health, self-care, climate justice, rights-based approaches (CSE, LGBTQ+ youth, youth with disabilities), and innovations in program design and implementation.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Bosque I & II & III

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Global Safe Abortion Dialogue

Building on previous global and regional dialogues, this event will be a critical opportunity for the global abortion community to come together to share insights and build a clear and unified action plan to deepen our collective efforts towards advancing abortion rights and access.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Bogotá Conferias

November 2, 2025

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

Demographic Dividend pre-conference: Gender Demographic Dividend and Low Fertility: Rights, Equity, and Policy Responses

Theme: Gender Demographic Dividend and Low Fertility: Rights, Equity, and Policy Responses.

This pre-conference will explore the gendered dimensions of the demographic dividend and the policy implications of low fertility in diverse global contexts. As countries face rising concerns over fertility decline and persistent gender inequalities, this event will bring together experts, advocates, and decision-makers to examine how sustained investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), women's empowerment, and inclusive economic policies can foster demographic resilience and intergenerational equity. Taking place on November 2-3, 2025.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

WHO/IBP Program Implementation Preconference

Pre-conference of the Program Implementation Committee/IBP Network:

"Community-centered solutions for access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)" The overall objective of the pre-conference is to discuss access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with an emphasis on intersectional responses and solutions that place communities at the center. The focus will be on solutions that expand access and empower people in situations of exclusion and vulnerability.

A unique space, in Spanish, by and for our colleagues in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, IBP Implementation Room

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Youth Summit Day 2 - Voices, Evidence, Action: An Intergenerational Movement for All

This dynamic two-day event will spotlight evidence-based AYSRHR programs, celebrate the use of arts for advocacy, and ignite inter-generational conversations on emerging priorities. Topics include mental health, self-care, climate justice, rights-based approaches (CSE, LGBTQ+ youth, youth with disabilities), and innovations in program design and implementation.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Bosque I & II & III

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Communications & Media Subcommittee pre-conference: Solutions Community Reporting Training

Venue: Press/Media Center

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:

Strengthening Transnational Solidarity for the Promotion of CSE

To strengthen transnational solidarity for the advancement of CSE programming and implementation by sharing innovations and best practices, and advancing collective advocacy in the face of growing opposition to gender justice, LGBTQIA+ rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Co-hosted by IAWG!

Humanitarian & Crisis Settings (collab. with ECC) pre-conference: SRHR and intersection with humanitarian response and climate change

The HCS, ECC and IAWG have compiled a half-day pre-conference event focused on the interlinking of increased climate change and crisis on sexual and reproductive health and rights. We will commence with a panel of experts, providing background and current evidence on this topic. We will move into collaborative working groups and conclude with a path forward for ongoing collaboration between these groups in ensuring access to quality reproductive health in some of the most challenging settings.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

Private Sector pre-conference: Public Stewardship, Private Innovation: Reimagining Partnerships for SRH Access and Self-Care

This half-day pre-conference will convene a cross-section of global and local stakeholders to explore how the private sector is evolving within the family planning and sexual and reproductive health (FP/SRH) landscape. With shifting donor support and growing demand, we'll spotlight models, strategies, and partnerships that are helping to expand access, equity, and quality. Space is limited, so the sub-committee will follow-up with conference registrants who indicate their interest in this pre-conference to confirm attendance.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, room G

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.:

WHO/IBP Program Implementation Pre-conference cocktail

Venue: Terrace, Floor 3

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Youth Summit Cultural + Networking Event

Please join us for a short Cultural and Networking Evening organized by the Youth and Faith Subcommittees. If you can, please bring and wear a cultural outfit from your home country-it's a wonderful way to share and celebrate your culture with others. We'll have fun speed networking games and an opportunity to meet and connect with one another before the start of the main ICFP.

Venue: Hilton, 2nd Floor Lobby

November 3, 2025

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

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Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

Power Shifting pre-conference: Shifting Power, Advancing Justice: From Dialogue to Action in Global SRHR

Join the ICFP 2025 Power Shifting Pre-Conference and be part of a transformative gathering that's unpacking and co-creating solutions to systemic inequities in sexual and reproductive health and rights. This action-oriented event brings together diverse stakeholders—from community organizations and youth advocates to policymakers and donors—to center historically marginalized voices, including locally-led SRHR organizations, LGBTQI+ communities, sex workers, refugees, and people living with HIV. Through interactive dialogues, knowledge-sharing sessions, and collaborative workshops, participants will move beyond discussion to co-create tangible commitments that reshape global SRHR policies, funding, and programming.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room ÑO

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:

Scaling success: Celebrating DMPA-SC and self-injection experiences, evidence, and evolution

PATH's showcase event on November 3 will celebrate national success stories from countries that have rapidly scaled self-injection access and highlight private sector momentum and a new generic option. This gathering of leaders in contraceptive innovation will emphasize proven pathways to success and provide actionable implementation guidance to accelerate DMPA-SC self-injection programs, open new markets, and expand access across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Space is limited and therefore registration is requested: please register in advance. Further details and an agenda are forthcoming.

Please contact PATH-ICFP2025@aimgroup.eu for more information.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room EF

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

WHO Pre-Conference

WHO supports partners and ministries of health (MoH) to accelerate quality and rights-based family planning (FP) services within the broader frameworks of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the WHO 14th Global Programme of Work. It leads global efforts in sexual and reproductive health and rights by driving research, setting standards, and promoting ethical, rights-based approaches. This contributes specifically to the attainment of SDG targets 3.1, 3.7 and 5.6, and that right based quality family planning remains at the heart of FP programmes.

In this pre-conference session, in the morning WHO will launch the updated Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC), Selected Practice Recommendations (SPR) Guidelines, new guidance on scaling up postpregnancy FP, Social behavioral change and task sharing in FP. You will hear the experiences from the Bottleneck Analysis (BNA) conducted in over 20 countries with partners to support scaling up of evidence-based FP interventions, under The WHO FP Accelerator Plus Project. The afternoon session will focus on research updates on Scaling Up of Self-Administered Injectable Contraception (DMPA-SC), Impact of family planning on women's health and socio-economic empowerment and the Global study on male contraception.

Venue: Hilton Bosque II & III

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

TCI Urban Family Planning Conference: Lead from the Future

In the face of a global reproductive health funding crisis, innovative, future-ready solutions that elevate local leadership and unlock domestic resources are more urgent than ever. As donor investments decline and demand for services rises, bridging the gap between local governments and global funders is essential to building resilient, country-led systems that last. This pre-conference convenes mayors, government leaders, donors, global health experts, and private sector partners to explore how locally led financing and data-driven governance can safeguard and scale reproductive health and integrated primary healthcare.

Participants will reflect on The Challenge Initiative's (TCI) eight-year journey, highlighting how a coaching-driven, government-owned model has empowered more than 200 cities across Africa and Asia to lead, fund, and sustain their own health programs. Through panels, real-world case studies, and an interactive walk-through, we'll explore what's working, where challenges remain, and how cross-sector collaboration can close the RH investment gap. From mayors bridging budget shortfalls to private sector innovations advancing equity, this session charts a bold path forward towards resilient, country-led systems, where ownership is the foundation, not the afterthought.

Lunch will follow.

1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.:

Clarity, Capital, Continuity: Collective Action for Resilience in Reproductive Health Supplies

In the reproductive health landscape, data is critical to identify gaps, problem-solve around solutions, and provide clarity to make decisions and shed light on impacts and progress. Capital (financing) is the driver of the enabling environment for RH. And continuity is needed to connect the supplier base to other global stakeholders. Join RHSC and members in this interactive session as we explore how collective action across data, financing, and manufacturer engagement supports resilience in RH supplies - charting a path forward together.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room D

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.:

La Planification Familiale dans un contexte de ressources limitées et Défis sécuritaires

La République Démocratique du Congo organise une session thématique sur la planification familiale (PF) dans un contexte de ressources limitées et de défis sécuritaires. L'événement mettra en avant les progrès réalisés vers les engagements nationaux, tout en présentant les stratégies de mobilisation de ressources additionnelles et les modèles d'offre de services de

PF adaptés aux situations d'urgence et à la CSU. À travers un dialogue interactif réunissant le gouvernement, les partenaires techniques et financiers, les chercheurs et les organisations de mise en œuvre, la RDC cherchera à renforcer le plaidoyer, à encourager de nouveaux engagements financiers et à promouvoir un appui accru à la PF en faveur des familles congolaises.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.:

ICFP 2025 Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of ICFP 2025 will set the stage for this historic gathering in Bogotá, Colombia-the first time the conference is hosted in Latin America. Anchored in the theme *"Equity through Action: Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All"*, the ceremony will bring together global leaders, policymakers, advocates, and youth voices to highlight shared commitments to advancing SRHR. With remarks from distinguished dignitaries and an inspiring program that reflects the region's leadership and diversity, the Opening Ceremony will signal the start of four transformative days of dialogue, innovation, and collective action.

It will be a call to action-welcoming all participants to come together in solidarity, confront opposition, and work to accelerate progress. The ceremony will also spotlight global commitments and achievements in family planning and SRHR, setting a powerful tone for the conversations and collaborations to follow.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Plenary Hall

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Co-hosted by CanWaCH and IAWG! CanWaCH and IAWG Member Networking

Taking place immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, this joint reception hosted by CanWaCH and IAWG will bring together members, partners and colleagues from both networks to reconnect with familiar faces, meet new peers, and strengthen relationships across the global health, humanitarian and development sectors.

Together, we will share insights on key sessions and emerging themes from the conference, exchange ideas on the future of family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and celebrate Canadian leadership and contributions to global health and gender equality. The evening will also highlight upcoming IAWG side events and the growing collaboration between CanWaCH and IAWG as we continue to advance SRHR in all contexts.

Venue: Hyatt Place Bogotá

November 4, 2025

6:30 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

Investing in Youth Futures: Action Learning for Lasting Partnerships

As youth-led and youth-serving organisations continue to drive change across SRHR, climate justice, and gender equality, many still face structural barriers-ranging from inadequate compensation and unstable funding to exclusion from leadership.

Join YIELD Hub for this interactive side event exploring practical strategies to address these challenges and strengthen meaningful youth partnerships. This event will also mark the launch of YIELD Hub's Technical Service, a new offer to help donors, implementers, and youth organisations apply Action Learning to institutional challenges.

Together, let's reflect on what it takes to build a more equitable ecosystem for youth leadership, and identify actionable pathways for shared learning, collaboration, and change.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

Financing for SRHR - Different pathways to secure sustained funding

This side event, organized by GIZ and DSW, will discuss the evolving landscape of SRHR financing, and highlight the role of different funding mechanisms in ensuring sustainable and equitable access to SRHR. As traditional funding streams face challenges, the need for sustainable financing solutions is becoming more urgent.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room M

Girls as unstoppable forces of change - The investment case for girls' health and wellbeing care in sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 120 million girls, many facing a "Triple Threat" of unintended pregnancy, HIV, and sexual violence-barriers that limit their health, safety, and future opportunities. Evidence shows that investing in girls is not only a moral imperative but also one of the smartest economic choices, with the potential to unlock trillions in returns. Yet, funding and programming must do more to centre girls' needs when they need support the most. This event, organized by Tiko, will feature SRHR leaders, funders, and experts sharing experiences and compelling cases for girl-centric support. Join us to hear how investing in the health and wellbeing of girls is a strategic choice for the future and to envision a world where

girls across sub-Saharan Africa are supported and protected to become unstoppable forces of change.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room A

6:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

Scaling What Works: 5 Plays to integrate Post-Pregnancy & Post-Abortion FP you can start this year

Fuel up over breakfast and walk away with a practical playbook of strategies to integrate family planning into comprehensive post-pregnancy care. This dynamic workshop-featuring Engender Health, MSI Reproductive Choices, and the UCSD Center on Gender Equity and Health-blends cutting-edge evidence with real-world implementation lessons to tackle one of the biggest gaps in reproductive health: ensuring every woman has access to contraception after pregnancy, no matter how her pregnancy ends.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room C

7 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

From Commitment to Sustainability: Nigeria's roadmap to equitable contraceptive access

Nigeria is rewriting the playbook on family planning, with early results from their Sector Wide Approach illustrating what is possible when governments, donors and partners pull in the same direction. Come and hear how the SWAp is accelerating access, delivering FP2030 goals - and how we can finance, accelerate and institutionalize this family planning revolution. Hosted by MSI Reproductive Choices.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.:

The Right to Health: The gateway to accelerating action on SRHR and Maternal Health

While the global SRHR movement has made significant strides, the Right to Health – enshrined in international law – remains underutilized as a framework for protecting and promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, including maternal health. In many contexts, SRHR is treated as a political priority or public health goal, without firmly anchoring it in the legally binding obligations that states carry under the Right to Health. This event seeks to address this gap and offer tools for effective SRHR advocacy through a rights-based

lens, emphasizing equity, accountability, and access towards greater government ownership of and leadership in facilitating the Right to Health.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Co-hosted by IAWG!

Unprotected: Stories of family planning in emergencies

An estimated 72 million women and girls of reproductive age currently require humanitarian assistance, including access to contraception. Although countries experiencing humanitarian crises represent just 13% of the global population, they account for 58% of maternal deaths, 39% of newborn deaths, 41% of stillbirths, and 25% of the global unmet need for family planning.

To elevate these critical issues, the International Rescue Committee, the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), and the ICFP Humanitarian Sub-committee will host a dedicated side event on the evening of Tuesday, 4 November. This session will spotlight neglected emergencies, share lessons learned from the humanitarian responses, and engage participants in vital conversations about how to ensure access to SRHR services for the world's most vulnerable populations. This event is particularly timely in an era marked by escalating financial, political, and social instability where the traditional approaches to SRH are no longer viable.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room G

Caring for yourself, caring for each other: self-care as a lever of empowerment

Self-care is now considered one of the most promising approaches to improving individuals' physical and mental health and well-being. Self-care interventions in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) create the conditions for women to exercise greater control and improve access to care for those who are most distant from it.

In this context, this event will explore the value of self-care approaches as a lever for empowerment. It will also seek to understand self-care as a feminist and political practice that goes beyond the mere pursuit of individual well-being.

The aim will be to share the experiences of women working in the field who are involved in NGOs and working with populations that are particularly distant from healthcare. Through examples of projects implemented in France, Niger, and Côte d'Ivoire, we will address the challenges and successes of innovative interventions, integrated throughout the continuum of SRH care: self-awareness, self-testing, and self-care approaches. Finally, participants will also be invited to experiment with innovative methodologies for reclaiming the body and

anatomical knowledge through the educational game Oh Woman! or by participating in an autogynecology workshop.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

Beyond the Numbers: Building a culture of data for family planning

High-quality, reliable data is the foundation of smart family planning policy and programming. But too often, evidence does not translate into action. As the family planning ecosystem faces new pressures and opportunities, the question is: how do we ensure data drives real decisions that improve lives?

This session brings together senior government leaders from Africa (to be announced), Aparajita Ramakrishnan (Director of Family Planning, the Gates Foundation), and global innovators to explore how data can shape the future of family planning. Aparajita will share how the Gates Foundation is embedding a culture of evidence-based decision making, while government leaders will speak to how they are putting that ethos into practice in policy and programs.

You will hear cutting-edge perspectives from Sema Sgaier, who is advancing predictive AI modeling, and James Blanchard who is working closely with governments to deliver granular supply-side data they can act on. Together, the panel will offer a rare inside look at how governments, donors, and researchers are converging to build resilient, country-owned systems – and what it will take to turn evidence into lasting impact.

Don't miss this chance to hear directly from those helping shape the future of family planning data use. This session is organized by the Center on Gender Equity and Health at the University of California, San Diego.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room HI

Medical professional secrecy in the context of abortion and obstetric emergency care

This panel explores the persistent challenges to medical confidentiality in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a focus on reproductive health. Although legal protections for patient privacy exist, breaches of medical secrecy frequently occur in cases involving abortion and obstetric emergencies, often resulting in the criminalization of both patients and healthcare providers.

Drawing on findings from two studies conducted in Peru and Chile under the Health Without

Fear initiative, as well as the landmark *Manuela v. El Salvador* ruling by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the panel seeks to foster regional dialogue among healthcare professionals. It will examine how breaches of confidentiality erode trust in health systems and contravene international human rights obligations.

Panel objectives include reflecting on the ethical imperatives of medical secrecy, evaluating current practices across the region, and promoting the application of international human rights standards to healthcare settings. The panel will be conducted by Profamilia-Colombia and the Health Without Fear Initiative, in collaboration with the O'Neill Institute at Georgetown University.

This side event is jointly coordinated by Profamilia Colombia, the Global Ríos organization, and the Regional Initiative: Health Without Fears. Pre-registration is required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Cerro II

FP2030 Community & Partner reception night

The FP2030 Reception Night will bring together partners, advocates, youth leaders, and champions from across the world to celebrate the collective progress and power of our global community.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room ÑO

Mix, Mingle, and Mobilize: Join Bayer for an evening networking session

Mix: Meet with new potential partners from the ecosystem

Mingle: Connect with colleagues including your partners at Bayer

Mobilize: Ice breakers, Energizer introduction, and a unique chance to offer creative ideas and feedback directly to Bayer

Speaker portion from 7:00pm - 7:15pm. Everything else from 7:15pm - 9:00pm (come and go as you please)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.:

Ipas reception and photo exhibit at ICFP

Every young person deserves to be able to live up to their fullest potential. Yet, there are 650 million child brides in the world; 13 percent of all adolescent girls give birth before 18; and 250 million children are out of school, mostly girls. Rather than getting an education, vocational

training or steady employment, these children are struggling to raise children of their own. It doesn't have to be this way.

Please join Ipas for an evening reception and photo exhibition that highlights young people's lived experiences with the inter-related issues of child marriage, teen pregnancy and school dropout, and talk with your colleagues working to make real change.

[RSVP here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Centre, Room EF

November 5, 2025

6:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

From Crisis Response to a Sustainable Future: Government Voices on Financing Family Planning

As donor support for family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) declines, governments are stepping forward to ensure sustainable financing that goes beyond commodities. The challenge now is how to fund the full package of needs-service delivery, health workforce, demand generation, and routine systems-while keeping access equitable and reliable.

This session will feature the launch of CHAI's new FP Market Impact Memo, a data-driven look at how financing, supply, and service delivery are shifting across countries. Following the presentation of headline findings, government leaders from Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zambia will share their perspectives on challenges, progress, and what is needed to enable a sustainable future.

Pre-registration is required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

7 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.:

Stories that wake you up - A morning coffee with RAES

Forget everything you know about side events. No PowerPoints. No long speeches. No panels that make you check your watch.

We'd rather have a real conversation, over coffee, with stories that make you feel something. At ICFP 2025, RAES invites you to wake up with us. Not just your mind, but your imagination.

"Stories That Wake You Up" is a live, human experience, a morning talk that blends storytelling, culture, and impact. Through music, visuals, and real voices from across Africa, we'll explore how fiction, research, and community life intertwine to drive social and behavioral change.

This isn't about showing numbers on a slide. It's about the people behind the numbers, the laughter, the courage, the transformation that begins when someone sees their own story told differently.

Come for the coffee, stay for the awakening.

Stories That Wake You Up - A Morning Coffee with RAES.

See it. Feel it. Wake up to what communication can truly do.

Pre-registration is required for this event.

[Register here!](#)

Catalysts for Change: Launch of the GTA Toolkit for gender equality and climate resilience

As the world navigates the growing and interconnected crises of climate change, it becomes increasingly clear that these impacts are not experienced equally. Climate change is not gender neutral. Its consequences deepen pre-existing social and gender inequalities, disproportionately affecting women, girls, and marginalized communities, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. The cascading effects of environmental degradation and extreme weather events, from droughts and floods to food insecurity and displacement, compound the vulnerabilities faced by women and girls.

Pakistan and Bangladesh stand at the forefront of the global climate crisis, consistently ranked among the most climate-vulnerable countries in the world. Despite differences in geography and socio-economic realities, both nations face escalating environmental challenges that threaten the wellbeing of millions and jeopardize hard-won development gains. Both countries are contending with the social consequences of climate change, particularly its disproportionate impact on women, children, and marginalized communities. Health risks, disrupted livelihoods, and displacement have deepened vulnerabilities, placing additional strain on already fragile public services.

In recognition of these intersecting challenges, the Gender Transformative Approaches (GTA) Toolkit has been developed under the Takeda-funded [Advancing the Leadership of Women and Girls Towards Better Health and Climate Change Resilience](#) project. Designed as a

practical and actionable resource for family planning, reproductive health, and climate resilience practitioners, this toolkit equips policymakers, program implementers, and advocates with evidence-informed strategies to challenge harmful gender norms, shift power imbalances, and create enabling environments for gender equity.

Join us at our side event at ICFP, where we will demonstrate the toolkit's application and spark collaborative dialogue on how gender-transformative approaches can be effectively integrated into family planning and health initiatives amid the realities of a changing climate.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room M

7 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

African Perspectives on sexual and reproductive health

The Population Institute and Afrobarometer are hosting a side event, "African Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health," at the November International Conference on Family Planning in Bogotá, Colombia, to share the latest findings from a recent Afrobarometer sexual and reproductive health survey. The results from 38 countries surveyed over a 20-month period show that Africans strongly support women's autonomy regarding when to get married and the number of children to have, as well as sex education in schools. Perspectives vary across countries surveyed, however, on access to contraceptives and support for abortions. The side event is an opportunity to engage attendees in a discussion of the findings and their implications for reproductive health policy and advocacy in Africa.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room B

Lights, Camera, Action for Change: Media as a catalyst to scale family planning impact for adolescents and young adults

Join us for a dynamic breakfast session exploring how the media can scale and sustain adolescent and youth family planning impact. Featuring voices from youth leaders, researchers, implementers, funders, and policymakers, this event will highlight how media can shift norms and support young people—especially adolescent girls and young women—in achieving their reproductive goals. Panelists from BBC Media Action, the Center on Gender Equity and Health, and Population Media Center, joined by youth leaders in the field will share insights on effective media approaches, co-creation and storytelling, and emerging evidence on what works in advancing AYSRH outcomes. We'll also launch a new evidence repository on media-driven social norms change, and unveil evidence products to guide future investment. Come for the breakfast—stay for the conversation that could help shape the future of family planning for young people. This event is hosted by the Center on Gender Equity and Health, UC San Diego.

Pre-registration is required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

Access denied is not an option: Fixing SRHR's disability gap

An interactive round table discussion around challenges and opportunities for disability inclusion in SRHR. Please join us to discuss your experiences of ensuring disability inclusive SRHR programmes, services and policies, to share the challenges we have faced and to brainstorm ideas for stronger collaboration between gender and SRHR organisations and movements. This event is organised by Sightsavers and co-hosted by Women Enabled, MSI Reproductive Choices and YIELD Hub.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room D

Fostering reproductive autonomy and choice

Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd. proudly stands as one of the leading generic pharmaceutical manufacturers in Bangladesh. We are honored to announce that our Generic DMPA-SC (subcutaneous depot medroxyprogesterone acetate) has received WHO Prequalification - a historic milestone as the first-ever generic product globally to achieve this prestigious accreditation.

In the event we will discuss the role of DMPA-SC in achieving reproductive autonomy and perspectives of different stakeholders on opportunities to expand access to DMPA-SC in light of generic introduction.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

7:30 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.:

Holding the line: Cross-Regional insights for SRHR advocacy

In the face of shrinking civic space, increased opposition to SRHR, and tightening funding environments, civil society advocates around the world are innovating, adapting, and learning from one another to keep SRHR on national and regional agendas.

This interactive fishbowl discussion will bring together PAI partners from Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia to share lessons, strategies, and challenges in real time. The session will spotlight insights from the Acceso project, a Latin America-based initiative supporting advocacy partners in navigating increasingly hostile environments with limited resources.

By inviting audience participation and real-time contributions, this session fosters a collective space for exchange and solidarity among SRHR advocates worldwide.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room EF

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.:

Driving family planning impact with population segmentation using the Pathways digital platform

Enjoy food, drinks, and hands-on opportunities to explore how segmentation data reveals barriers to good health and informs targeted approaches to overcome them at this lively reception spotlighting the use of the Pathways digital platform.

Pathways uses a vulnerability approach to population segmentation, grouping households based on their health vulnerabilities. The open, digital platform provides reliable women-centered data, research-backed insights, intuitive tools, and customized technical support to partners so they can quickly take action to improve family planning and other health outcomes.

Since 2019, Pathways has been used to more precisely and intentionally forecast, resource, design, and evaluate holistic health solutions in over twenty projects in seven countries, with more to come. Pathways is led by Sonder Collective and funded by the Gates Foundation.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room P

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Understanding and addressing “Hidden” contraceptive demand across Africa

Organized by: Union for African Population Studies (UAPS)

When: 2-hour session

Who should attend: Anyone interested in African FP/SRHR issues

Despite major investments in family planning, 51 million African women have unmet contraceptive needs. Traditional surveys may underestimate true demand due to social desirability bias, cultural taboos, method limitations, and service barriers creating "hidden" needs.

What you'll gain:

- Evidence-based approaches to measure hidden contraceptive demand
- Strategies to address barriers suppressing demand expression
- Collaborative research agenda and partnership opportunities
- Concrete action steps for equity-focused programming

Join us to shift from simply measuring unmet need to understanding true contraceptive demand in contemporary Africa, leading to more effective and equitable family planning programs.

Pre-registration required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room ÑO

Resilience amidst change: Celebrating self-care advancements in a changing Global Health environment

This year's ICFP Theme is Equity Through Action: Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All and calls for innovative solutions and concrete commitments to address health and systemic inequities worldwide.

This side event, hosted by the Self-Care Trailblazers Group, seeks to position self-care as an innovative solution to strained health systems and systemic access barriers worldwide. The launch of the 2025 State of Self-Care Report, Self-Care in a Changing World and the British Medical Journal Special Collection on Self-Care both celebrate recent advancements in self-care and set the vision for what the future of self-care will look like in a new global health environment.

By highlighting self-care innovations from throughout the globe, and providing a space for shared learning and networking, the Self-Care Marketplace also strengthens ICFP's vibrant community, as well as highlights the importance of building a global movement for self-care. While the individual tables celebrate country wins, the opening plenary and video will emphasize the value of bringing stakeholders together to innovate on self-care and create a shared vision for moving self-care policy and practice forward.

Venue: Hilton Bosque II & III

Health and beyond: The transformative impact of family planning

Join Guttmacher experts as we launch new and innovative tools for maximizing investments in family planning, and hear from a panel of experts on how these resources can shape family planning programs and policy.

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Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room A

Rethinking sustainable financing for Youth-focused initiatives in the face of Global Funding cuts

As global funding cuts, particularly in Official Development Assistance (ODA), threaten the sustainability of youth-led and youth-serving organisations, it's time for bold, youth-driven solutions.

Join us for a dynamic side event that brings together youth leaders, donors, funders, and allies to explore future-oriented financing strategies and kickstart a new global agenda: "Reclaiming Youth Power: A Global Convening to Respond to ODA Cuts and Sustain the Youth Movement."

What to expect:

- Real-world reflections on the impact of funding cuts
- Dialogue on power, equity, and systems change
- Co-creation of priorities for a future global convening
- Collective strategy to sustainably fund youth-led organisations

This session is open to youth-led organisations, adolescent girl-centred initiatives, INGOs, donors, researchers, and anyone invested in the long-term resilience of youth movements.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room B

Beyond pilots: Male engagement models transforming family planning at scale

Scaling male engagement in family planning is no longer optional-it is essential for impact. Join us for an interactive evening exploring how evidence-based male engagement models are moving beyond pilots to transform family planning outcomes for women and men at scale. Surgo Health will debut new survey findings and predictive AI insights, revealing male "profiles" and priority geographies for smarter program design and investment. We will also hear from leading implementers – such as Population Services International (Transform PHARE), Equimundo and RWAMREC's Bandedereho, and others – sharing real-world lessons on what drives scale. Finally, be among the first to hear how the Gates Foundation is beginning to shape a new initiative on men and boys in family planning. Expect rapid-fire talks, lively discussion, and practical takeaways you could apply to strengthen your own work.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room HI

From data to dignity: Scaling SRHR and FP Innovations for refugee communities in Africa

Presented by the Baobab Research Programme Consortium (Baobab RPC), this dynamic ICFP 2025 session spotlights African-led research transforming SRHR in refugee settings in the East and Horn of Africa, specifically, across Uganda and Ethiopia. Discover Baobab RPC's journey, from pioneering large-scale surveys to designing interventions now adopted by national ministries. Learn how data on unintended pregnancy and abortion is driving policy change and explore innovative models like integrating family planning referrals into food distribution platforms. The session also highlights community-led research, capacity building, and cross-border adaptation of Baobab's approaches. Do not miss the debut of the Baobab Photo Exhibit, a powerful visual showcase of the people, partnerships, and progress behind the mission.

Event page: <https://popcouncil.org/event/icfp-2025-baobab/>

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room K

Co-hosted by IAWG!

From challenges to solutions: Exploring innovation in safe abortion care in humanitarian settings

Join us for an informal event to facilitate networking and new connections and galvanise positive solutions, policy actions and innovative approaches that advance the implementation and funding of safe abortion care in humanitarian settings. The event will use a marketplace approach to socialise new outputs and ideas put forward by event partners and to showcase new research and practical initiatives relevant to humanitarian settings. The event will have a particular emphasis on platforming voices from countries affected by the crisis, on practical and actionable recommendations.

Venue: Hilton Laguna

Nigeria's strategic pathways to FP 2030: Insights for sustainable scale

How does a nation of over 200 million people turn family planning ambitions into tangible, scaled impact? As the clock ticks towards 2030, Nigeria is forging a path that demands global attention.

Join us for a dynamic session featuring International Leaders, Donors, Nigerian government leaders, implementing partners, and The Society For Family Health, As we move beyond theory to unveil the concrete strategies, partnerships, and thought leadership strategies that drive one of the world's most significant family planning programs.

Leave with actionable insights and a proven blueprint for scaling impact in your own context.

Pre-registration is required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

Moving towards joy: Supporting pregnant adolescent girls and young mothers

Each year, millions of girls become mothers while still adolescents, often facing stigma, exclusion, and limited support. By pooling resources, redistributing power, and centring adolescent mothers, the Secure Futures Fund uses play, movement, joy, and collective action to support young mothers' futures-replacing stigma with dignity and isolation with solidarity.

Join our ICFP side event, Moving Towards Joy: Supporting Pregnant Adolescent Girls & Young Mothers, on Wednesday, November 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Room L, Floor 3, Agora Convention Center.

Women Win and its Secure Futures Fund partners from Guatemala, Brazil, Kenya, and the Netherlands, with guest Girls Not Brides, ask: What becomes possible when we move beyond individual projects and build a coalition of partners that together centre joy, play, dignity, and justice for young mothers?

This session will share insights, highlight lived experiences, and invite dialogue on reimagining support for pregnant adolescent girls and young mothers. Participants will leave with practical insights into cross-sector collaboration and the opportunity to join a movement-to become part of an evolving coalition of partners shaping a more just future for young mothers.

By the end of the event, you will have...

- Had fun! – Enjoyed the space and energy together, with bites and drinks (and an after party!).
- Moved together – Joined a tailored movement session for young mothers and pregnant adolescent girls, led by a pre/postnatal exercise expert. Understanding play not as a simple pastime, but as protection, healing, and power.
- Sparked ideas for what's next – Identified ways to build partnerships and collaborate for a bolder response to the needs of young mothers.

Expect joy, games, a panel, and an after-party! We hope to see you there.

(The event will have interpretation in English, Spanish, and French.)

Pre-registration is requested for this event.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

Not just side benefits: Embracing the role of the hormonal IUD in menstrual healthcare

Join the Hormonal IUD Access Group to celebrate and build awareness of the hormonal IUD's therapeutic indications, which support its ability to serve the sexual and reproductive health desires of girls and women at every life-stage from adolescence through menopause. Brief presentations will be followed by an informal cocktail hour to meet our presenters, learn more about the method, and imagine a world in which the hormonal IUD is both a readily accessible contraceptive and part of the standard toolkit for HMB management in all settings.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room M

Building intersectional movements for climate and reproductive justice

Join Ipas and the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition for an evening of dialogue, connection, and movement-building at the intersection of climate and reproductive justice.

The power of movement-building to advance climate and reproductive justice is undeniable. As the climate crisis deepens, we must jointly address racial, social, and economic inequities and center the voices of those most affected in shaping solutions for a just future.

The 7th International Conference on Family Planning offers a valuable opportunity to advance equity through climate action by bringing together feminist, reproductive justice, and climate activists with sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) practitioners and researchers.

Together, we can mobilize our collective strengths to drive intersectional change.

Pre-registration is required.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Centre, Room D

What now for women and girls? Financing RMNCAH in the new fiscal landscape

This official ICFP2025 side event, organized by Save the Children, will explore how governments, multilateral organizations, civil society, and the private sector can collectively adapt to the shifting global health financing landscape and focus on catalyzing investments in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH), while addressing inequities and envisioning a sustainable future for women and girls.

Pre-registration is required.

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Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room G